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# Proceedings of the Fifteenth Mid-Year Session of the Virginia Valley Central Congre- gational Christian Conference.

BETHLEHEM CHURCH, TENTH LEGION, VA.  
MARCH 29, 1945.

THEME: "*The Value of the Church to the Social Order.*"

SCRIPTURE: "*Ye Are the Salt of the Earth*"—

"*Ye Are the Light of the World*"—Matt. 5:13, 14.

## MORNING SESSION.

The morning meeting of the Fifteenth Annual Session of the Virginia Valley Central Congregational Christian Conference was called to order by Roy A. Larrick, President, at ten o'clock at Bethlehem Church.

The worship service was led by Rev. G. H. Veazey, pastor of the host church.

Mr. Larrick read a letter from the War Committee on Conventions, approving the calling of the Conference.

## ORGANIZATION AND ENROLLMENT.

*Officers*—President, Roy A. Larrick; Vice-President, Rev. R. A. Whitten; Secretary, Rev. R. E. Newton; Treasurer, R. Roy Hosaflook; Director of Religious Education, Walton E. Brill; Missions Secretary, R. O. Rothgeb.

*Stewardship Committee*—Rev. D. M. Spence, Rev. G. H. Veazey, O. W. Andes.

*Trustees*—R. Roy Hosaflook, C. W. Louderback, J. C. Bradford.

*Ordained Ministers*—Reverends R. D. Coulter, R. E. Newton, D. M. Spence, G. H. Veazey, R. A. Whitten.

*Chairmen of Committees*—On Ministry: R. A. Whitten; Conference Missions: R. O. Rothgeb; Home Missions: C. W. Louderback; Woman's Mission Board: Mrs. R. A. Whitten; Temperance: D. M. Spence.

## *Delegates.*

*Antioch*—Miss Verdie Showalter, Miss Helen Showalter, O. W. Andes.

*Bethel*—M. A. Dofflemyer.

*Bethlehem*—H. C. Brown, Mrs. R. R. Sellers.

*Beulah*—Mrs. Dottie E. Armentrout, Mrs. Joe Tibbons.

*Concord*—Mrs. Cora Huffman.

*Dry Run*—No delegate.

*Joppa*—No delegate.

- Leaksville*—Mrs. O. J. Sours, Mrs. E. Lena Rothgeb, R. E. Short.  
*Linville*—Mrs. J. Warner Stearn, Mrs. S. E. Madren, Miss Anna Margaret Smith, James Madren.  
*Mayland*—J. M. Lohr.  
*Mt. Lebanon*—No delegate.  
*Mt. Olivet (G)*—No delegate.  
*Mt. Olivet (R)*—Mrs. Warner Good, Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Mrs. J. J. Frye.  
*New Hope*—Mrs. E. M. Spitzer, Mrs. J. E. Bryant.  
*Newport*—Mrs. C. C. Stoneburger, Miss Amy Louderback, Leonard Higgs.  
*Palmyra*—Mrs. Margie Baker, Mrs. Catherine Coffelt.  
*Timber Mountain*—No delegate.  
*Timber Ridge*—No delegate.  
*Winchester*—Mrs. R. A. Whitten, Mrs. R. A. Larrick, Mrs. Clarence Brill, Loy H. Hook.  
*Wissler's Chapel*—No delegate.  
*Wood's Chapel*—Mrs. Mable Shifflett, Miss Ruby Saylor.

Dr. F. C. Lester, Superintendent of the Southern Convention, and Rev. S. E. Madren, recently elected pastor of the Harrisonburg group of churches, were presented by Rev. R. A. Whitten and, by vote of the Conference, seated as deliberative members.

Present also was Rev. D. C. Golliday who has done a lot of preaching among our mountain people.

The congregation joined in the singing of the hymn: "The Church's One Foundation."

C. W. Louderback, Chairman of the Home Missions Committee spoke briefly on the importance of putting forth every effort to maintain our weaker churches at this time.

Dr. F. C. Lester made a few remarks in the interest of *The Christian Sun*.

The hymn, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," was sung by the congregation.

"This Tragic World—What Shall We Do About It?" was the subject of an address by Dr. F. C. Lester.

The Committee on Ministry recommended that Rev. S. E. Madren be received as a member of this Conference pending the receipt of a letter of transfer. It was so voted. (This letter of transfer has been received.)

A Committee on Place was appointed as follows: J. Warner Stearn, M. A. Dofflemyer, Mrs. E. Lena Rothgeb, Mrs. R. A. Larrick, Mrs. Margie Baker.

The Conference adjourned for lunch. Prayer was offered by Rev. R. E. Newton.



## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened at 1:40 with the singing of a hymn, "Living for Jesus."

Rev. D. M. Spence led the Devotional Service. His remarks were based on the first verse of Psalm 121.

Rev. S. E. Madren spoke on: "If the Churches Advance."

In the absence of Dr. L. E. Smith, President of Elon College, Rev. R. A. Whitten spoke in the interest of "Elon College and the Million Dollar Campaign."

At 3:10 a business session was held.

Bethel Church was selected as the place for the meeting of the Annual Conference in August.

Rev. Roy D. Coulter spoke on: "Why I Love America."

The Conference closed with the singing of the hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," followed by prayer led by Rev. R. E. Newton. Adournment.

ROY A. LARRICK, *President.*

R. E. NEWTON, *Secretary.*

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EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSIONS  
COMMITTEE MEETING.

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BETHLEHEM CHURCH,  
MARCH 29, 1945.

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President Roy A. Larrick called a joint meeting of the Executive and Home Missions Committees to transact the following business.

A committee, composed of Mrs. Fred Oates, Mrs. Lohr LaFollette, and Mrs. Elray Seldon, from the Timber Ridge Church appeared before the joint committee and requested aid for a full-time pastor. The amount requested was forty dollars per month. Following a discussion of the request it was moved by R. Roy Hosaflook and seconded by M. A. Dofflemyer that the sum of forty dollars per month be paid to Timber Ridge Church from the Conference Fund to supplement the salary of a full-time pastor. It was provided, however, that the pastor must live on the field and devote his full time to the work. It was provided further that the appropriation be for the remainder of the conference year. It was so voted.

ROY A. LARRICK, *President.*

R. E. NEWTON, *Secretary.*

# Proceedings of Ninety-Seventh Annual Session of the Virginia Valley Central Congre- gational Christian Conference.

BETHEL CHURCH,  
AUGUST 8-9, 1945.

THEME: *"Serving In and Through the Church."*

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1945.

The Ninety-Seventh Annual Session of the Virginia Valley Central Congregational Christian Conference was called to order at ten o'clock, in the Bethel Church, by the President, Roy A. Larrick.

The opening worship service was conducted by Rev. D. M. Spence, pastor of the host church.

## ENROLLMENT.

*Conference Officers*—President, Roy A. Larrick; Vice-President, Rev. R. A. Whitten; Secretary, Rev. R. E. Newton; Assistant Secretary, Miss Anna Lou Showalter; Treasurer, R. Roy Hosaflook; Director of Religious Education, Walton E. Brill; Conference Missions Secretary, R. O. Rothgeb; Representative on the Executive Board of the Southern Convention, Rev. R. A. Whitten.

*Ordained Ministers*—Mark W. Andes, Roy D. Coulter, W. B. Fuller, S. E. Madren, R. E. Newton, D. M. Spence, G. H. Veazey, R. A. Whitten, R. L. Williamson.

*Licensed Minister*—Walton E. Brill.

*Conference Trustees*—R. Roy Hosaflook, G. W. Rothgeb, C. W. Louderback, Samuel Earman, J. C. Bradford.

*Stewardship Committee*—Rev. G. H. Veazey, Chairman; Rev. D. M. Spence, O. W. Andes.

## *Delegates from Churches.*

*Antioch*—E. F. Showalter, Miss Helen Showalter.

*Bethel*—Mrs. W. H. Alger, L. W. Snyder, M. L. Dofflemyer, D. F. Dofflemyer.

*Bethlehem*—Mrs. R. R. Sellers, Miss Ella Pickering.

*Beulah*—No delegate.

*Concord*—No delegate.

*Dry Run*—No delegate.

*Joppa*—No delegate.

*Leaksville*—Miss Dorothy Foltz, Mrs. B. F. McDaniel, Mrs. R. O. Rothgeb, Mrs. Oscar J. Sours.

*Linville*—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Earman.

*Mayland*—J. M. Lohr, A. Lohr.

*Mt. Lebanon*—Mr. and Mrs. E. E. May.

*Mt. Olivet (G)*—Robert Collier, Miss Winona Morris, Mrs. R. C. Morris.

*Mt. Olivet (R)*—Mrs. Joseph Frazier, Mrs. Irene Monger.

*New Hope*—Mrs. E. M. Spitzer, Mrs. Jacob Coffman.

*Newport*—Mrs. Luther Freeze, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Turner.

*Palmyra*—No delegate.

*Timber Mountain*—No delegate.

*Timber Ridge*—Mr. and Mrs. Elray Seldon, Mrs. Fred L. Oates, Mrs. A. C. Oates.

*Winchester*—Miss Isabelle Sheetz, Mrs. Edgar Nelson, Mrs. Clarence Brill, Mrs. H. A. Racey.

*Wissler's Chapel*—Mrs. Austin Kipps.

*Wood's Chapel*—Mrs. Florence Day, Ray Stroup.

Rev. G. H. Veazey presented the following visitors, who were seated as deliberative members: Dr. L. E. Smith, Mr. Charles D. Johnston, Rev. W. J. Andes, Dr. F. C. Lester, Rev. Walstein Snyder and Mr. Zeb Lynch (Mt. Zion Church, Mebane, N. C.). Brief remarks were made by each visitor.

#### REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Program, have prepared a program for the ninety-seventh annual session at Bethel, Wednesday and Thursday, August 8-9, 1945, and submit same to Conference.

ROY A. LARRICK,  
R. E. NEWTON,  
ROBERT A. WHITTEN,  
*Committee.*

Adopted with such changes as may be needed.

The President appointed the following committees:

*Finance*—Hubert Liskey, Kensie Dofflemyer, R. R. Sellers, Mrs. C. W. Louderback, Mrs. Jessie Crisman.

*Place*—Mrs. R. A. Whitten, W. A. Turner, Mrs. Joe Frazier, Mrs. Jacob Coffman, Mrs. E. M. Cline.

*Nominations*—E. F. Showalter, Mrs. W. J. Muse, J. M. Lohr, Miss Dorothy Foltz, Mrs. Lloyd Monger.

*Resolutions*—Mrs. S. E. Madren, Miss Goldie Dofflemyer, Miss Mabel Higgs, Miss Isabelle Sheetz, Miss Ella Pickering.

*Foreign Missions*—Rev. S. E. Madren, Mrs. Samuel Earman, Mrs. Oscar J. Sours.

*Social Service*—Miss Clarence Andes, Miss Ruby Alger, Mrs. Ellen Layman.

The report of the Stewardship Committee was adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

The word stewardship may have many definitions, and the duties of a steward are various and sundry. It seems that a very good definition of stewardship might be the management of things belonging to another.

There can be no stewardship unless there is ownership. Stewardship carries with it a responsibility and an equally great opportunity. The steward is

responsible to the owner for the way he manages his affairs, and with an opportunity to grow in grace and favor with him, and also with all those whom he serves.

Since we brought nothing into the world and it is certain that we can carry nothing out of the world, we should be willing to take God's word as authority. Then if we take His word as authority, we must recognize Him as owner and we can be no more than stewards. "The earth is mine and the fullness thereof." (Psalm 24:1.) "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts." (Hag. 2:8.) "For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills." (Psalm 50:10.)

Many of us have never been trusted with very much of the things of this world, but everyone of us has a stewardship. Everyone who has a sound mind has a stewardship—a responsibility. "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." (I Cor. 4:2.) "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much." (Luke 16:10.)

A steward is not required to be wise, wealthy or a man of great power, but only to be faithful. If we as Christians would accept the responsibility of stewardship by using the things entrusted to us according to God's plan, there would be no institution of the church that would be lacking in finance nor would there be any ministers in this country depending on the mission boards to supplement their salaries. Then if we would become stewards of the spiritual resources entrusted to us, there would be no vacant pews in any of our churches on the Holy Sabbath day, and the influence for righteousness would be so great that those in the "highways and hedges would be compelled to come in."

Some people think very little about stewardship. They mix it up with tithing and say they do not know how to tithe. In fact they say that it is part of the old law and does not apply to us today. The truth is, such people are not bound by any of God's holy law.

Stewardship is simply using wisely that which belongs to another in such a way that the owner will be pleased.

We may not possess wealth of the world, but we do possess that which we would not exchange for all the wealth in the world. We have health, strength, knowledge, talents and a hope in Christ, all of which are precious trusts to be used for the Owner. He will return one day for a reckoning. Then if we have been "faithful" stewards, we shall hear his "well done, thou hast been faithful over a few things."

We recommend that we have a stewardship institute, of at least one day with night session within this Conference at a convenient time and place to be arranged by Executive Committee.

G. H. VEAZEY,  
D. M. SPENCE,  
O. W. ANDES,

*Committee.*

### Announcements and miscellaneous business.

Dr. Lester explained to the Conference the method of electing representatives to the General Council and to the Southern Convention.

The Conference joined in singing: "The Church's One Foundation."

Rev. R. A. Whitten of Winchester, Va., delivered the annual sermon, using as his topic, "Rebuilding With Christ."

Dr. F. C. Lester offered prayer as the morning session adjourned.



## FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:30 o'clock by the president.

Rev. S. E. Madren addressed the Conference on "Young People and Church Attendance."

The following visitors were recognized: Rev. R. L. House, Editor of *The Christian Sun*; Mrs. House; Dr. W. E. Wisseman, President of the Southern Convention; Dr. Frank H. Lewis, Pastor of the Shelton Memorial Congregational Church, Portsmouth; Dr. W. T. Scott, pastor of the Franklin, Va., Congregational Christian Church. Drs. Wisseman, Lewis, House and Scott addressed the Conference.

The Christian Missionary Association convened with Rev. R. A. Whitten, president, leading, and Miss Isabelle Sheetz as secretary pro tem.

The report of the Home Missions Committee was presented by C. W. Louderback. Following a discussion it was voted to extend the time to allow the committee to make a supplementary report to be presented on Thursday.

Dr. L. E. Smith spoke briefly concerning the Million Dollar Campaign for Elon College.

Dr. F. C. Lester gave an address on "The Joy of Being a Church Member."

Rev. R. A. Whitten, Chairman of the Committee on Ministry, stated that there were no proceedings to report.

President Larrick called the Vice-President to the chair, while he himself addressed the Conference. President Larrick urged the Conference not to elect him for another term.

Following miscellaneous announcements, the Conference adjourned with prayer led by Rev. Mark W. Andes.

## FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The evening session was called to order by Vice-President, Rev. R. A. Whitten. The devotional service was conducted by the Pilgrim Fellowship.

Miss Helen Showalter, President, presided at the business meeting of the Pilgrim Fellowship.

The nominating committee made its report and the following officers were elected.

## PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP OFFICERS.

*President*—Miss Isabelle Sheetz.

*Vice-President*—Miss Helen Showalter.

*Secretary-Treasurer*—Miss Goldie Dofflemyer.

*Assistant Secretary-Treasurer*—Miss Bernice Miller.

*Superintendent of Missions*—Miss Amy Louderback.

*Superintendent of Devotional Life*—Miss Irma Foltz.

*Superintendent of Social Action*—Randolph Sours.

*Superintendent of Leadership Training*—Miss Martha Veazey.

*Superintendent of War Victims and Services*—Miss Dorothy Foltz.

*Reporter*—Richard Painter.

*Lay Counsellors*—Ben McDaniel, R. A. Larrick.

*Pastor Counsellors*—Rev. S. E. Madren, Rev. R. A. Whitten.

DOROTHY FOLTZ,

CHARLOTTE LIFE,

HAZEL MONGER,

*Committee.*

Rev. R. A. Whitten introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. J. Frank Morgan, who spoke on "Young People Seeking Life."

The conference joined in singing "Onward Christian Soldiers," after which Rev. G. H. Veazey led in prayer. The Conference adjourned for the day.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 1945.

The morning session was called to order by the President.

The minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

Rev. G. H. Veazey led the opening worship service.

The report of the Conference Missions Secretary was read by R. O. Rothgeb and was adopted.

### REPORT OF CONFERENCE MISSIONS SECRETARY.

Another conference year is with the past and again we have met in annual conference for the purpose of reviewing our past year's work and for mapping out plans for the year ahead.

To me the outlook seems unusually bright. There are unmistakable evidences of growth in the interest of Missions in the Virginia Valley Conference; and while this growth is not as rapid as might be desired, it has been sure and steady over the past seven or more years, each year showing a substantial increase over the previous year, this past year having been the best of all.

The churches by special offerings and the Sunday Schools by the systematic "One Sunday a Month Offering for Missions," have given \$468.31 for Home Missions and \$445.28 for Foreign Missions, making a total of \$913.59 sent to the Convention office during the past conference year. This is an increase over last year's giving of \$118.82.

I have not had the opportunity of checking the records of the Women's Missionary Societies of the Conference, but I think I am safe in saying that they have raised more money for Missions during the past conference year than in any one year in the history of the Conference.

All of this is very encouraging and should inspire us to go forward with a greater zeal than ever before, for we never had a greater challenge than now. Many doors will be opening to missionaries in the near future, and already we have our Shaowu Mission project to which Brother and Sister Jackson have been assigned. There is also Rev. L. E. Huber, who has been Superintendent of the Southern Bible Training School, Incorporated, since the beginning of the war; but who has recently had a definite call of the Lord to return to the Africa Inland Mission and will go this fall.

Large sums of money will be needed for the transportation and care of our missionaries, and I know of no better way of providing the money than that which the Lord has given us in His word, namely, tithing. Let us accept the challenge which is immediately before us and do greater things for our Lord during the conference year ahead of us than we have ever done before.

R. O. ROTHGEB.

Supplementary remarks were made by Mr. R. O. Rothgeb, Rev. R. A. Whitten, Dr. L. E. Smith and Mrs. R. A. Whitten.

Hymn—"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus."

Mr. Charles D. Johnston spoke on "Our Orphanage."

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Kernodle were presented and seated as deliberative members.

Hymn—"For the Beauty of the Earth."

Dr. L. E. Smith addressed the Conference, using for his topic, "The Southern Convention's Contribution to Christian Higher Education."

After miscellaneous announcements, Dr. L. E. Smith dismissed the Conference with prayer.

## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was called to order by the President.

Rev. Roy D. Coulter conducted the worship service.

The report of the Committee on Sunday School and Pilgrim Fellowship was read by R. O. Rothgeb and adopted.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP.

The Sunday School and Pilgrim Fellowship Convention was held on June 13, 1945, at Mt. Olivet (G) Church, with a good attendance and a good representation of schools and Pilgrim Fellowship groups.

The theme of the Convention was: "An Enduring Peace Through Christ the Prince of Peace."

The principal speakers were: Mr. R. A. Larrick, President of the Virginia Valley Conference, Rev. R. D. Coulter, who had recently returned to the states after serving more than two years as Chief Petty Officer with the Armed Forces in the South Seas, and Dr. F. C. Lester, Superintendent of the Southern Convention.

Delegates were present from fourteen of the schools. Ministers present, including visitors, totaled nine, four Sunday school superintendents, ten teachers and eight representatives of Pilgrim Fellowship.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury from 1944 .....	\$ 5.00
Camp Fund from 1944 .....	16.52
Received from Sunday Schools .....	98.10
Received from Pilgrim Fellowship .....	4.50
Special Offering for Camp Fund .....	18.48
Total receipts .....	\$ 142.60



## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Convention expenses .....	\$ 2.60
Paid C. M. A. dues .....	10.00
Paid Board of Christian Education .....	90.00
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	102.60

Balance in treasury (including Powell's Fort Camp Fund) .... \$ 40.00

We recommend regular and faithful teaching of stewardship by our Sunday school teachers, by our ministers and by our leaders in all departments, and that we strive to reach those in our communities who are not in Sunday school.

R. O. ROTHGEB.

The report of the Committee on Religious Literature was read by Mrs. Irene Monger and adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all works." (II Tim. 3:16, 17.)

As we look upon this passage of Scripture we see a tree taking shape. The trunk strong and sturdy and roots extending deep into the earth, are the Bible. On each branch there we see the various kinds of religious literature reaching outward and upward so that mankind may pluck the fruit thereof, which is knowledge and wisdom. Thus we see the Bible as the roots and basis for our daily living, and reaching out from the Bible are the various kinds of religious literature serving us through the Sunday School, Young People's Societies, Missionary Societies, and home study of the Bible, religious books and magazines.

Therefore, we recommend the following:

1. That we read and study the Bible as the basis for our personal religious living, ever present in times of trouble or in days of joy.
2. That we use our own denominational literature for our Sunday schools, thus giving us better acquaintance of our leaders who write the lessons and also strengthening our denomination.
3. That we make an effort to put *The Christian Sun* and *Advance* into more homes and encourage their reading. Thus giving better knowledge of what goes on in the Southern Convention and the Congregational Christian Church.
4. That we use the *Pilgrim Highroad* and *Children's Religion* for training our young people; *The Missionary Herald* in our Missionary Societies and *Social Action* as a leader in social problems.
5. That we make every effort to gain knowledge and wisdom through reading and study of the Bible, religious books and magazines that we may be "thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

MRS. IRENE MONGER.

The report of the Director of Religious Education was read by Miss Isabelle Sheetz and adopted.

## REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

The basis of our Religious Education is the Bible. We should make the reading of the Bible a daily practice in our lives. Family devotions in the home if only "grace before meals" is a good practice in the beginning of Religious Education.

The church and Sunday school is the main means of imparting religious knowledge and Christian practice that we have in our churches and communi-

ties. Therefore we should strive to get all our people interested and regular attendants of our Sunday schools.

It would be a splendid thing if all our churches in this Conference could hold a Daily Vacation Bible School each year.

Without desiring to trespass on the privileges of the Committee on Religious Literature, we would like to suggest the reading of *The Christian Sun*, *Christian Herald* and other Christian publications as well as religious books as another means of religious education.

WALTON E. BRILL.

Mr. John T. Kernodle, Managing Editor and Publisher of *The Christian Sun*, Richmond, Va., spoke briefly.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was read by Rev. G. H. Veazey and adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

We sometimes think of evangelism as the work of professional evangelists. Theirs is only a part of the great work. Evangelism, which is the most important work of the church, is a work in which every Christian should have a part. Since evangelism is good news, every Christian should be happy to take it to others. There are no cut and dried rules or methods governing evangelism other than faith and obedience.

Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ (evangelism) for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

The early church had evangelists who were consecrated and dedicated to the one task of making Jesus and His will known among men. They completely lost themselves in the service, but they found peace of mind even in persecution and in prison. They were not concerned about results or rewards, nor even the punishment they received from time to time. They were concerned only about doing the will of Him who had sent them, who had promised His presence alway, even unto the end of the world.

In every age when the church sent out great evangelists, great revivals were experienced and great numbers of souls were led into the kingdom of God.

Very likely the Sam Jones or Billy Sunday types of evangelists would not be as effective today as they were a few decades ago, but the power of God is the same and He is still depending on His Church to evangelize the world. He has no other plan. His commands to us are the same as He gave the disciples in the first century when the church was in its infancy. Let us realize that He is speaking to us when He says, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest." Also when He says, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." Possibly a more important command is this one: "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not be ashamed." There yet remains light and power in God's work that is sufficient for a time like this when it seems according to figures that the church is on the defensive. No one will deny the fact that Satan keeps up to date with all modern tactics of warfare against the forces of righteousness. He never finds himself in a rut but his feet are firmly planted on the broad way that leads to destruction. A church that "is at ease in Zion," or a "lukewarm church" can never launch an offensive against the powers of darkness. It will remain on the defensive and continue to lose ground and we need not be surprised that Satan continues to snatch precious souls from our midst.

If I had a fine new car with all modern conveniences and means to operate it, I would be delighted to tell others about it. I would not hesitate to tell how much better and more satisfactory it would be, than the old rattle trap I am now using. How much more important it is for me to tell others about the Christ I

love and serve and the joy that comes through such service, and how much more valuable and happier the Christian life is than the life of sin. I should not only tell about God's love, but demonstrate it in my daily life.

G. H. VEAZEY,  
MISS MABEL HIGGS,  
*Committee.*

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. S. E. Madren. Following a discussion by Mr. Madren and Mr. Kernodle the report was adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

For quite awhile the mission work of our church has been divided into Home and Foreign Missions. Too much emphasis is being placed on "half for home and half for foreign." We are too prone, as human beings, to do as much or more for ourselves as we do for others. Missions, whether at home or abroad, should be considered extension work of the church. It is the extension of the message of love and goodwill to "all the world."

In the foreign field our mission work has been handicapped greatly because of the havoc of war. In some cases the work has ceased and property either destroyed or damaged. It will be necessary to rebuild many of our churches and repair the damaged property in these areas.

In many places the missionaries were withdrawn. Where missionaries refused to leave the field, they administered to the natives in the hour of crisis. Many are now in the process of being returned; new recruits are being prepared and the challenge open to scores of others who will volunteer for the task. Never in the history of our church has the responsibility rested so heavily upon us as followers of Christ to make His ways known to the hearts of men.

The Southern Convention has adopted the "Shaowu, China Mission" as a special project. The women of the Convention will give their Thank Offering this year for this work. This mission becomes more interesting since we have a young couple as volunteers for this field. Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Jackson will be personal representatives of the Southern Convention. They are to begin soon for the task.

In November, 1942, the Southern Convention began to support a cause known as "War Victims and Services." This is definitely a part of the work of foreign missions. Money contributed to this fund goes for "refugees in America, food for children in France, civilian relief in China, relief through English Congregational Christian Churches, refugee work in France and Portugal, aid to refugee pastors, orphaned missions and many other causes." This should have a definite place in our missionary giving.

We, therefore recommend:

1. That pastors present the cause of missions at regular intervals from the pulpit and also urge that young people hear and answer the call to dedicate themselves to full-time Christian service.
2. That young people's groups and Sunday schools of the Conference cooperate with the Woman's Conference in making a definite study of our Foreign Mission field.
3. That we adopt the Shaowu Mission as a special project for study, and strive to increase our gifts for its support.
4. That the cause of "War Victims and Services" be given serious consideration in our churches and regular contributions of sacrificial giving be made to the cause.

S. E. MADREN,  
MRS. OSCAR J. SOURS,  
MRS. SAMUEL EARMAN,  
*Committee.*



The report of the Committee on Social Action was read by Mrs. Ellen Layman and was adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION.

Social action is Christian action in an attempt to find the solution to the problems of our social life, dealing specifically with those conditions created by war, economic injustice and racial discrimination. The church is greatly concerned in social action, for no one could know of the gospel of Christ and not feel a sense of relation and concern for all mankind. Down through history it has been the work of the church that hospitals, schools, and all other institutions for the relief of mankind have been originated. Yet, with all that, the church is living in a society that injures many of the children of men, that frustrates them, denies them the possibility for spiritual growth, crushes their bodies and their spirits. The plight of this war-crazed world today shows very plainly that man has yet to learn how to live with his fellowman.

Your committee recommends the following:

1. By reason of our faith in the equality of all the children of men before God we are forced to take seriously the existing situation with respect to the Negro-white relations. We recommend that the church members be called upon to set an example in seeing that no injustice and discrimination are shown between races, and that they give wholehearted support to any action which will tend to diminish tension and increase understanding and good will among all races.

2. That the church laymen join with our ministers and with other denominations in becoming more aware of the menace of the liquor industry and find intelligent ways to combat it.

3. That each church promote the work of the Congregational Christian Committee for War Victims and Services, seeing to it that church members have frequent opportunity to contribute to the important causes which the committee represents.

4. That the church members subscribe to the excellent magazine called *Social Action* published by our denomination.

CLARENCE ANDES,  
RUBY ALGER,  
MRS. ELLEN LAYMAN,  
*Committee.*

The report of the Committee on Christian Union was read by Rev. Roy D. Coulter and adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN UNION.

Being aware of the urgent need and growing demand for better understanding and fellowship between all denominations to match our gospel, and being clearly persuaded that the Gospel of Jesus can be the solvent of all our problems if we allow its dissolving power to enter into difficulties, we hereby report:

That your committee is aware of the tendency to set aside denominational emphasis; and stress cooperation in uniting the Christian life toward molding the thought of the world and leading in great movements; literally establishing the Kingdom of God on earth.

That we have been considering the demand for a united Christian Church from the point of view of the world's need for Christian leadership. There is another motive, not less compelling, urging the churches on toward that end. It is the necessity for cooperation if the forces of righteousness are to triumph in the eternal warfare against the forces of evil. The forces of evil, united on the common ground of their nefarious interests, are ever ready for aggressive

action. While the forces of righteousness, although seeking a common goal, are frequently so preoccupied with their individual interests and petty differences that their attack upon the common foe is too often belated, and not infrequently scattered and ineffective.

That Christian men and women must come to see that only by the fullest cooperation and the setting aside of emphasis on non-essentials can the many branches of the Christian Church, standing together on the common ground of Christianity (Christian Union) hope for victory in this great warfare against sin.

When Christ came into the world, He found the church loaded down with ritual and formalism. The *spirit* of religion had been displaced by empty form. Few and simple were the forms He set up or sanctioned, such as baptism and the Lord's Supper, but they were wonderfully beautiful and filled with sacred inspiration. On the other hand, in the face of the great problems of sin, of evil and spiritual hunger which confront the world today, can we imagine that were Christ to come to earth again He would regard the observance or non-observance of these and other ordinances and individual beliefs, or the manner in which they are observed, as of sufficient importance to justify controversy among His followers, and their separation into rival factions?

Let these things all be used to enrich worship, and to bring the believer into a fuller understanding of Him Whom we worship, as each individual or separate church may find them helpful toward that end. God forbid that they should be allowed to cause divisions among the followers of Christ, or to be set up as barriers at the door of any branch of the church of the living God.

As we face, then, the world's need for great spiritual union that humanity may be brought into vital daily relationship with a living God, and that all forces of righteousness may be united in an eternal warfare against the forces of evil, we ask that recognition of Christian union between all branches of the Church of God for the glory of Christ on earth be our aim. That we urge the union between the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical Reformed Churches. That we report progress has been made toward the resolving of denominational barriers during this quarter century, and that various groups have made earnest efforts along these lines and definite advance. But no broadly conceived, concerted movement to that end is under way. That toward religious cooperation more progress has been made, although too slowly and too little.

Therefore, we, your committee, recommend:

1. The appointment of a new three member committee from the Conference of outstanding men and women to forward the work of Christian union.
2. By coming together in a Protestant Council to confer together.
3. To plan together the financing of their mutual needs, and increasingly work together.

ROY D. COULTER,  
MRS. A. C. OATES,  
MRS. OSCAR SOURS,  
*Committee.*

The report of the Woman's Board was read by Mrs. R. A. Whitten and adopted.

#### REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

"A charge to keep we have" was the theme of the Woman's Missionary Conference of the Valley when it met in its annual session at New Hope Church on July 26, 1945.

Worship programs given by our young people were inspiring. Mrs. J. Frank Morgan, our guest speaker, brought a most helpful and timely message, using as her subject: "Bulwarks for Today."

Reports from all branches of the work were gratifying, showing increases in membership and the organization of one new society. Most societies had met their apportionments and many went far over the top, making this the best financial year in our history. We dared to set our goal at \$1,000 for next year and mean to do all in our power to raise that amount.

We are grateful to report a deepening interest in Missions. Our local societies are presenting carefully prepared programs, using study courses on our work, both Home and Foreign, and in many ways working as parts of the whole great Mission enterprise of our Convention.

Our Valley Conference also voted to stress the Thank Offering for this year, which is to go to the Shaowu Mission in China.

The women of our Conference are realizing more and more that we do have a charge to keep, a responsibility which is ours, a great privilege, when we remember that charge as it fell from the lips of our Lord and is recorded in Matthew 28:10, 20: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

MRS. ROBT. A. WHITTEN,

MRS. J. E. BRYANT,

MRS. A. W. ANDES,

*Committee.*

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read by Rev. D. M. Spence and adopted.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We are living in a day when strong bodies and alert minds are needed that we might be able to successfully solve the problems in our social order.

It is a recognized fact that the use of strong drink tends to break down all moral restraint. It leads individuals to follow the lower desires of nature, and often causes one's conduct to become dangerous to self and others.

To make a bad situation worse, for a long time the brewers and sellers have used cunning advertising to increase the consumption of their products. Drinking intoxicants has been represented as wholesome and helpful, and desirable to give one poise and distinction.

We, as Christians and as a church, should take a firm stand against the commercialized traffic in strong drink, because it is a hindrance and a curse to humanity, physically, morally and spiritually.

D. M. SPENCE,

M. W. ANDES,

*Committee.*

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was adopted as read.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following report:

1. That this Conference extend its thanks to the President and officers for the splendid program they have made possible.

2. That our thanks be extended to Dr. L. E. Smith, Dr. F. C. Lester, Mr. C. D. Johnston, Rev. J. F. Morgan for their helpful and inspiring messages.

3. That, by a rising vote of thanks, we express our appreciation to the friends and members of this church and community for the splendid meals served and their fine hospitality.

4. That the church groups now formed seek in united effort to work for the promotion of the group and conference spirit.



5. That we extend our appreciation to Dr. W. T. Scott, Dr. W. E. Wiseman, Dr. Frank H. Lewis, Rev. and Mrs. R. L. House and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kernodle for their presence and contributions to our program.

6. That we keep before our people the need of our college and pledge to it our loyal support and devotion.

7. That the delegates carry with them to their churches the inspirational messages and reports, and endeavor to put them into practice, and that we follow this with our prayers and renewed efforts to promote the kingdom of God.

MISS ISABELLE SHEETZ,  
MRS. S. E. MADREN,  
MISS MABEL HIGGS,  
MISS GOLDIE DOFFLEMYER,  
MISS ELLA PICKERING,  
*Committee.*

The Report of the Home Missions Committee was read by C. W. Louderback and adopted.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Home Missions, realize more than ever that we have an unlimited field open before us and that we need to redouble our energies in Home Mission work. If America is to lead in saving the world a strong home base is essential, and the Home Mission work of the Conference must be developed to its fullest possibilities.

Hence, we should realize our responsibility in this matter and we believe that if we would check up on ourselves we will find that we are not meeting the responsibility as we should for we now have less churches in our Conference than we had some years ago.

So, we need to work and pray for that spirit of liberality and that broader view of Christian activity which alone can bring to us permanent and increasing success as a Conference.

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That we commend the pastors of the several groups of churches for keeping the home fires burning in the weak and isolated churches.

2. That we express our appreciation of the action of the Christian Missionary Association in turning over the money obtained from membership dues each year to the Conference Treasurer to be used for Home Mission work in the Valley Conference.

3. That we deplore the policy of our Conference in abandoning our churches in mountainous districts and isolated areas, and turning our activities to the cities where the masses already have church advantages to a marked degree.

4. That we ask the Southern Convention Mission Board for \$1,200, which sum shall be appropriated by the Executive and Home Mission Committee according to the needs of the Conference.

5. That we entreat the Mission Board of the Southern Convention for aid in starting a new church at Front Royal, Va.

C. W. LOUDERBACK,  
J. M. LOHR,  
E. M. SPITZER,  
W. K. HENSLEY,  
M. A. DOFFLEMYER,  
*Committee.*

The report of the Treasurer was presented by R. Roy Hosaflook and adopted.

## REPORT OF TREASURER.

AUGUST 9, 1945.

Balance in Treasury, August 9, 1944 .....	\$1,159.90
Southern Convention Funds .....	535.27
Church Extension Fund .....	33.73
Total .....	<u>\$1,728.90</u>

## RECEIPTS.

Conference Collection .....	\$1,101.83
Christian Missionary Association .....	176.40
Annuals Sold .....	6.25
Sale of Christian Chapel Property .....	\$200.00
Less Legal Expenses .....	25.00
	<u>175.00</u>
	<u>1,459.48</u>
Total .....	<u>\$3,188.38</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Rev. R. E. Newton, Secretary, Salary and Postage .....	\$ 22.00
R. Roy Hosaflook, Treasurer, Salary .....	10.00
R. A. Larrick, Printing Conference Programs .....	3.75
Rev. J. Frank Morgan, Expense .....	5.00
Rev. S. E. Madren, Group No. 1 .....	133.33
Rev. D. M. Spence, Group No. 2 .....	210.00
Rev. G. H. Veazey, Group No. 4 .....	200.00
Bethel Church, Contribution on Dofflemyer Memorial Window .....	50.00
Central Publishing Co., Inc., 1943 Annuals .....	63.75
Burke and Price, Premium on Bond .....	5.00
Mattie Cox Parker, Treasurer of Southern Convention .....	535.27
	<u>1,238.10</u>
Balance on Hand .....	<u>\$1,950.28</u>

## EXPLANATION OF BALANCE.

Conference Fund .....	\$1,289.72
Church Extension Fund .....	208.73
Southern Convention Fund:	
Home Missions .....	\$ 20.00
Foreign Missions .....	19.57
Christian Orphanage .....	18.06
Elon College .....	111.79
Christian Education .....	33.54
Superannuation .....	36.00
Convention Fund .....	192.87
Per Capita .....	20.00
	<u>451.83</u>
	<u>\$1,950.28</u>

R. ROY HOSAFLOOK,  
Treasurer.



The report of the Apportionment Committee was read and adopted

### REPORT OF THE APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE.

We recommend that all the apportionments remain the same for the year beginning August 1, 1945-July 31, 1946, as they were the past year.

We also recommend that each church endeavor to raise eight cents per member as a voluntary contribution to the General Council of our church. This is not included in the apportionment.

	Convention Home Missions	Convention Foreign Missions	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita	Conference Fund	Total
Antioch .....	\$ 35	\$ 35	\$ 54	\$ 54	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 41	\$ 8	\$ 47	\$ 308
Bethel .....	21	21	34	34	11	11	25	15	30	202
Bethlehem .....	21	21	34	34	10	10	25	7	40	202
Beulah .....	3	3	3	3	1	1	3	2	4	23
Concord .....	9	9	13	13	4	4	10	5	18	85
Dry Run .....	13	13	20	20	7	7	15	7	23	125
Joppa .....	4	4	6	6	2	2	5	3	6	38
Leaksville .....	31	31	50	50	16	16	36	15	70	315
Linville .....	44	44	69	69	22	22	52	15	70	407
Mayland .....	22	22	34	34	11	11	26	7	43	210
Mt. Lebanon .....	8	8	11	11	4	4	9	9	11	75
Mt. Olivet (G) .....	18	18	28	28	8	8	21	10	46	185
Mt. Olivet (R) .....	9	9	15	15	5	5	12	10	40	120
New Hope .....	17	17	28	28	9	9	20	5	23	156
Newport .....	28	28	44	44	14	14	34	14	46	266
Palmyra .....	7	7	11	11	3	3	9	8	12	71
Timber Mountain										
Timber Ridge .....	26	26	42	42	13	13	31	19	46	258
Winchester .....	45	45	72	72	23	23	54	23	73	430
Wissler's Chapel .....	8	8	13	13	3	3	10	4	12	74
Wood's Chapel .....	8	8	12	12	3	3	8	7	13	74
Totals .....	\$377	\$377	\$593	\$593	\$186	\$186	\$446	\$193	\$673	\$3,624

NOTE: Although the Per Capita is printed here for the convenience of churches desiring to pay it, it is not included in the apportionment.

L. H. HOOK,  
W. B. FULLER,  
J. E. BRYANT,  
VERDIE SHOWALTER,  
MRS. G. H. VEAZEY,  
*Committee.*

The report of the Finance Committee was presented by Rev. Mark W. Andes and adopted.

#### REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We recommend the payment of the following items:

Rev. J. Frank Morgan, Expense .....	\$ 5.00
Rev. R. E. Newton, Sec'y, Salary and Postage .....	22.00
R. Roy Hosaflook, Treasurer, Salary .....	10.00
Bond for Treasurer .....	5.00
Programs .....	3.75
Total .....	<hr/> \$ 45.75

M. W. ANDES,  
MRS. C. W. LOUDERBACK,  
MRS. JESSIE CRISMAN,  
K. B. DOFFLEMYER,  
*Committee.*

The report of the Committee on Place was read and adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

We, your Committee on Place, received an invitation from the New Hope Church and we recommend that the next Annual Conference meet with them.

MRS. ROBT. A. WHITTEN,  
MRS. JACOB COFFMAN,  
MRS. JOSEPH FRAZIER,  
W. A. TURNER,  
*Committee.*

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by J. M. Lohr and adopted.

#### REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

*President*—Roy A. Larrick.

*Vice-President*—Rev. R. A. Whitten.

*Secretary*—Rev. R. E. Newton.

*Assistant Secretary*—Miss Thelma Morris.

*Treasurer*—R. Roy Hosaflook.

*Director of Religious Education*—Rev. Mark W. Andes.

*Conference Missions Secretary*—R. O. Rothgeb.

*Stewardship Committee*—Rev. G. H. Veazey, Rev. S. E. Madren, J. E. Bryant.

*Trustees (Life Terms)*—R. Roy Hosaflook, G. W. Rothgeb, C. W. Louderback, Samuel Earman, J. C. Bradford.

*Representative on Executive Board of Southern Convention*—Rev. S. E. Madren.

*Virginia Council of Churches*—Rev. S. E. Madren, E. A. Showalter.

O. W. ANDES,  
J. M. LOHR,  
MRS. W. J. MUSE,  
MISS DOROTHY FOLTZ,  
MRS. LLOYD MONGER,  
*Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the Conference pay \$25.00 to the Virginia Council of Churches, and \$75.00 to the Southern Convention for annuals.

The president announced the following Standing Committees:

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Executive*—R. A. Larrick, R. A. Whitten, J. C. Bradford, G. H. Veazey, R. O. Rothgeb, R. E. Newton, S. E. Madren, R. D. Coulter, E. F. Showalter.

*Ministry*—R. A. Whitten, R. E. Newton, G. H. Veazey, S. E. Madren, R. D. Coulter.

*Home Missions*—C. W. Louderback, J. M. Lohr, E. M. Spitzer, M. A. Dofflemeyer, W. K. Hensley.

*Foreign Missions*—S. E. Madren, Miss Verdie Showalter, Miss Goldie Dofflemeyer.

*Evangelism*—Mark W. Andes, Miss Dorothy Foltz, Miss Ella Pickering.

*Religious Literature*—Mrs. Irene Monger, Mrs. Oscar J. Sours, Mrs. Jacob Coffman.

*Christian Union*—R. D. Coulter, Mrs. W. J. Muse, Mrs. Joseph Frazier.

*Sunday School and Pilgrim Fellowship*—Miss Elaine Sheetz, Elray Seldon, Miss Mabel Higgs.

*Woman's Board*—Mrs. R. A. Whitten, Mrs. A. W. Andes, Mrs. J. E. Bryant.

*Social Service*—Mrs. S. E. Madren, Mrs. G. H. Veazey, Miss Winona Morris.

*Apportionment*—L. H. Hook, E. A. Showalter, B. F. McDaniel, O. W. Andes, Mrs. R. A. Larrick.

*Temperance*—D. M. Spence, Walton E. Brill, Mrs. B. F. Sine.

Hymn—"Draw Me Nearer."

The Conference adourned by prayer.

ROY A. LARRICK, *President*.

REV. R. E. NEWTON, *Secretary*.

#### EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING.

BETHLEHEM CHURCH, OCTOBER 1, 1945.

Pursuant to the call of the President, Roy A. Larrick, the Executive and Home Missions Committee met in joint session at Bethlehem Church, Tenth Legion, Va., on the above date.

The following members were present: Roy A. Larrick, R. A. Whitten, R. E. Newton, R. O. Rothgeb, R. D. Coulter, G. H. Veazey, J. M. Lohr, E. M. Spitzer, M. A. Dofflemeyer and C. W. Louderback.

The session was called to order by the President, Roy A. Larrick.

The prayer was offered by Rev. G. H. Veazey.

The President stated that the purpose of the meeting was to elect a Treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. Roy Hosaflook, and to appropriate funds for the conference year.

An election for Treasurer was called for by ballot. Loy H. Hook and Miss Amy Louderback were nominated. The ballots were distributed and Miss Louderback was declared elected.

The matter of auditing the Treasurer's books was presented and following a discussion, it was agreed that the President, Vice-President and Loy H. Hook should audit the books and deliver them to Miss Louderback.

At this point, R. O. Rothgeb, a member of the Mission Board of the Southern Convention, announced that the Mission Board has granted the request of the Valley Conference for an appropriation of \$1,200.00 to aid the Valley churches in paying the pastors' salaries.

Mr. Rothgeb further stated that the possibility of establishing a church in Front Royal was discussed by the Mission Board and that they favored the project.

Upon motion of R. A. Whitten and seconded by R. D. Coulter, it was voted that the Conference reimburse President Larrick for telegrams, telephone calls, postage and other expenses incidental to his office.

Then followed a discussion of the amounts to be appropriated to the different church groups for pastors' salaries. Following a motion by M. A. Dofflemeyer and seconded by R. D. Coulter, it was voted to pay as follows:

To S. E. Madren, pastor of Group No. 1, \$200.00 from the Conference Fund and \$300.00 from the Convention Mission Fund, making a total of \$500.00.

To R. E. Newton, pastor of Group No. 3, \$200.00 from the Convention Mission Fund.

To G. H. Veazey, pastor of Group No. 4, \$200.00 from the Conference Fund and \$300.00 from the Convention Mission Fund, making a total of \$500.00.

To Group No. 2 when a pastor who meets the approval of this committee is secured and moves onto the field for full-time service, the sum of \$50.00 per month.

To R. D. Coulter, pastor of Timber Ridge Church, when he moves onto the field for full-time service, the sum of \$50.00 per month.

A motion was made by R. A. Whitten and seconded by M. A. Dofflemeyer that the President be authorized to draw upon the Conference Treasurer and upon the Convention Mission Board to pay the above amounts.

The closing prayer was led by Rev. R. A. Whitten.

There being no further business claiming the attention of this committee meeting, the president declared the meeting adjourned.

ROY A. LARRICK, *President.*

R. E. NEWTON, *Secretary.*



## MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

*Andes, Mark W.*—Sermons, 55; conversions, 3; members received, 3; marriages, 2; baptisms, 2; pastoral visits, 245; funerals, 1; salary, \$720.00

*Brill, Walton E.*—Sermons, 1.

*Coulter, Roy D.*—Sermons, 39; members received, 2; weddings, 1; baptisms, 9; addresses, 3; salary, \$300.00. (Four months.)

*Fuller, W. B.*—Business.

*Madren, S. E.*—Sermons, 80; conversions, 13; members received, 17; marriages, 1; addresses, 5; baptisms, 12; pastoral visits, 323; salary, \$1,078.00. (Eight months.)

*Newton, R. E.*—Sermons, 109; conversions, 9; members received, 9; marriages, 6; addresses, 4; baptisms, 9; pastoral visits, 522; funerals, 6; salary, \$1,834.03.

*Spence, D. M.*—Sermons, 80; conversions, 28; members received, 28; baptisms, 24; pastoral visits, 463; funerals, 6; salary, \$972.00. (Part of year.)

*Veazey, G. H.*—Sermons, 149; conversions, 3; members received, 3; marriages, 1; baptisms, 3; pastoral visits, 527; funerals, 6; salary, \$1,782.00.

*Whitten, Robert A.*—Sermons, 97; conversions, 10; members received, 14; marriages, 110; addresses, 8; baptisms, 12; funerals, 13; salary, \$1,800.00.

# Proceedings of the One Hundred Twenty-Fifth Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Conference.

BEREA CHRISTIAN CHURCH, GREAT BRIDGE, VA.  
OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 1, 1945.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31—MORNING SESSION.

The Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met in its 125th annual session at Berea Christian Church, Great Bridge, Norfolk County, Virginia, on October 31-November 1, 1945. The Conference was called to order by the president, Rev. T. Fred Wright, of Windsor, at 10:00 A. M., on Wednesday.

The opening song service was in charge of Rev. Randall C. Mason, First Church, Portsmouth, and Rev. Will B. O'Neill, D. D., of Holland, led the opening prayer. Mr. Ernest Waterfield, of the Berea Church, welcomed the Conference, and Rev. J. Frank Morgan, Second Church, Norfolk, responded.

The following ministers and delegates were enrolled during the sessions:

### ENROLLMENT.

*Ministers*—R. E. Brittle, Murdock W. Butler, Jesse H. Dollar, H. S. Hardcastle, Robert Lee House, I. W. Johnson, L. L. Lassiter, F. C. Lester, Frank H. Lewis, Randall C. Mason, J. F. Morgan, J. Victor Murchison, D. D. Nash, J. Everette Neese, N. G. Newman, Sidney G. Olson, Will B. O'Neill, O. D. Poythress, J. M. Roberts, Wm. T. Scott, L. E. Smith, John G. Truitt, B. H. Watkins, T. Fred Wright, Peter Young.

### *Churches and Delegates—*

1. *Antioch*—Mrs. C. R. Clements.
2. *Barrett's*—Hubert E. Barrett.
3. *Berea (Nansemond)*—Mrs. Herbert P. Harrell, Mrs. J. C. Matthews.
4. *Berea (Norfolk)*—Nellie M. Hall, G. T. Hall, R. C. Gammon, and many visitors.
5. *Bethlehem (Disputanta)*—By Letter.
6. *Bethlehem (Nansemond)*—Mrs. J. E. Harris, Mrs. R. E. Brittle, W. E. White.
7. *Burton's Grove*—Mrs. Payton Gay, Mrs. Charles C. Travis, Mrs. G. C. Brittle.
8. *Centerville*—By Letter.
9. *Cypress Chapel*—Mrs. James Lewter, Mrs. Blanche Barrett, Mrs. C. C. Harrell, and 1 visitor.

10. *Damascus*—J. E. Corbitt, W. H. Lassiter, L. Q. Pierce.
11. *Dendron*—Mrs. W. D. Harward.
12. *Dover, Del.*, "*Epworth*"—By Letter.
13. *Eure*—Mrs. H. A. Felton, Miss Wyndolyn Felton, Mrs. Cleatus Briscoe.
14. *Franklin*—Dr. D. W. Jones, E. P. Jones, J. L. Eley, Mrs. T. Hayes Holland, and 3 visitors.
15. *Holland*—E. J. Norfleet, Mrs. Will B. O'Neill, Mrs. B. W. Councill, Mrs. A. L. Jolly, and 1 visitor.
16. *Holy Neck*—Mrs. B. D. Jones, J. O. Davidson, Mrs. J. O. Davidson, and 1 visitor.
17. *Hopewell*—Mrs. J. E. Bishop, Mrs. Lucille Sodomka, Gertrude Williams.
18. *Isle of Wight*—Mrs. Leighton Wright, Mrs. T. Fred Wright.
19. *Johnson's Grove*—George B. Vick, M. H. Doyle.
20. *Liberty Spring*—Mrs. Joel E. Harrell, R. E. Rogers, I. T. Byrd, Joel E. Harrell, and 5 visitors.
21. *Mount Carmel*—Z. T. Holland, E. W. Beale, Miss Louise Rose, Mrs. J. H. English.
22. *Mount Zion*—Mrs. G. B. Martin, Mrs. Florence Matthews, and 2 visitors.
23. *New Lebanon*—By letter.
24. *Newport News*—Mrs. John W. Holland, Mrs. G. G. Givens, R. F. Powell, W. H. Baker, and 6 visitors.
25. *Norfolk—Bay View*—Mrs. B. G. Harrell, L. R. Bartholomew, Mrs. Irene Winters, and 1 visitor.
26. *Norfolk—Christian Temple*—Mrs. A. B. Jarvis, Mrs. E. M. Albright, Mrs. W. L. Cooper, Mrs. F. W. Wilson, and 7 visitors.
27. *Norfolk—First*—J. M. Jones, Mrs. Bert L. Eason, Mrs. R. C. Hall, Mrs. Elizabeth Hanbury, and 4 visitors.
28. *Norfolk—Little Creek*—Mrs. W. B. Bowden, W. E. Hudgins.
29. *Norfolk—Rosemont*—Mrs. J. R. Morrison, O. S. Mills, Mrs. O. S. Mills, H. C. Hedley, and 8 visitors.
30. *Norfolk—Second*—W. W. Starnes, Mrs. W. W. Starnes, Mrs. W. T. Cullipher, Mrs. J. F. Morgan, and 1 visitor.
31. *Oak Grove*—Mrs. O. B. Jones, W. C. Beamon, G. E. Rountree, and 2 visitors.
32. *Oakland*—Mrs. J. T. Brock, R. B. Wood, Mrs. Rollie Gayle, Mrs. R. B. Wood, and 1 visitor.
33. *Portsmouth—Elm Avenue*—Miss Georgia Knick, Mrs. Edna Billups, S. G. Knick.
34. *Portsmouth, First*—Harry W. Lee, Mrs. H. W. Lee, Miss Caroline Gort, Mrs. B. F. Collins, and 15 visitors.
35. *Portsmouth—Shelton Memorial*—Mrs. H. W. Davis, Mrs. J. T. Benn, Miss Carrie Briggs, 4 visitors.

36. *Richmond*—J. H. Newman, Mrs. J. H. Newman, J. T. Kernodle, Mrs. R. L. House, and 1 visitor.
37. *South Norfolk*—Emma Evans, P. D. Evans, Mrs. Frank Robinson, Mrs. Andrew Smith, and 3 visitors.
38. *Spring Hill*—Mrs. G. C. White, G. C. White, Miss Adelle Matthews, and 1 visitor.
39. *Suffolk*—Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Col. J. E. West, Mrs. John G. Truitt, W. A. Daughtrey, and 5 visitors.
40. *Union (Southampton)*—Miss Nellie Scott, Miss Dorothy Cobb, and 2 visitors.
41. *Union (Surry)*—By Letter.
42. *Wakefield*—Mrs. W. A. Bailey, Mrs. Tyler S. Brittle.
43. *Waverly*—S. E. Copeland, Mrs. S. E. Copeland, Lewis Tomlinson, B. E. White, and 2 visitors.
44. *Windsor*—Mrs. Allen Beale, Mrs. J. W. Raby, Mrs. J. M. Gwaltney, and 7 visitors.

The following visitors and new ministers were recognized: Dr. Stanley C. Harrell, Durham, N. C.; Rev. Ralph Mapp, Centerville Baptist Church; Rev. Sidney G. Olson, First Church, Norfolk; Rev. and Mrs. Peter Young, The Christian Temple; Rev. and Mrs. J. E. McCauley, Waverly; Mrs. Mattie Cox Parker, Convention Treasurer, Elon College, N. C.; Rev. Henry Lee Robison, Executive Secretary, Virginia Council of Churches, Richmond.

The Program Committee presented the printed program. *Voted* that the printed program be the official program of the Conference with such changes as may be found necessary.

The President appointed the following special committees:

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

*Nominations*—Rev. Robert Lee House, Chairman; Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, Dr. Frank H. Lewis.

*Resolutions*—Dr. I. W. Johnson, Dr. John G. Truitt, Rev. Randall C. Mason.

*Press*—Rev. F. C. Lester, Rev. R. L. House, Rev. J. Everette Neese.

*Finance*—Dr. Will B. O'Neill, Chairman; Rev. O. D. Poythress, S. T. Holland.

The Executive Committee report was read and approved as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the Conference held four special meetings during the year upon call of the Chairman and Secretary:

1. Suffolk, December 18, 1944.

*Voted*—To approve Mrs. T. N. Lowe, Hopewell, Va., as a beneficiary for aid from the Board of Superannuation, and that the Secretary notify Mrs. Mattie Cox Parker, Secretary of the Board, of this action.

*Voted*—Upon request of Col. J. E. West, Chairman of the Home Mission Committee, that the President and Secretary be em-



powered to negotiate and make sale of the property of the Ivor Christian Church, the proceeds to go to the Home Mission Committee.

*Voted*—That the President and Secretary furnish E. L. Beale, Attorney of Franklin and a member of the Home Mission Committee, a record of the action and recommendations of the last session of the Conference with regard to the sale and disposition of the Ivor Church building, lot and furnishings, and that Mr. Beale be secured to prepare necessary papers for sale of said property.

*Voted*—That Rev. M. W. Butler be empowered to dispose of the clock, table, and two straight chairs in the Ivor Church, and that all personal property, excepting that mentioned above, be donated to our Mission in Carroll County, Virginia.

*Voted*—That there be a mid-year session of the officers, committees, etc., of the Conference to consider the work of the Conference.

*Voted*—That the retiring Secretary, Dr. John G. Truitt, be paid \$50.00 for services and \$8.00 for expenses for the year 1943-44.

*Voted*—That West and Withers be paid \$5.00 for bond for W. E. MacClenny, Conference Treasurer.

2. Suffolk, May 21, 1945.

*Voted*—To approve the recommendation of the Committee on Ministerial Education that Rev. Peter Young, pastor of The Christian Temple, Norfolk, be received as an ordained minister by transfer from the Central North Association of Congregational Christian Churches of Ohio. (Credentials were received from the Central North Association signed by P. B. Morgan, Registrar.)

3. Franklin, June 25, 1945.

*Voted*—To approve the recommendation of the Committee on Ministerial Education that Rev. Victor Murchison, Assistant Pastor-Elect of the Suffolk Church, be received as an ordained minister by letter of transfer from the Western Quarterly Conference of the N. C. Yearly Meeting of Friends, upon his arrival in Suffolk and when he has placed his membership in the Suffolk Church. (Credentials were received from the Friends Conference, signed by Frederick Carter, Executive Secretary.)

*Voted*—To approve drawing on the Conference Home Mission Fund of sum up to \$50.00, as may be approved by Col. J. E. West, Chairman, for the Virginia Council of Churches.

4. Suffolk, October 4, 1945.

The committee heard the following recommendation from the Home Mission Committee:

"We, the Committee on Home Missions of the Eastern Virginia Conference, recommend an appropriation of \$1,500.00 to Newport News to pay their note due the Educational Fund of the Conference."

*Voted*—To approve the request of the Home Mission Committee to pay \$1,500.00 from the Home Mission Fund to the Educational Fund in payment of the note of the Newport News

Church, and direct the Secretary to draw a draft for the same.

*Voted*—To approve the minutes of the Executive Committee as read.

T. FRED WRIGHT, *Chairman*.

WM. T. SCOTT, *Secretary*.

S. T. HOLLAND.

I. W. JOHNSON,

J. G. TRUITT.

Rev. Robert Lee House, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Christian Education, and called upon President L. E. Smith to read a report on Elon College, Dr. W. B. O'Neill of the Sunday School Convention, and the Pilgrim Fellowship.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Jesus said, "And this is life eternal, that they may know the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." The Church recognizes that deep in the hearts of all people are needs that only Christ can supply. People need a sense of the reality of God's presence. They need a knowledge of the Bible. They need guidance in how to live by the teachings of Christ and how to grow in Christlikeness. As members of His Church, people need a knowledge of its institutions, materials and program. They need to develop a concern for the welfare of the community, of the nation, and of the world.

The Conference program of Christian Education may be considered under the following divisions:

##### I. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

There are many things that constitute what we call the teaching program of the Church. The term includes a vision of the needs of the people, adequate teaching materials, a teaching organization, and a trained leadership. In our Church's teaching program, the best educational methods should be used. Many and varied activities are suggested—stories may be told, hymns sung, prayers offered, discussion provided, worship planned and projects executed.

Our Church recognizes the fact that teachers must be trained in order to do effective work in carrying out the purpose of its program. Local churches are now providing more opportunities for training to those who volunteer their services. Regular workers' conferences, church libraries, leadership classes and schools. Daily Vacation Bible Schools, and Summer Conferences are some of the training opportunities open to church leaders today. We urge that our churches continue, intensify and expand this type of work. We urge our churches to emphasize evangelism as an integral part of their program of Christian Education.

An excellent program was prepared for our Sunday School Convention this year by President Will B. O'Neill. The Summer Conference at Camp Waters was well planned and conducted under the leadership of Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, Dean. The maximum attendance was realized. An effort is being made by the Convention's Board of Christian Education to schedule schools of leadership training in the Conference this fall. This action was stipulated by the last session of the Sunday School Convention. We commend to our churches the services of Miss Mildred Widber, Secretary of Children's Work of our denomination, now at Elon, for week-end visits to churches.

## II. HIGHER EDUCATION.

1. *Elon College*.—"The Christian College, rightly equipped and endowed, has the supreme call and the supreme opportunity of the hour," said Dr. W. O. Thompson, late President of Ohio State University. Elon has a unique and necessary place in the life of our Church. It seeks to build men and women who can think deep and straight, who have Christian motives, who have the strength of character to serve our generation. We recommend a concerted and accelerated effort by our churches to complete the first unit of the current campaign for one million dollars—*The Staley-Atkinson-Newman Memorial Foundation for Christian Education*. All should give something; many should give substantially; a few large sums. Guide your young people to Elon. Remember Elon in your prayers, your gifts, and your will.

2. *Seminary Education*.—The Southern Presbyterians have been lamenting the fact that their people give only \$59,629.00 a year for this purpose. How much have we given to this highest and completely Christian program of education? If the Presbyterians have a responsibility in this field, why should we be exempt? We make no recommendations, but simply lay this matter on your minds and hearts.

ROBERT LEE HOUSE, *Chairman*.

L. E. SMITH.

R. L. JACKSON.

FRANCIS H. WISE.

MRS. G. C. WHITE.

The following special report on Elon College was presented by President L. E. Smith:

## REPORT ON ELON COLLEGE.

We call your attention to the progress of Elon College through the years. Founded by the Southern Convention in 1889, the College has grown to be one of the more important institutions of a Christian higher education in the South. At times the going has been hard, from a financial standpoint, and yet it is not easy, but in recent years with the generous assistance of the Church, Alumni and friends, the College has been cleared of its debts, some needed improvements have been made and a hopeful attitude for the future created.

Elon College is our college, our training school, for our young people and our ministers, missionaries and Church workers in particular. The present enrollment is 420. Of this number there are about 100 members of the Congregational Christian Church. Five young men are training for the ministry and three young women training to be full-time Christian workers. Three young women are preparing for mission work on the foreign field. We are proud to have these fine young people from our own denomination. The only regret is that we do not have more of them. The opportunity for our own young people to attend our college should be stressed in our homes, our Sunday Schools and churches—not only for the good of the college, but for the benefit of the young people themselves, and particularly for the growth and future of our Church.

Our Conference is greatly interested in the campaign to raise \$100,000.00 for the establishment of the *Staley-Atkinson-Newman Memorial Foundation for Christian Education* in Elon College. This foundation will strengthen the Christian Education Department, and through this department to make helpful contributions to the local church. The Eastern Virginia Conference wants to do its share. Each local church has been asked to secure an amount equal to ten times its conference apportionment for the college in



1943. To date \$40,000.00 has been secured from the churches or members of the Church for the Foundation. Thirty thousand dollars of this is in cash. Two churches in our Conference have definitely obligated themselves to do their share. Who will be next? This \$100,000.00 is a part of THE MILLION DOLLAR CAMPAIGN. Approximately \$200,000.00 on the larger campaign has been secured in pledges, cash \$106,000.00.

The report of the Sunday School Convention was made by Will B. O'Neill, President, as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

In response to a request from the Chairman of the Board of Christian Education, we are happy for the opportunity to present a brief report on the work of the Eastern Virginia Sunday School Convention.

Taking for its theme, "The New School for the New Day," the Convention for the current year met in the Suffolk Church on July 17th with an approximate attendance of 175. Each speaker on the program was careful to stress the need for a more effective and vital school with which to meet the changing conditions imminent in a post-war world. There must be new techniques of worship and teaching coupled with a greater devotion and courage to match the challenge of the new day.

Dues in the amount of \$693.35 were collected and disbursed by the Executive Committee as follows: To the Board of Christian Education of the Convention, \$550.00; to the Virginia Council of Churches, \$25.00. As per vote of the Convention the sum of \$100.00 was retained to help provide Leadership Training Classes during the year. In this connection we are pleased to report that in conjunction with the Board of Christian Education, arrangements are being made for several departmental courses to be held within the immediate future.

It is evident that the Convention holds a place of affection and of leadership in the life of our Sunday Schools, and it is our hope that in its becoming more of an integral part of the program of the Board of Christian Education it may render an increasingly effective ministry to our schools.

William T. Scott, Jr., President, reported for The Pilgrim Fellowship:

#### REPORT ON THE PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP.

The Pilgrim Fellowship should be thought of as the "Young Peoples' Department" of the Congregational Christian Denomination. Its purposes include all activities within the Church.

As the records were closed for the past year the Eastern Virginia Pilgrim Fellowship had made many achievements. The main attraction was, of course, the week at Camp Waters. The camp having not been held last year because of the epidemic of "polio," everyone was anxious that this year would mean a retreat with high purposes. There were about eighty young people at the Conference. Under the able leadership of Rev. H. S. Hardcastle and Rev. Richard Jackson, and others of our pastors, much was accomplished toward making religious work a very important part in the life of young people. Besides the attractive and interesting courses of instruction, the vesper services, and good fellowship, the very beautiful yet simple commemoration of the Lord's Supper was the highlight of the Conference. The young people especially enjoyed the instructive and inspiring visit to the sites of Jamestown, and the Old Lebanon Church, where the Christian Church was founded. At the latter, an impressive re-enactment of the scene of the meeting at which the Christian Church came into exist-



ence in 1794, with our local pastors and members of the Pilgrim Fellowship assuming the parts of the founders, and this was informing and inspiring.

The Eastern Virginia Pilgrim Fellowship has five projects for the coming year: (1) *The Common Ground Work in Order to Eliminate Race Prejudice*; (2) *The Pilgrim Fellowship (National Budget Share)*; (3) *Shaoiwu Mission*—where our beloved friends, Richard and Dorothy Jackson, are going; (4) *The Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction*; (5) *The Million Hours Plan*—whereby Congregational Christian young people in the United States are giving their time in Christian Service.

Because of the termination of hostilities we feel that the Pilgrim Fellowship will be able to render greater service than it was able to do during the war years. We have two general meetings each year—fall and spring.

The officers are: President—Wm. T. Scott, Jr., Franklin; First Vice-President—Claude Eley, Jr., Suffolk; Secretary—Miss Bonnie Mayfield, Waverly; Assistant Secretary—Miss Annie Lee McMillan, Hickory; Treasurer—Miss Ann Truitt, Suffolk; Sponsors—Revs. R. C. Mason and Victor Murchison.

Motion made to adopt the reports of the Christian Education Committee, Elon College, Sunday School Convention, and Pilgrim Fellowship. Pending the vote an address was presented by Mrs. Robert Lee House. Dr. L. E. Smith presented plans for the \$100,000 Campaign, and called upon Revs. J. G. Truitt, W. B. O'Neill, and J. H. Dollar for comment. Above reports adopted.

Rev. T. Fred Wright presented the President's address, which was informative and challenging.

The Devotional Service, led by Dr. Wm. T. Scott on the theme: "We Hear Thy Voice, O Son of Man," closed the morning session.

### WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The session was called to order at 2:00 P. M. The opening hymn was led by Rev. J. F. Morgan, and Rev. M. W. Butler led a brief devotional service.

Dr. H. S. Hardcastle presented the Report of the Ministerial Education Committee, which was amended and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. But how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" There is still a place for preaching in our modern world, and there is still a need, an urgent need for preachers who can declare the truth in love, in an interesting, intelligent, convincing, compelling way. The enlistment and training of preachers is one of the central and most urgent tasks of the Church. Our Conference ought to be more instant in prayer, and more fervent in spirit concerning this vital form of Kingdom strategy and service. The call must come from God, but it may come through us. Let us be alert and alive to our opportunities to speak a word in due season to those who have the qualifications for this high calling of God.

We recommend:

1. That the names of Clayton Peace Templeton and George Story be dropped from the Biblical Class.

2. That Slade Wyatt Phillips, Jr., who is in the service of his country, be continued in the Biblical Class.

3. That Rev. L. E. Huber, who has returned to Africa as a missionary, and Revs. Ray Day and Vivian Harrell, be continued as licentiates.

4. That Rev. Charles H. Davis be granted a letter of transfer from this Conference to the West Suffolk Association of Congregational Churches of Massachusetts.

5. That whereas Mr. M. E. Taylor came to the Berea Congregational Christian Church as a local minister from the Holstein Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of West Virginia, we recognize said credentials as qualifying him to serve the Little Creek Congregational Christian Church, under the auspices of the Home Missions Committee, and the Christian Missionary Association of the Eastern Virginia Conference, and under the direction of the Berea Church and Rev. B. H. Watkins, pastor.

6. That Sidney Gerald Olson, acting pastor of the First Church, Norfolk, be given what is known as Local, or Conference Ordination, which will qualify him to perform the duties of an ordained minister, but only within the limits of this Conference, and for the period of one year.

7. That Rev. Francis H. Wise be granted a loan of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for a period of one year, the loan to be secured by a note signed jointly by Mr. and Mrs. Wise. (Mr. Wise is a student at Oberlin School of Religion, Oberlin, Ohio.)

8. That any ministerial students from the Eastern Virginia Conference at Elon College share equally in our Elon College Trust Fund, provided that no such student receive more than ninety dollars (\$90.00).

We submit the following financial statement of the Ministerial Educational Fund:

Account No. 1—4 notes .....	\$ 500.00
Account No. 2—3 notes .....	400.00
Account No. 3—6 notes .....	900.00
Account No. 4—1 note .....	150.00
Account No. 5—2 notes .....	270.00
Account No. 6—5 notes .....	800.00
Board of Home Missions Bond, secured balance.....	869.00

Total Notes and Bonds.....\$3,889.00

Cash in Bank ..... 5,186.82

Total Assets .....\$9,075.82

H. S. HARDCASTLE, *Chairman.*  
J. F. MORGAN,  
F. H. LEWIS,  
N. G. NEWMAN,  
J. G. TRUITT,

*Committee.*

The President appointed an ordaining Presbytery, consisting of Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, Dr. L. E. Smith, and Dr. F. C. Lester, to be in charge of the Conference ordination of Sidney Gerald Olson at the session tonight.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Dr. I. W. Johnson, in the absence of Major W. E. MacClenny.

Voted to accept Major W. E. MacClenny's resignation.

Voted to refer the financial part of the Treasurer's Report to the Finance Committee.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF W| E. MACCLENNY, TREASURER.

OCTOBER 27, 1944-OCTOBER 27, 1945.

1944		CONVENTION FUND.	
Oct. 27.	Balance on hand .....	\$	16.73
Nov. 1.	By Conference Collections .....		1,800.00
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			\$1,816.73
Dec. 1.	Paid Secretary's Draft No. 51.....		1,800.00
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	Balance as per bank .....	\$	16.73
1944		CONVENTION HOME MISSION FUND.	
Oct. 27.	Balance on hand .....	\$	1.49
Nov. 1.	By Conference Collections .....		588.91
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			\$ 590.40
Dec. 1.	Paid Secretary's Draft No. 52.....		575.00
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	Balance as per bank .....	\$	15.40
1944		CONVENTION DEFICIT FUND.	
Oct. 27.	Baulance on hand .....	\$	28.92
Dec. 8.	Debit .....		1.02
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1945			
Oct. 27.	Balance as per bank .....	\$	27.90
1944		ELON COLLEGE FUND.	
Oct. 27.	Balance on hand .....	\$	12.35
Nov. 1.	By Conference Collections .....		1,874.59
	Transfer to cover overdraft in this account in 1944....		38.82
	By <u>Richmond Church</u> .....		41.99
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			\$1,967.75
Nov. 14.	Paid Secretary's Draft No. 54.....		1,950.00
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1945			
Oct. 27.	Balance as per bank .....	\$	17.75
1944		FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND.	
Nov. 1.	By Conference Collections .....	\$	664.93
29.	Paid Secretary's Draft No. 49.....	\$	2.59
Dec. 1.	Paid Secretary's Draft No. 53.....		650.00
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1945			652.59
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Oct. 27.	Balance as per bank.....	\$	12.34
1944		CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND.	
Oct. 27.	Balance on hand .....	\$	7.51
Nov. 1.	By Conference Collections .....		438.20
	By <u>Richmond Church</u> .....		10.00
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			\$ 455.71
Dec. 1.	Paid Secretary's Draft .....		440.00
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1945			
Oct. 27.	Balance as per bank .....	\$	15.71

1944

## ORPHANAGE FUND.

Oct. 27.	Balance on hand .....	\$ 2.51
Nov. 1.	By Conference Collections .....	200.25
	By Richmond Church .....	12.88
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		\$ 215.64
Dec. 1.	Paid Secretary's Draft No. 57.....	210.00
1945		<hr/>
Oct. 27.	Balance on hand per bank .....	\$ 5.64

1944

## SUPERANNUATION FUND.

Oct. 27.	Balance on hand .....	\$ 1.27
Nov. 1.	By Conference Collections .....	389.69
	By Richmond Church .....	20.00
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		\$ 410.96
Dec. 1.	Paid Secretary's Draft No. 55.....	405.00
1945		<hr/>
Oct. 27.	Balance on hand as per bank.....	\$ 5.96

1944

## PER CAPITA FUND.

Oct. 27.	Balance on hand .....	\$ 14.41
Nov. 1.	By Conference Collections .....	572.00
14.	Secretary's draft to cover overdraft .....	2.59
	Richmond Church .....	10.00
1945		<hr/>
June 12.	Newport News Church .....	30.00
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		\$ 629.00
Nov. 30.	Paid Secretary's Draft No. 58 .....	590.00
1945		<hr/>
Oct. 27.	Balance on hand as per bank.....	\$ 39.00

1944

## CONFERENCE FUND.

Oct. 27.	Balance on hand .....	\$ 27.00
Nov. 1.	By Conference Collections .....	342.00
14.	By Richmond Church .....	10.00
1945		<hr/>
Apr. 16.	Isle of Wight .....	5.00
June 12.	By Newport News Church .....	20.00
Sept. 13.	By Franklin Church .....	10.00
Oct. 4.	By Bay View .....	10.00
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		\$ 424.00
Nov. 14.	Paid Secretary's Draft No. 48.....	\$ 38.82
Dec. 19.	Paid Secretary's Draft No. 60.....	58.00
	Paid Secretary's Draft No. 61.....	5.00
1945		<hr/>
Aug. 8.	Paid Secretary's Draft No. 71.....	268.00
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		\$ 369.82
Oct. 27.	Balance on hand as per bank.....	\$ 54.18

1944

## SPECIAL ACCOUNT.

Oct. 27.	Balance on hand .....	\$ 250.00
Nov. 8.	Paid Secretary's Draft .....	250.00
	Account Closed—No Balance.	



1944

## MINISTERIAL EDUCATIONAL FUND.

Oct. 27.	Balance on hand .....	\$2,708.07
Nov. 14.	By payment of interest on South Norfolk Loan on note...	130.00
Dec. 22.	By payment of note—South Norfolk Loan.....	800.00

1945

June 12.	By interest on note—Newport News Church.....	48.75
Oct. 12.	Home Mission Committee (Newport News Note).....	1,500.00

Oct. 27.	Balance as per bank .....	\$5,186.82
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## CONFERENCE HOME MISSION FUND.

Oct. 27.	Balance on hand .....	\$ 128.81
Nov. 1.	By Conference Collections .....	1,330.03
14.	By Richmond Church .....	35.00
Dec. 21.	By Col. J. E. West for Ministering to Prisoners in Jail...	5.00

1945

June 12.	By Newport News Church .....	100.00
Jan. 18.	By Check Holy Neck Church from Convention Office..	10.00
Apr. 16.	By Isle of Wight Church .....	10.00
May 24.	By Sale of Ivor Church property .....	1,498.35
Sept. 13.	By Franklin Church .....	75.00
	By Wakefield Church .....	10.00
Oct. 4.	By Richmond and Bay View Churches.....	40.00

1944

\$3,242.19

Nov. 4.	Paid Secretary's Draft No. 50.....	\$ 33.34
Dec. 2.	Paid Secretary's Draft No. 46.....	25.00
21.	Paid Secretary's Draft No. 59.....	33.34
22.	Paid Secretary's Draft No. 62.....	800.00

1945

Jan. 23.	Paid Secretary's Draft No. 63.....	33.33
Feb. 26.	Paid Secretary's Draft No. 64.....	33.34
Mar. 27.	Paid Secretary's Draft No. 65.....	33.33
Apr. 10.	Paid Bank Charges .....	10
19.	Paid Secretary's Draft No. 66.....	33.34
May 9.	Paid Secretary's Draft No. 67.....	33.33
31.	Paid Secretary's Draft No. 68.....	30.00
	Paid Secretary's Draft No. 70.....	1.00
June 25.	Paid Secretary's Draft No. 69.....	33.33
July 7.	Paid Secretary's Draft No. 72.....	33.34
21.	Paid Secretary's Draft No. 74.....	33.33
Sept. 4.	Paid Secretary's Draft No. 73.....	33.33
Oct. 4.	Bank Charges .....	10
12.	Paid Secretary's Draft No. 75.....	1,500.00
	Paid Secretary's Draft No. 76.....	33.32

\$2,756.20

Oct. 27.	Balance as per bank .....	\$ 485.99
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## RECAPITULATION.

	1944			1945
	Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
Convention Fund .....	\$ 16.73	\$ 1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$ 16.73
Convention Home Missions...	1.49	588.91	575.00	15.40
Convention Deficit Fund .....	28.92	.....	1.02	27.90
Elon College Fund .....	12.35	1,955.40	1,950.00	17.75
Foreign Mission Fund .....	.....	664.93	652.59	12.34
Christian Education Fund....	7.51	448.20	440.00	15.71
Orphanage Fund .....	2.51	213.13	210.00	5.64
Superannuation Fund .....	1.27	409.69	405.00	5.96
Per Capita Fund .....	14.41	614.59	590.00	39.00
Special Account ....	250.00	.....	250.00	.....
Conference Fund .....	27.00	397.00	369.82	54.18
Educational Fund .....	2,708.07	2,478.75	.....	5,186.82
Conference Home Missions....	128.81	3,113.38	2,756.20	485.99
	<u>\$3,199.07</u>	<u>\$ 12,683.98</u>	<u>\$9,999.63</u>	<u>\$5,883.42</u>

## SCHEDULE OF NOTES AND BILLS RECEIVABLE.

1—4 Notes .....	\$ 500.00
2—3 Notes .....	400.00
3—6 Notes .....	900.00
4—1 Note .....	150.00
5—2 Notes .....	270.00
6—5 Notes Balance .....	800.00
Board of Home Missions (secured by Deed of Trust) .....	869.00
	<u>\$3,889.00</u>

The note of \$90.00 of Rev. T. Fred Wright was remitted by the Executive Committee of the Conference.

This report was made up for me by Dr. I. W. Johnson.

Owing to my health, I desire to resign as Treasurer of the Conference.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. E. MacCLENNY, *Treasurer.*

Dr. I. W. Johnson read the Report of the Historian, as dictated by Major W. E. MacClenny.

## REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN.

Berea Christian Church, Norfolk County, Virginia, was established in 1847 as a Methodist Protestant Church. On August 15, 1871, it decided to unite with the Eastern Virginia Conference, with Rev. J. N. Manning as pastor. It was admitted by the Conference in session at the Berkley (First, Norfolk) Church in 1871. The first building of Berea cost \$2,200.00, under the auspices of the Methodist Protestants.\* It was rebuilt and re-dedicated November 2, 1905. An attractive and useful addition was completed during the past year, under the pastorate of Rev. B. H. Watkins.

Berea Church is located near *Great Bridge*, which was an important point in Colonial days. On December 9, 1775, a battle was fought there between the Patriot and Lord Dunmore's Royal (British) forces, in which

\*The Methodist Protestant Church split from the Methodist Episcopal Church about 1830. They became very active in Eastern Virginia, having churches located in several points—including Suffolk, Chuckatuck, and in Gates County.

the Virginians were victorious. This battle has been aptly referred to as "The Southern Bunker Hill." But even before that time Great Bridge was important as it was over the South Branch of the Elizabeth River. Following the custom of the pioneers they built their bridges at the head of tidewater. It was the road that the people of Eastern Virginia traveled to get to Norfolk, and also there was a road from Eastern North Carolina that converged with the Virginia road at that point. This is shown by the British Engineers' maps\* made by Arnold's troops while they were in Portsmouth.

Voted to receive and place the Historian's Report in the minutes.

The Report of the Committee on Stewardship was presented by Rev. J. F. Morgan, and it was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

In Luke 16:1, our Lord tells us about "a certain rich man who had a steward, and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods. He called him, and said unto him, 'How is it that I hear this of thee? Give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward.'"

I have been wondering what our Lord would say about our stewardship? Could we pass as stewards, or would we have to hear the words, "thou mayest be no longer steward?" I believe this matter of stewardship includes:

1. *That of the Heart.*—"My son give me thine heart"—this is the beginning of the life of stewardship; the beginning of the life dominated by the leadership of the Lord, and God cannot lead until we have given our heart to Him.

2. *The Stewardship of Money.*—It also means the stewardship of money by bringing our tithes into the storehouse of the Lord. This is the beginning of the proper method of financing the Kingdom, and from this we go on to the bringing of our offerings too, for I do not believe we have made an offering until we have given beyond the tithe.

3. *The Stewardship of Time.*—There is also the stewardship of time. "Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work." "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." We can never save our world, without first saving the Sabbath. God claims at least *one-seventh* of our time. How we need to be stewards with time!

4. *The Stewardship of Talents.*—Then there is the stewardship of talents. Jesus tells us about two men who used their talents, and both doubled them, but there was another man—one who had one talent who refused to use it, and it was taken from him. There is great need for sincere stewardship in the use of our *Talents*. God needs all of our talents put to use in Kingdom service.

5. *The Stewardship of Our Influence.*—Then, too, there is the all important thought of the stewardship of our influence. Here, too many of us fail. We pay so little attention to our influence. A careless word or thoughtless deed often results in the loss of one's entire influence for life.

6. *Stewardship in its fullness means that of the whole of life.* God has

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\*Major MacClenny has in his possession a copy of the original map made by the British Engineers under General Clinton, in command of the British forces in America. When General Clinton died in Gibraltar the maps were located there and finally found their way to the library of the University of Michigan. That map shows Great Bridge and the roads referred to above. (Secretary.)

entrusted us with a life to be lived for Him, and in the service of our fellow men, and we must not fail Him. Your Committee therefore recommends:

That every emphasis possible be given to the Stewardship of—

- (1) THE HEART, that evangelism may grow and glow;
- (2) MONEY, that there may be cash to pay the bills of the Church;
- (3) TIME, in which to do the work of the Lord;
- (4) TALENTS, that there may be the skill and ability to do work for God;
- (5) INFLUENCE, that the Kingdom may continue to spread and go forward; and
- (6) LIFE, all of which should be dedicated to the onward march of the plan and program of our Lord.

J. F. MORGAN, *Chairman*.

GEORGE OLEJAR.

MRS. I. W. JOHNSON.

D. D. NASH.

J. M. ROBERTS.

The Conference voted that Rev. Henry Lee Robison, Executive Secretary of the Virginia Council of Churches, be given ten minutes to report on the work of the Council. Mr. Robison presented an interesting and inspiring statement of the program and work of the Council, expressing appreciation to this Conference for its co-operation.

The Conference voted that President L. E. Smith be given ten minutes in which to present plans for "The Christian Workers Conference," to be held at Elon College, the week of February 11-15, 1946, under the auspices of the College and the Board of Christian Education.

Rev. Robert Lee House, Chairman, presented the Report of the Nominating Committee as follows:

#### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

*President*.....Rev. O. D. Poythress, South Norfolk

*Vice-President*.....Dr. Frank H. Lewis, Portsmouth

*Secretary*.....Dr. Wm. T. Scott, Franklin

*Treasurer*.....G. Chapman White, Waverly

*Historian*.....Dr. I. W. Johnson, Suffolk

*Historian and Treasurer Emeritus,*

Major W. E. MacClenny, Suffolk

We recommend that the nomination of delegates to the Southern Convention and the General Council be referred to the Executive Committee.

ROBERT LEE HOUSE, *Chairman*,

JESSE H. DOLLAR,

FRANK H. LEWIS,

*Committee.*

Upon motion it was voted to adopt the report of the Nominating Committee as read, and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot for the election of the nominees. The Secretary cast the ballot, and the President declared that the nominees were elected.



Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Social Action, as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION.

The words of Dr. E. Stanley Jones seem a truism when he says, "Men seem to know everything about life but how to live it." If men knew how to live their own lives, the problem of men living together would be far along the way toward permanent solution. Knowing how to live one's own life involves his knowing how to live with other people.

When we face the staggering economic, social and moral conditions of the world in our day, we cannot but feel that the only solution "with justice for all" will be the solution wrought through a wide-awake church whose sense of mission is clearly before it and whose convictions of right and wrong, wherever they appear, are expressed through its program of action touching the whole relationships of life of the individual and his responsibility to the families of men.

The Church has been accused of catering to the upper middle class and of neglecting to attempt to serve either the lower classes or the "upper crust." Yet, it is principally from these two classes that most of our troubles come. On the one hand you have the poorer laboring class whose minds are untrained and whose prejudices to the "upper class" are easily stirred. As a result we have the basis of the terrific conflict between capital and labor. A sense of inter-dependence must be built up between these groups. Nothing less than a sense of responsibility to God can produce this result. To create such a feeling of goodwill toward men is a part of the mission of the Church.

There are many directions in which we feel the Church must move in meeting its responsibility to our day and generation. As a means of emphasizing these particular needs we set forth the following recommendations and ask for special consideration of them in the future plans of the Church:

1. The modern version of the liquor traffic, flourishing under Federal and State sponsorship and protection, is an abomination to America. We recommend that this Conference give its endorsement to a movement within the Church that will quickly outlaw the liquor traffic and remove from office those representatives who show lack of sympathy for the movement.

2. We recommend that the Church speak against methods of agitation as a means of righting the wrongs of racial prejudices and economic wrongs, and engage itself in a program of Christian Education, to the end that the principles of Jesus may grip the hearts of all men and bring the justice for which He pleaded.

3. We recommend that the Church take a greater interest in the lives and activities of all the people and make plans which will keep the doors of the Church open during the week, and plan programs of social and recreational activities as a means of meeting the needs of people we would serve on Sunday.

4. That the Church strive to create a more wholesome understanding between management and labor as a means of raising the level of life for all the people, and to remove obvious hindering causes in the transition of industry from a wartime to a peacetime economy and production.

5. That we approve the Post-War Program of our denomination to raise, through the Missions Council, the amount of money to be decided upon by them, and to be known as "The Substantial and Courageous Increase," and apportioned also to the work of the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction; and that

We approve, also, the suggested goal for the Southern Convention, as suggested by the Mission Board of the Convention, and their action in ap-

pointing a committee to work with the Convention office in the promotion of the program.

Be it Resolved, That it be the sense of this Conference that we are opposed to Universal Military Training, as such, in peace time, but we favor a program of physical education and development for boys, girls and young people in our schools and colleges; and that the Secretary be instructed to convey a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the Virginia Congressmen; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the churches of the Conference, requesting them to consider this vital question, and either as churches or as individual Christian citizens, to register their opinion to their respective Congressmen.

JESSE H. DOLLAR, *Chairman*,  
DARDEN W. JONES,  
W. H. BAKER,  
H. S. HARDCASTLE,  
H. W. LEE,

*Committee.*

Voted that the Report of the Committee on Social Action be adopted as amended.

Rev. B. H. Watkins presented the Report of the Committee on Evangelism, and it was adopted as read. Pending the adoption, Dr. Frank H. Lewis addressed the Conference.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

Evangelism is a spirit rather than a method. It is an attitude of mind and heart. It is a desire to win men and women, boys and girls to Christ and to his way of living.

The Divine Commission was to the Church, and from the Master himself, to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations. Therefore it behooves us who call ourselves Christians to read the signs of the times, and see the Church with its greatest opportunity to supplant greed and prejudice with love and understanding. Instead of threatening to destroy the world with atomic energy, or to place a band of steel around national borders, or to require the sacrifice of the youth of the world to keep peace, that we seek to know the will of Christ and give him to the world as the remedy for the ills of the world. Instead of making battlefield heroes, let us endeavor to distinguish ourselves as heroes of the Cross of Christ.

There are various types of evangelism: Revival Meetings, Visitation Evangelism, Personal Evangelism, Decision Day in the Sunday School, Pastoral Evangelism. We urge that each church adopt whatever type or method that is best fitted to the local situation. All of the methods of Evangelism are good, but none will be effective unless ministers and Christian people feel the urge and have the vision of world needs and march forward together in the name of Christ to conquer the world and bring in the Kingdom of our Lord. *Therefore, Be it Resolved,*

1. That every pastor seek to do his best work in the field of evangelism.
2. That every member seek to lead someone to Christ during the coming year.
3. That the reading of the Bible and earnest prayer be encouraged throughout the entire constituency of our Conference.

B. H. WATKINS, *Chairman*.  
F. H. LEWIS.  
O. D. POYTHRESS.  
J. F. MORGAN.

The Report of the Apportionment Committee was presented, as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE.

The Apportionment Committee wishes to express appreciation on behalf of the Conference for the splendid payments of apportionments during the Conference year 1944-45. Special recognition should be given to the churches which have exceeded their regular apportionment. Many churches have paid the Voluntary Apportionment.

The Conference Fund at present, totaling \$387.00, is inadequate, and we recommend that it be increased to \$500.00.

We recommend that the Conference Home Mission Fund be continued at \$1,443.00.

We recommend that the Per Capita Dues be continued at \$735.00 as of 1944-45, which is approximately 7c per member.

We recommend the support of the Virginia Council of Churches, to the extent of \$325.00, and the Foundation of Religious Work in State Institutions to the extent of \$75.00, or a total of \$400.00 (for these two causes). This amount to be provided by an apportionment of 3c per member from the churches of the Eastern Virginia Conference, which amounts to \$325.00; a request of the Eastern Virginia Sunday School Convention to continue its annual appropriation of \$25.00; \$25.00 from the North Carolina and Virginia Conference for churches of that Conference located in Virginia; and \$25.00 from the Valley of Virginia Conference.

The Apportionment Committee feels that the Convention causes and enterprises are worthy of the support of our churches, and recommends the apportionment of the amount requested by the Convention (\$18,300.00) for the year 1945-46, as recommended by the Convention Finance Committee, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the contribution of the Eastern Virginia Sunday School Convention be credited to the Conference's total apportionment for the Board of Christian Education.
2. That the Eastern Virginia Conference request the Convention to recognize the apportionment for Convention causes and enterprises (\$18,300.00) to be the maximum requested annually for the biennium of 1946-48.
3. That the Conference request the churches to send all Convention apportionment direct to the Convention Treasurer.

We further recommend that the Apportionment Table herewith presented for 1945-46 be adopted and referred to the churches for their individual approval within three months following this session of Conference; that the Chairman of the Apportionment Committee, the Conference President, and the Conference Secretary be empowered to write in such changes as requested by the churches.

R. E. BRITTLE, *Chairman.*  
J. A. WILLIAMS.  
MRS. W. V. LEATHERS.  
MRS. H. P. HARRELL.  
FLOYD TURNER.



## SCHEDULE OF APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1945-46.

	Convention Home Missions	Convention Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues	Conference Fund	Conference Home Missions	Va. Council of Chs. & Work in Prisons	Total Apportionment
Antioch .....	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 10	\$ 70	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 30	\$ 10	\$ 5	\$ 10	\$ 5	\$ 200
Barrett's .....	5	5	5	15	5	5	5	5	5	5	2	62
Berea (Nans.) .....	35	35	77	50	20	25	35	10	15	25	4	331
Berea (Nor.) .....	45	55	50	30	25	25	50	15	15	35	5	350
Bethlehem (Disp.) ....	10	10	10	5	5	5	10	10	5	5	4	79
Bethlehem (Nans.) ...	50	50	115	100	30	60	50	35	15	50	15	570
Burton's Grove .....	5	5	8	6	5	5	10	2	5	5	1	57
Centerville .....	5	5	5	9	4	4	5	4	5	5	2	53
Cypress Chapel .....	50	55	125	95	20	35	45	22	15	50	11	523
Damascus .....	25	20	52	60	5	10	30	12	10	15	5	244
Dendron .....	3	3	23	10	3	5	5	2	3	2	1	60
Epworth, Dover, Del.												
Eure .....	35	30	58	95	10	10	50	25	10	25	10	358
Franklin .....	100	110	117	200	20	60	100	22	15	75	12	831
Holland .....	110	90	260	225	27	58	120	28	10	75	12	1015
Holy Neck .....	30	30	77	96	20	25	50	18	10	10	9	375
Hopewell .....	10	10	5	5	5	5	5	10	5	4	6	70
Isle of Wight .....	12	15	25	62	5	5	20	5	10	10	2	171
Johnson's Grove .....	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	2	49
Liberty Spring .....	40	40	100	120	15	30	45	22	15	40	12	479
Mount Carmel .....	50	50	68	85	20	20	50	15	15	35	7	415
Mount Zion .....	5	5	5	10	5	5	5	4	5	5	2	56
New Lebanon .....	15	15	10	25	5	10	15	5	10	10	2	122
Newport News .....	152	150	175	325	50	110	170	30	25	100	15	1302
Norfolk: Bay View ..	16	15	20	30	5	5	20	5	10	5	4	133
Christian Temple ...	350	350	295	750	60	125	375	80	35	100	31	2551
First .....	60	60	124	125	20	35	65	20	10	35	9	563
Little Creek .....	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	5	2	2	1	27
Rosemont .....	120	120	625	275	40	35	140	30	25	80	14	1504
Second .....	40	40	94	125	10	30	55	14	10	30	3	451
Oak Grove .....	20	20	20	50	5	5	25	7	5	10	3	170
Oakland .....	45	45	75	100	15	20	40	25	10	35	10	420
Portsmouth: Elm Ave.	50	48	30		10	20	30		5	30	3	228
First .....	70	70	124	150	20	35	70	10	10	35	6	600
Shelton Memorial ..	17	17	20	10	10	10	20	5	10	5	3	127
Richmond .....	50	50	100	150	10	20	50	10	15	35	5	493
South Norfolk .....	85	85	133	230	20	25	85	42	15	60	20	800
Spring Hill .....	16	16	20	25	5	5	20	5	5	10	2	129
Suffolk .....	375	375	647	875	75	150	395	100	40	300	43	3375
Union (South.) .....	30	30	60	60	5	10	25	10	20	15	5	270
Union (Surry) .....	7	7	10	15	5	5	5	3	5	5	2	69
Wakefield .....	22	22	20	50	10	5	20	9	5	10	4	177
Waverly .....	60	60	60	150	10	10	80	15	10	25	5	483
Windsor .....	45	45	100	90	10	10	40	9	15	30	4	398
E Va. S. S. Convention					550							550
Totals .....	\$2297	\$2291	\$3965	\$4965	\$1216	\$1094	\$2472	\$725	\$490	\$1456	\$323	\$2129



## WEDNESDAY—NIGHT SESSION.

The evening session began at 7:30 o'clock, with the worship service in charge of Rev. B. H. Watkins and the Berea Church Choir. A quartette, consisting of Revs. O. D. Poythress, Jesse H. Dollar, J. Victor Murchison, and T. Fred Wright, rendered special music.

The Conference sermon was delivered by Dr. John G. Truitt on the subject, "What Other Name?"

Sidney Gerald Olson, pastor of First Church, Norfolk, was given Conference ordination by the ordaining presbytery, consisting of Drs. H. S. Hardcastle, L. E. Smith, and F. C. Lester.

The Communion Service was conducted by Dr. N. G. Newman, assisted by Revs. John G. Truitt, F. C. Lester, T. Fred Wright, J. Victor Murchison, Jesse H. Dollar, and O. D. Poythress.

The benediction by Dr. N. G. Newman concluded the service and the Wednesday night session of the Conference was adjourned.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1—MORNING SESSION

The session was called to order at 9:45 o'clock by the President. Rev. O. D. Poythress led the Conference in the opening hymn, and Rev. Peter Young led the prayer.

The minutes of the Wednesday sessions were read and approved.

Mrs. J. F. Morgan, President, read the report of the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference, as follows:

REPORT OF THE EASTERN VIRGINIA WOMAN'S MISSIONARY  
CONFERENCE.

The Thirty-third Annual Session of the Woman's Missionary Conference of Eastern Virginia Congregational Christian Churches met on October 5, 1945, at 10:00 o'clock, in the South Norfolk Church, with an attendance of about 275. The theme for the day was, "Christian Witnessing for These Days." Rev. and Mrs. Richard L. Jackson, formerly of Waverly, but now under appointment as missionaries at Shaowu, China, were our speakers. Their messages and the fact that they are soon to represent us in China, meant much to our Conference.

Three things characterized this Conference as one of our best: First, the fine spirit which pervaded every minute of it. We seemed together with one purpose, and to be in one accord. It was truly a mountain top experience for all who came.

Second, every department had a complete report of work done. These reports not only showed splendid effort, but were given in an interesting way. As President, I want to express my gratitude for the perfect co-operation and interest shown by every superintendent and co-worker. It is indeed a pleasure to work with the women of Eastern Virginia.

Third, our financial report was the best we have ever had. Our Thank-Offering for Elon College, as well as apportionments that went far beyond

the amount required, show the generosity and interest of our women. The work of our efficient Treasurer, Mrs. W. B. Williams, deserves commendation. Let us thank God for we need greater strength and power for such a day as this.

Next year we shall study Africa, and Moving Populations at Home. Our devotional emphasis will be on "Christian Witnessing." Our Thank-Offering project will be Shaowu Mission, China, where the Jacksons are going. We also urge a greater emphasis on young peoples' and childrens' work.

Our total receipts for the year were \$7,996.15, given by thirty-five Women's Organizations, twenty-four Young Peoples' Societies, twenty-two Junior Societies, and twenty-five Cradle Rolls.

Our officers and superintendents for 1945-46 are as follows:

*President*—Mrs. J. F. Morgan.  
*First Vice-President*—Mrs. William Harrell.  
*Second Vice-President*—Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle.  
*Secretary*—Mrs. A. C. Moore.  
*Treasurer*—Mrs. W. B. Williams.

Superintendents:

*Literature*—Mrs. Herbert Harrell.  
*Young People*—Miss Julia Anne Matthews.  
*Children's Work*—Mrs. E. H. Stephenson.  
*Cradle Roll*—Mrs. A. J. Holland.  
*Spiritual Life*—Mrs. I. W. Johnson.  
*Life Memberships and Memorials*—Mrs. C. O. Byrd.

MRS. J. F. MORGAN, *President*.

Voted to receive the Report of the Woman's Missionary Conference and that it be included in the Conference minutes.

The report of the Christian Missionary Association was presented by Dr. I. W. Johnson, President, as follows:

#### THE CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

The printed minutes of the last session of the Christian Missionary Association indicate a total receipt of \$2,160.00. As classified it appears that twenty-seven of the forty-four churches of the Conference are affiliated with the Association. Ten of the twenty-two active pastors are members of this body. The Newport News Church heads the list in the total amount represented in the memberships with a total of \$400.00 contributed last year. Six churches had a total of more than \$100.00 each and the total amount from these churches was \$1,485.00. These findings indicate that the interest in the Association is localized when measured in terms of contributions. One might suggest that there are possibilities in the seventeen churches which are not represented by membership, and there is a probability that the limit has not been reached in the enlistment of the pastors of the Conference. The figures presented herewith are not an indication of great wealth in a few churches, and the comparisons could easily be changed by united effort and co-operation.

Appropriations were made to Little Creek and Bay View churches for the year 1945. There is a balance on hand, which is available for future appropriations for home mission work in the Conference. The Conference seems to be slow to discover suitable places for the establishment of new churches. It would give new impetus to the work of the Association to have a call for a great adventure.

It seems to be in order to suggest that all pastors and churches take an active interest in the Association by becoming members and presenting the work to those individuals and groups who may be willing to help with their means. The work is well worthy of united support. Although the present tendency is to make the Convention the channel or the medium through which all benevolent funds shall be received and distributed, the Association being a voluntary organization, it determines its own methods and policies both as to the collection and expenditure of all funds received into its treasury. It may be that the time has arrived when no organization except the Convention should do any kind of missionary work. If that is the judgment of the Conference and the Convention it should be clearly stated and the churches and other groups should govern themselves accordingly.

The next session of the Christian Missionary Association will be held at Liberty Spring Church on Tuesday after the first Sunday in December (December 4, 1945).

I. W. JOHNSON, *President.*

Voted that the report be received and included in the Conference minutes.

Rev. O. D. Poythress presented the report of the Collectors, as follows:

#### REPORT OF COLLECTORS.

Your Collectors received the following funds sent to the Conference Secretary and Treasurer:

Conference Missions .....	\$ 864.00
*Conference Fund .....	337.00
Convention Fund .....	918.00
Convention Home Missions .....	454.78
Convention Foreign Missions .....	163.77
Elon College .....	1,116.54
Superannuation .....	275.09
Christian Education .....	259.00
The Christian Orphanage .....	28.49
Per Capita Dues .....	321.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$4,837.67</b>

\*Included in the Conference Fund is \$25.00 from Rosemont for the Virginia Council of Churches.

In addition to these funds a check for \$50.00 from Newport News, but made payable to the Virginia Council of Churches was received and is presented herewith.

W. H. BAKER,

O. D. POYTHRESS,

*Collectors.*

Voted that the report of the Collectors be received and referred to the Finance Committee.

Voted that the Secretary be instructed to secure from the Convention Treasurer and the Conference Treasurer a complete statement of amounts received, and to compile the Church by Church



table, showing total amounts received by these treasurers for the authorized funds.

Col. J. E. West, Chairman, presented the report of the Conference Home Missions Committee as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

We recommend to the Eastern Virginia Minister's Conference to take the initiative in organizing another Congregational Christian Church in the Norfolk-Portsmouth area, assuring them of the Committee's co-operation.

We commend the work of the Convention Mission Board, the Woman's Board, and the Christian Missionary Association.

We recommend the appropriation of \$1,000.00 to Damascus on new church building, when same is one-half completed; \$400.00 to Wakefield pastorate on pastor's salary, payable monthly; \$200.00 to Little Creek on pastor's salary, payable monthly; and \$50.00 to the Virginia Council of Churches.

J. E. WEST, *Chairman,*

B. H. WATKINS,

S. T. HOLLAND,

E. L. BEALE,

*Committee.*

Motion made to adopt the report as read. Pending adoption, an address was given by Dr. I. W. Johnson. Report adopted.

Dr. W. B. O'Neill, Chairman, presented the report of the Foreign Missions Committee as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

One of the most thrilling books, and significant as far as the missionary enterprise is concerned, to issue out of World War II is Dr. Henry P. VanDusen's "They Found the Church There." It gives in graphic language the story of the discovery of Christian missions by the men of our Armed Services. It contains a collection of excerpts taken from letters written by the men to their people at home. One lad writes: "Dear Mom: Because of missions, I was feasted and not feasted upon when I fell from the sky into this village." Another lad—"Well, Mom, believe me . . . more miracles have happened than seemed possible. In all fairness I must say the missionaries have done absolutely marvelous work among the natives of these islands. As a result of that work the lives of scores of fliers have been saved. They came back after being missing for weeks with unbelievable tales of nursing care that the natives have given them." And a third one writes: "I have often thought since of the requests for funds for missions and the indifferent response usually encountered. It is really a good laugh on us that we didn't pay more attention to that work. Because of the work of a few men with limited funds at their disposal, American boys several thousand miles from the nearest . . . S. H. Kress store have been received as friends and shown every courtesy a primitive people have to offer." Need we quote more? Time and space forbid us. But, here is a compelling story of "bread cast upon the waters, to be found again after many days." It is a touching story of missions carrying the Christian message of redemption to primitive peoples, which has resulted in returns far beyond the reckoning of those who carried it. "Senator James M. Mead has put it into a single sentence: 'American doughboys are reaping heavily where the missionaries have so long and patiently sown'."



Today, there has been laid upon the heart of the Church an urgency that this work must continue, and be enlarged. Our American Board, through which we channel our gifts and send our missionaries, being cognizant of the world's needs, has outlined a broad program of service based upon those needs and built around definite Christian ideals and principles:

*The World Needs the Christian Message Now More Than Ever.* New Testament evangelism is the way of life. We reassert this as our fundamental purpose.

*The Christian Church is God's Means for Human Redemption.* The Christian Church is called to live, and to give life, in a world shaken to its foundations. It seeks to declare, by word and deed, the Christianity which came to the world both as a message and a movement. What He is for us, Judge, Redeemer, Saviour, Friend, Brother and Lord, we long to see Him become for others.

*The Base Line of Our Effort is Clear.* The strengthening of the churches around the world and the Christian communities of which they are the heart is our base line of effort.

*New Recruits Are Needed in All Fields.* War conditions have so disrupted life that recruits, especially doctors and nurses, are hard to find, and even some recruits who are ready to go are delayed by transportation difficulties. The call for recruits comes in from all areas. One hundred and ninety-one persons are listed as urgently needed.

*The Board Must Share Fully in the Work of Relief, Reconciliation and Reconstruction.* War-torn areas like Bulgaria, and Greece, the Philippines, China and Japan, may demand first attention, but every race and nation is war-scarred. "We are members one of another." "The strong ought therefore, to help the weak."

*We Must Meet New Conditions with New Attitudes and New Methods.* This does not mean that well tested methods will be cast aside, but that what is done will be done with an untrammelled mind and will appropriately match the hour and need.

To carry out such a far-reaching and much needed program of Relief, Reconciliation and Reconstruction, the Congregational Christian Churches of the nation are asked to raise a fund of \$4,500,000.00, to be secured in three years. This is over and above our annual benevolence goal of \$2,500,000.00, required for the regular and continuing ministry of our National Boards and State Conferences.

The Mission Board of the Southern Convention has approved of the idea of undertaking the support of the Shaowu Mission in China as a project of the Convention. It is to this mission that two of our finest young people, Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Jackson, go as our representatives. At present there are three girls in Elon College preparing themselves for missionary work, and several other young people have expressed an interest in missionary work as a life service.

A balance at the 1944 ANNUAL reveals the amazing total of \$197,483.00 raised by our Conference for the advance of the Kingdom within the churches, the Conference and the Convention. In addition, we raised the sum of \$6,520.00 for missionary work outside of the Convention. This latter figure represents a giving of sixty and one-half cents per person per year. Surely, this does not represent our interest in the cause of missions. Let us strive to bring our givings up at least to the \$1.00 per capita figure voted on two years ago.

We have entered a new age—the Atomic—with its great potentialities for the elevation of the human spirit, or for its utter destruction. The day demands a greater devotion than ever on our part to the end that Christ

may become more real in the lives of men and of nations. We must work, and pray, and give to strengthen the Christian Church with its all embracing message of redemption.

WILL B. O'NEILL, *Chairman*.

MRS. J. F. MORGAN.

MRS. JOHN G. TRUITT.

F. C. LESTER.

M. W. BUTLER.

Motion to adopt. Pending vote, an address was presented by Miss Laura Ward, South China. Report adopted.

A vocal duet was rendered by Rev. R. C. Mason and Mrs. C. R. Pinner.

After the benediction by Dr. Wm. T. Scott, the morning session was adjourned.

#### THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Thursday afternoon session was called to order by the President at 2:00 o'clock. The opening hymn was led by Rev. Victor Murchison, followed by prayer by Rev. J. F. Morgan.

#### THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

In 1938 the present Chairman of your Committee on Superannuation made his initial report. The Annuity Fund had only recently become available to all ministers of the Southern Convention, and only a few were members. In that report considerable stress was laid upon the importance of our ministers availing themselves of the opportunity offered.

The offering for our superannuated ministers was extremely small. It was suggested by your Committee that there be taken a special collection in the churches on Communion Sundays for the purpose of helping to raise this apportionment.

At first, the response to either of these suggestions seemed quite meagre, but there was a gradual increase in interest. Two years later we reported that about 25 per cent of the ministers had availed themselves of the opportunity of joining the Annuity Fund; while the amount paid on the apportionment for Superannuation had risen to 75 per cent of the askings.

Last year our report was more optimistic. We were able to report that the apportionment for Superannuation had been over-paid, and that most of our ministers were members of the Annuity Fund.

We are glad that the churches are beginning to take a business-like attitude toward the matter of retirement for our aged or disabled ministers. Many of the churches are now paying half or more on the Annuity Fund dues of their minister. We hope that this trend will continue until every church is included.

We were criticized last year for recommending to the Convention Board that they consider encouraging membership in the Annuity Fund by assisting our younger ministers in their initial payment when necessary. We do not believe that such assistance would permanently lessen the amount available for our superannuates, but that it would encourage donations to the fund and would ultimately increase it. We presented this matter to the President of the Convention, and believe it will have his approval.

While we have reached the goal for which we set out eight years ago, we should not be satisfied with what has been done, but should endeavor to further increase our efficiency in this important work.

*Note.*—Any minister or church interested in securing information concerning membership in the Annuity Fund for Congregational Christian Ministers, should write to Dr. Frank J. Scribner, Secretary, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

J. T. KERNODLE, *Chairman.*

RANDALL C. MASON.

L. R. JONES.

JOEL E. HARRELL.

Report adopted as read.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PLACE OF MEETING.

The Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches has been most cordially invited to hold its 1946 session at the First Congregational Christian Church, Newport News, Virginia. Your committee recommends that the Conference accept this invitation.

MRS. J. A. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

Report adopted as read.

Mr. C. D. West, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Christian Orphanage, made a verbal report on that institution. Comments were also made by Revs. John G. Truitt, Jesse H. Dollar, and J. F. Morgan.

Voted that the report be received as information.

Rev. J. Everette Neese, Chairman, presented the report of the Religious Literature Committee as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Publications and periodicals are in abundance today. The reading public needs wise counseling in its choice of reading materials. It has long been known that the progressive church is an informed church. Informed, especially in new religious ideas and in denominational advancement. This information comes to us through our denominational periodicals.

*The Christian Sun* gives us current topics with a spiritual interpretation and informs us of the activities within the Southern Convention. *The Advance* carries news and religious thoughts of our larger fellowship. *The Missionary Herald* keeps up informed on our missionary enterprise. *The Pilgrim Highroad* provides our young people with new religious ideas and programs. From the Pilgrim Press and the Christian Publishing Company (The Christian Publishing Association of Dayton, Ohio, is now one of the book stores of the Pilgrim Press, but for the present retains its own name), can be secured Sunday School literature for all classes and grades. Through our Superintendent's office at Elon College, can be secured additional help and information.

Therefore, your committee would recommend:

1. That each church endeavor to secure its quota of *Christian Sun* subscriptions.
2. That each minister subscribe to *The Advance* and encourage his laymen to do the same.
3. That the missionary societies subscribe to and make wide use of *The Missionary Herald*.
4. That the young people of the Church be made conscious of the value of *The Pilgrim Highroad*.



5. That whenever possible the Church use our own denominational Sunday School materials.
6. That problems and questions about Sunday School materials be referred to the Superintendent's office.
7. That each church try to equip a small library for use by its Sunday School and church members; and that special care be used in the selection of books and periodicals to be placed therein.

J. EVERETTE NEESE, *Chairman.*

MRS. R. T. BRADFORD.

R. E. BRITTE.

Motion to adopt. Pending adoption, an address was presented by Dr. Jesse H. Dollar.

Report adopted as read.

Rev. W. B. O'Neill presented the report of the Finance Committee as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We have examined the report of the Conference Treasurer, W. E. MacClenny, and have found the same to be correct.

We have received from the Collectors the following funds:

1. For Southern Convention Enterprises and Causes:

Convention Fund .....	\$ 918.00
Convention Home Missions .....	454.78
Convention Foreign Missions .....	163.77
Elon College .....	1,116.54
Superannuation .....	275.09
Per Capita Dues .....	321.00
Christian Education .....	259.00
The Christian Orphanage .....	28.49
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	\$3,536.67

2. For Conference Causes:

Conference Home Missions .....	\$ 964.00
*Conference Fund .....	337.00
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	\$1,301.00

Total received ..... \$4,837.67

3. In addition to the above, a check for \$50.00 from Newport News but made payable to the Virginia Council of Churches was received.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That the Secretary be authorized to draw drafts for the amounts listed under the above funds collected for Convention Enterprises and Causes, payable to Mrs. Mattie Cox Parker, Treasurer of the Southern Convention.
2. That the Secretary be authorized to draw drafts to Mrs. Mattie Cox Parker, Treasurer, for all balances on hand for Convention Apportionment (Enterprises and Causes) and forward same to the Convention Office, and that these accounts be closed, with the understanding that hereafter the Conference Treasurer shall forward to the Convention Office, within the month received, any money for these funds which may be sent

\*Check for \$25.00 from Rosemont for Virginia Council of Churches included.



in by the churches, making it clear that the only funds to be received and disbursed by the Conference are the Conference Fund, the Conference Home Mission Fund, and the fund for the Virginia Council of Churches.

3. That the Secretary be instructed to write the Treasurer of the Convention requesting that Conference monies forwarded there by mistake be forwarded to the Conference Treasurer within the month received.

4. That the Secretary be authorized to draw drafts on the Conference Fund for the following bills:

Dr. Wm. T. Scott, Secretary's salary.....	\$ 50.00
Secretary's expenses .....	19.55
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	\$ 69.55

5. That the Secretary be authorized to draw draft for \$25.00 on the Conference Fund for contribution received by that fund for the Virginia Council of Churches, and that he forward to the Virginia Council also the check for \$50.00, received from the Newport News Church.

6. That the Secretary be authorized to draw drafts on the Treasurer, to be paid from the Conference Fund, for printing of the Conference Program and for such other incidental expenses as may be incurred by him throughout the Conference year.

7. That the Secretary be authorized to draw drafts on the Conference Home Mission Fund for the following amounts as voted by Conference:

- (1) To the Virginia Council of Churches, \$50.00.
- (2) To the Little Creek Church \$200.00, payable in monthly payments.
- (3) To the Wakefield pastorate \$400.00, payable in monthly payments.
- (4) To the Damascus Church \$1,000.00, as per conditions of the Home Missions Committee report.

S. T. HOLLAND,  
O. D. POYTHRESS,  
W. B. O'NEILL,

*Finance Committee.*

Dr. I. W. Johnson, Chairman, read the report of the Resolutions Committee, as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Your Committee on Resolutions submits the following for your consideration:

1. That a vote of thanks be extended to the pastor and members of Berea Church for entertaining this session of the Conference, and for the generous hospitality extended to the members and friends of the body, and that we commend them for this up-to-date building and equipment.

2. That we extend our thanks to the retiring Treasurer, Major W. E. MacClenny, for his many years of efficient and faithful service in performing the duties of that office; and include also our sincere appreciation of his contribution as Historian and Committee on Memoirs. We extend him our sympathy and prayers in his illness, and wish for him a speedy recovery of health and strength.

3. That we express our thanks also to all the officers of the Conference, the various committees and all who have made any contribution to the program of this session.

4. That we emphasize the importance of recognizing the provision adopted in the report of the Committee on Apportionments, whereby the churches are

requested to give consideration to their respective apportionments and forward their decision to the Secretary of the Conference within the next three months, thus giving the local church the privilege of final approval.

5. That the Conference request the Board of Publications to have the Annual printed as soon as possible, with the definite understanding that the minutes of this Conference shall be printed in full as adopted by the Conference, and a copy of the same to be submitted to the Secretary for proof reading before the Annual is printed.

6. That the Secretary be instructed to send letters of greeting to Rev. H. A. Gleason, Jr., and Rev. George Olejar, expressing our sympathy in their illness and assuring them of our prayers for their recovery.

I. W. JOHNSON, *Chairman*,  
RANDALL C. MASON,  
JOHN G. TRUITT,  
*Committee.*

Report adopted as read.

Voted that the minutes be printed in The Annual and that the Conference purchase 300 copies to be distributed pro-rata among the churches, and that Secretary be instructed to draw draft on the Conference Fund for the payment of the same.

Voted that the Secretary be authorized to receive the funds from the Finance Committee and the retiring Treasurer, transmitting same to the new Conference Treasurer, G. Chapman White, Waverly, and to draw drafts to transfer funds now in The Farmers Bank of Nansemond, Suffolk, Virginia; or should the Treasurer elect to make the same bank his depository to authorize the change of signature to G. C. White instead of W. E. MacClenny, and to purchase bond for the new Treasurer.

Voted that the Executive Committee be instructed to draw up Conference Constitution and By-Laws and present the same to the 1946 session of Conference.

The minutes were read and approved by vote.

Voted that following the devotional service, the 125th session be adjourned to meet in the 126th session at the First Congregational Christian Church, Newport News, Va., on Wednesday and Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1946 (October 30-31, 1946).

The concluding devotional service was conducted by Dr. Wm. T. Scott on the theme: "O Tread the City's Streets Again."

The Conference adjourned following the benediction.

T. FRED WRIGHT, *President*.  
WM. T. SCOTT, *Secretary*.

President O. D. Poythress appointed the following Standing Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES 1945-46.

*Executive*—O. D. Poythress, F. H. Lewis, Wm. T. Scott, T. Fred Wright, W. B. O'Neill; Associate Members of Executive Committee—Shirley T. Holland, I. W. Johnson, R. L. House, J. E. West, J. E. Neese, J. H. Dollar, H. S. Hardcastle, J. T. Kernodle, J. G. Truitt.

*Apportionment*—Shirley T. Holland, *Chairman*; Floyd Turner, J. A. Williams, Mrs. W. B. Williams, H. S. Hardcastle.

*Ministerial Education*—I. W. Johnson, *Chairman*; J. G. Truitt, J. F. Morgan, Peter Young, H. S. Hardcastle.

*Christian Education*—R. L. House, L. E. Smith, Wm. T. Scott, Peter Young, J. Victor Murchison.

*Home Missions*—J. E. West, *Chairman*; E. L. Beale, N. G. Newman, R. D. Holland, Linwood G. Robinson.

*Foreign Missions*—Will B. O'Neill, *Chairman*; Mrs. J. F. Morgan, Mrs. J. G. Truitt, F. C. Lester, M. W. Butler.

*Religious Literature*—J. E. Neese, *Chairman*; Mrs. R. T. Bradford, Mrs. W. V. Leathers, R. L. House, J. M. Roberts.

*Evangelism*—F. H. Lewis, *Chairman*; J. G. Truitt, J. F. Morgan, B. H. Watkins, R. E. Brittle.

*Program*—O. D. Poythress, Wm. T. Scott, J. H. Dollar, F. H. Lewis, T. Fred Wright.

*Stewardship*—J. H. Dollar, *Chairman*; Mrs. I. W. Johnson, George Olejar, D. D. Nash, Mrs. Herbert Harrell.

*Social Action*—H. S. Hardcastle, *Chairman*; R. C. Mason, Peter Young, Dr. D. W. Jones, H. W. Lee.

*Superannuation*—J. T. Kernodle, *Chairman*; L. R. Jones, Joel E. Harrell, Mills F. Godwin, Jr., J. P. Dalton.

*Place of Meeting*—Mrs. I. W. Johnson.

*Memoirs*—I. W. Johnson.

*Collectors*—J. F. Morgan, *Chairman*; R. E. Brittle.

*Finance Committee*—J. G. Truitt, *Chairman*; W. H. Baker.

## MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

1. *Baggett, John W., Jr.*—No report.
2. *Brickhouse, Ernest F.*—Field work in South Dakota. Sermons, 19; pastoral calls, 72; funeral, 1.
3. *Brittle, R. E.*—Sermons, 164; conversions, 36; members received, 26; marriages, 62; addresses, 7; baptisms, 22; pastoral calls, 1,572; funerals, 58.
4. *Butler, Murdock W.*—Sermons, 66; conversions, 4; members received, 7; addresses, 2; baptisms, 3; funerals, 17.
5. *Cornell, Kenneth*—No report.
6. *Crutchfield, H. E.*—Chaplain U. S. Army.
7. *Dollar, Jesse H.*—Sermons, 117; conversions, 19; members received, 52; marriages, 4; addresses, 21; baptisms, 19; pastoral calls 790; funerals, 4.
8. *Hardcastle, H. S.*—Sermons, 99; conversions, 7; members received, 21; marriages, 16; baptisms, 16; pastoral calls, 450; funerals, 18.
9. *House, Robert Lee*—Sermons, 90; conversions, 4; members received, 11; marriages, 8; addresses, 10; baptisms, 4; pastoral calls, 500; funerals, 4.
10. *Jackson, Richard L.*—Missionary Appointee to Shaowu, China, now studying at Yale University, New Haven. Served as pastor in Waverly pastorate till September; sermons, 131; conversions, 20; members received, 31; addresses, 23; baptisms, 20; pastoral calls, 600; funerals, 5.
11. *Johnson, I. W.*—Sermons, 72; conversions, 26; members received, 28; funerals, 20; marriages, 54; pastoral calls, 400; addresses, 20.
12. *Jones, Elwood W.*—Assistant pastor, Wilson Memorial Methodist Church, Baltimore, Md
13. *Lassiter, L. L.*—Business.
14. *Lester, F. C.*—Superintendent of the Southern Convention.
15. *Lewis, Frank H.*—Sermons, 96; conversions, 21; members received, 10; addresses, 54; baptisms, 16; pastoral calls, 530; funerals, 9.
16. *Mason, Randall C.*—Sermons, 156; marriages, 8; addresses, 5; baptisms, 12; pastoral calls, 800; funerals, 2.
17. *Moore, Wilson C.*—Sermons, 52.
18. *Morgan, J. F.*—Sermons, 120; conversions, 14; members received, 16; marriages, 14; addresses, 25; baptisms, 13; pastoral calls, 900; funerals, 11.
19. *Murchison, J. Victor*—Assistant pastor Suffolk Christian Church since September, 1945.
20. *Nash, Durant D.*—Sermons, 102; conversions, 10; members received, 21; marriages, 2; addresses, 16; baptisms, 11; pastoral calls, 276.
21. *Neese, J. Everette*—Sermons, 84; conversions, 3; members received, 13; marriages, 10; addresses, 7; baptisms, 2; pastoral calls, 683; funerals, 3.
22. *Newman, N. G.*—Retired. Sermons, 4; addresses, 1; funerals, 2; assistant to Dr. I. W. Johnson at Oakland.
23. *Olejar, George*—Hospital patient most of the year.
24. *Olson, Sidney G.*—First Church, Norfolk, since summer of 1945.
25. *O'Neill, Will B.*—Sermons, 80; members received, 5; marriages, 2; addresses, 11; baptisms, 1; funerals, 4.
26. *Pearce, George A.*—Business.



27. *Phillips, Slade Wyatt*—No report.
28. *Poythress, O. D.*—Sermons, 140; conversions, 36; members received, 46; marriages, 36; addresses, 10; baptisms, 36; pastoral calls, 1,092; funerals, 91.
29. *Roberts, J. M.*—
30. *Scott, Wm. T.*—Sermons, 110; conversions, 30; members received, 32; addresses, 10; baptisms, 15; pastoral calls, 725; funerals, 8; marriages, 5.
31. *Smith, L. E.*—President Elon College; pastor Elon Community Church. Sermons, 23; conversions, 10; members received, 23; addresses, 11; baptisms, 10; pastoral calls, 380; funerals, 3.
32. *Truitt, John G.*—Sermons, 120; conversions, 33; members received, 54; marriages, 16; addresses, 64; baptisms, 47; pastoral calls, 1,793; funerals, 36.
33. *Warren, J. H.*—Retired.
34. *Watkins, B. H.*—
35. *Wise, Frances H.*—Student Oberlin School of Theology, Oberlin, Ohio. Copeland Park, Newport News, Va., until July 1, 1945.
36. *Wright, T. Fred*—Sermons, 122; conversions, 7; members received, 23; marriages, 4; addresses, 11; baptisms, 6; pastoral calls, 771; funerals, 17.
37. *Young, Peter*—The Christian Temple since May 1, 1945.

## LICENTIATES.

1. *Day, Ray*—U. S. Armed Forces.
2. *Harrell, Vivian B.*—U. S. Armed Forces.
3. *Huber, L. E.*—Missionary to Africa.

## MEMBER BIBLICAL CLASS.

1. *Phillips, Slade Wyatt, Jr.*—U. S. Armed Forces.

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## WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The 75th annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference met with the Pleasant Ridge Christian Church (near Ramseur, North Carolina), on November 7, 1945, and was called to order at 10:05 A. M., by the President, Rev. H. V. Cox.

Rev. M. A. Pollard led in singing "Lead On, O King Eternal."

Rev. B. J. Earp conducted the devotional service.

Mr. Fred Allred gave the address of welcome, and Rev. T. J. Green made the response.

## ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS AND DELEGATES.

*Ministers*—E. Carl Brady, H. V. Cox, G. C. Crutchfield, B. J. Earp, P. W. Fisher, J. U. Fogleman, T. J. Green, B. H. Lowdermilk, W. T. Madren, D. R. Moffitt, M. A. Pollard, L. M. Presnell, John Q. Pugh, C. C. Thomas.

*Licentiate*—Fred Register.

## *Churches and Delegates.*

*Albemarle*—Miss Frances Biles, Mrs. Robert Sells, Mrs. Mable Haire, Bobby Holt.

*Antioch (C)*—By report.

*Asheboro*—Mrs. E. P. Boroughs, Miss Vella Brown.

*Bailey's Grove*—F. L. Smith, Dewey Allred.

*Bennett*—Mrs. L. M. Murray.

*Big Oak*—Clyde Brewer, Odie Williamson.

*Biscoe*—

*Brown's Chapel*—Ellie Morgan, J. E. Allen, J. R. Key, J. W. H. Moore.

*Ether*—W. H. Freeman, H. J. Cochran.

*Flint Hill (M)*—By report.

*Flint Hill (R)*—By report.

*Grace's Chapel*—

*Hank's Chapel*—By report.

*High Point*—C. E. Moffitt, Mrs. C. E. Moffitt.

*Liberty*—Mrs. H. K. Routh, Cyrus Shoffner.

*Mt. Pleasant*—Z. V. Brooks, D. A. McPherson.

*Needham's Grove*—C. L. Comer, J. M. Needham.

*New Center*—A. L. Davis, Mrs. P. V. Macon.

*Pleasant Cross*—Mrs. John Q. Pugh, Mrs. Graham Craven.

*Pleasant Grove*—Mrs. H. H. Bray, Mrs. L. M. Presnell, L. H. Brady.

*Pleasant Hill*—Paul E. Coble, Mrs. Alvah Ashley, Mrs. W. H. Thompson.

*Pleasant Ridge*—O. C. Brown, Everett Cox, J. H. Pell.

*Pleasant Union*—Mrs. I. L. McDowell, Clarence Snider.

*Providence Chapel*—H. B. Jason Moore, J. R. Brewer.

*Ramseur*—Mrs. C. W. Craven, L. W. Burgess.

*Randleman*—Mrs. Vance Dorsett, Mrs. W. G. Lamb.

*Seagrove*—W. A. Green, B. S. Lawrence.

*Shady Grove*—R. G. King, Mrs. E. B. Cochran.

*Shiloh*—N. L. Rumley, Mrs. N. L. Rumley.

*Smithwood*—Mrs. A. S. Layton, Mrs. J. H. Crutchfield, Misses Lucille McPherson and Coney Wright.

*Sophia*—Mrs. Troy Hall.

*Spoon's Chapel*—Miss Edith Stout, Mrs. Ruth Maness.

*Union Grove*—T. F. Brown, J. L. Lawson.

*Zion*—

Rev. M. A. Pollard introduced the following visitors: Dr. L. E. Smith, President of Elon College; Mr. Charles D. Johnston, Superintendent of the Christian Orphanage; Rev. J. F. Morgan, of the Eastern Virginia Conference; Dr. F. C. Lester, Superintendent of the Southern Convention; Dr. Frank H. Lewis, of the Eastern Virginia Conference; Miss Laura D. Ward, Missionary to South China; Mrs. Mattie Cox Parker, Treasurer of the Southern Convention. These visitors were welcomed by the President and seated as deliberative members of the Conference.

The printed program was submitted by Rev. T. J. Green, as the report of the Program Committee. By motion the printed program, subject to necessary changes, was made the order of the business for this session of Conference.

The Chairman appointed the following special committees:

*Press*—George T. Gunter, Rev. B. J. Earp, Dr. F. C. Lester.

*Finance*—Rev. G. C. Crutchfield, Rev. W. C. Martin, L. W. Burgess.

*Resolutions*—Rev. B. J. Earp, Rev. M. A. Pollard, Mrs. E. P. Boroughs.

*Place*—Rev. L. M. Presnell, Rev. B. H. Lowdermilk, O. C. Brown.

*Nominating*—Rev. E. Carl Brady, Rev. T. J. Green, W. H. Freeman.

Hymn—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Rev. B. J. Earp introduced Rev. J. F. Morgan, who preached the annual sermon, using for his subject, "The Business of This Institution Called the Church."

The Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. W. T. Madren, pastor of the host church. He was assisted by the four deacons of the local church.

By motion Conference adjourned for lunch.

Rev. J. F. Morgan pronounced the benediction.

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### WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 1:30 by the President.

Hymn—"I Am Thine, O Lord."

The worship service was conducted by Rev. E. Carl Brady.

The Christian Missionary Association met for its annual session with Rev. B. J. Earp presiding, and Rev. E. Carl Brady as Secretary.

When the C. M. A. session was over, the report on "The Woman's Missionary Conference" was made by Miss Ollie Mae Beane. By motion, the report was adopted.

### REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

The women in our churches of the North Carolina Conference have accomplished more financially and perhaps spiritually this year than we have ever done. Although we will not be satisfied until every woman in every church is at work, still we feel that there is reason for real satisfaction in the work being done.

Attendance this year at the Conference, which met at Elon College, on October 2, was around 250. The theme of the Conference was, "For the Living of These Days." The presence of Rev. and Mrs. Richard L. Jackson greatly enriched the Conference and greatly stimulated interest in our Shaowu, China, Mission, to which they will go as our representatives. Our Thank-Offering this year will go to the work there. We hope to do as well for them as we did last fall for Elon College, when we went well above the goal.

One of the special features of the program was a skit prepared by Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, showing the work of the Cradle Roll, Children's and Young People's Departments. This could be effectively given in a local society, perhaps at a public meeting, when you want to "educate" the whole church on what you are doing. A copy may be secured by writing Mrs. Wisseman, 315 North Edgeworth St., Greensboro, N. C.

Instead of formal reports from the District Superintendents they discussed their problems and successes in a panel discussion, led by the State President, Mrs. J. D. Strader.

A special memorial service was conducted by Mrs. O. H. Paris, including in her candle lighting service a candle for all the boys who had died in service, as well as for members of each society passing away during the year.

Many Friendly Service gifts were sent to the American Indians at Fort Berthold Mission, North Dakota, Japanese evacuees, and clothing for Europe.

Life Memberships were given to 24 persons this year and 41 Memorial Certificates were issued.



Due to wartime travel conditions, we were unable to have our District Rallies this spring. For the Women's Convention a very interesting program was prepared and mailed to each society. The Convention President's message and officers' reports were included. We feel that we had successful Stay-at-Home Conventions.

The discouraging part of our work is the fact that not all of our societies are functioning. Eight societies that sent in money on the apportionment last year failed to report this year. We welcomed one new society and hope there will be more at the next Conference.

We are happy to report that we went well above our financial goal of \$6,000. Total receipts at Conference were \$7,524.

The Conference was brought to a close with a most impressive service of dedication of new officers, conducted by Mrs. Wisseman. It was truly a great Conference, and we regret that anyone missed it.

Our Conference meets next year with our Raleigh Church. We look forward to a good year's work and a good conference.

Respectfully submitted,

OLLIE MAE BEANE,  
*Randolph District Leader.*

Rev. T. J. Green reported for the Committee on Home Missions. Motion was made and seconded to adopt report as presented. Report was discussed by Rev. B. J. Earp and Rev. G. C. Crutchfield. Report was then adopted.

#### REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Home Mission Committee recommends:

1. That \$100.00 of the Home Mission Fund be given to the Albemarle Church to pay on a heating plant.

2. That Bennett, Shady Grove and Flint Hill (M) churches receive \$50.00 each on payment of pastor's salary, each to receive \$25.00 in six months and \$25.00 more when \$50.00 or more has been paid by the churches. The pastor is to be approved by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. GREEN.  
JOHN Q. PUGH.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. M. A. Pollard. Motion was made and seconded to adopt the report.

Dr. F. C. Lester introduced Miss Laura D. Ward, missionary to South China. Miss Ward addressed the Conference, telling of her experiences in our missionary work there.

Report on Foreign Missions was then adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Since the cessation of hostilities among the nations of the world it is time to turn our attention toward our task of helping to Christianize the world. The greatest opportunity ever to face us lies just ahead. During the great war we were limited in service, being unable to carry on our mission work with as great strength as we should. Now we should carry out our Lord's command to "go into all the world with the Gospel of love." Hate has to be overcome, and the greatest force with which this can be done is more Christian missionaries filled with the love of Christ, determined to

know nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified for a lost and dying world. When that determination, together with our gifts, are presented to a needy world they will create a spirit of Christian love that will dominate the whole world. We must by Christian teaching and by Christian example, prove to the world that Jesus and His way of life is that which will enable us to be our best. Hate must be supplanted by love if we are to have peace. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace give I unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you." This wonderful peace should be carried to all people everywhere. We are his ambassadors, the channel through which this peace is to go out. Therefore, let us increase our interest and gifts to missions.

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions is preparing to send 150 to 175 new missionaries as soon as they can be found and trained. We are informed that those responsible for our missionary work feel that two or three times that number should be made ready for service. We, therefore, recommend:

1. That each pastor in the Conference look carefully and prayerfully over the young people in his parish, with a view of finding persons who are spiritually, mentally and physically qualified to begin training for missionary work, and that he counsel with such persons with the view of leading them to make the surrender of their lives to the cause of missions.

2. That we, through prayer and consecrated service to Christ, determine to continue sending His bright light of compassion, love and understanding to every darkened corner of the world.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. POLLARD.

L. M. PRESNELL.

Rev. C. C. Thomas made the report on Sunday Schools and Pilgrim Fellowship. After said report was discussed by Rev. C. C. Thomas, it was adopted as read.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP.

The outlook of our Sunday-Schools for the past year is encouraging, according to the reports from the churches. There has been a slight increase in attendance and a substantial increase in giving.

This year the Sunday School Convention met at Pleasant Hill with 13 Sunday Schools represented. It was decided to call a Conference-wide Young People's Conference. This meeting was held at Pleasant Ridge. A Pilgrim Fellowship Conference was organized with officers elected.

A meeting, at which Rev. and Mrs. Richard Jackson spoke, was sponsored by the Pilgrim Fellowship and held at Pleasant Ridge.

We recommend:

1. Use of denominational literature.

2. Continued efforts to increase attendance in Sunday School.

3. That Young People's groups who wish help in organizing Pilgrim Fellowship groups, contact Vivian Walker, Asheboro, N. C., for information and help.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. THOMAS.

W. T. MADREN.

KENNETH D. REGISTER.

THOS. B. LOWE.

GEO. T. GUNTER.

Rev. M. A. Pollard reported for the Executive Committee. By motion report adopted.

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

During the past conference year your Executive Committee has been fully aware of the action of the Conference at our last annual session in regard to the problem brought about by the attitude and action of certain dissatisfied church groups among us.

The committee has kept in close touch with this very difficult situation and has sought most earnestly to conserve the Conference interests in the churches concerned and as far as possible to re-establish these churches in their former relationship to the Conference.

Your Committee is happy to report that our efforts apparently have been fruitful in the direction of a satisfactory solution to this problem. Messrs. Long and Long, Attorneys at Law, Graham, N. C., have been retained to look after the Conference's interests in the churches.

On February 24, 1945, the Committee on the Ministry recommended the licensure of Brother Fred Register, a member of Grace's Chapel Christian Church. The Executive Committee approved this action and Brother Register was duly licensed at Bennett Christian Church, March 4, 1945, by the President of this Conference.

H. V. COX,  
M. A. POLLARD,  
W. H. FREEMAN,  
CYRUS SHOFFNER,  
GEORGE T. GUNTER,  
T. J. GREEN,  
*Committee.*

The report on Religious Literature was submitted by Rev. W. T. Madren. By motion said report was adopted as read.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The Church's most effective method of educating its people to its purpose and program is through literature. It is evident from the sale of newspapers, magazines and books that the majority of people read, and what they read will greatly determine their life. With this idea in mind the Church should suggest the type of literature its people should read.

Your Committee has studied the needs of the Conference and the ways by which these needs may be met by the right selection of literature.

Therefore, we would make the following suggestions:

1. We would urge for the promotion of greater church loyalty and further acquaintance with the government and principles of our Church, that some means be provided within each local church for the distribution of the "Manual of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches," the Conference and Convention "Annual," and the use of our denominational literature by our Church school.

2. In order to acquaint our people with the purpose and program of our Church, we recommend that our churches emphasize the subscribing to and the reading of *The Christian Sun*, published under the able leadership of Rev. R. L. House, Editor, who speaks directly for our Conference and Convention interests; *The Advance*, that gives us a wider aspect of our national and international interest; *The Missionary Herald*, our missionary magazine that is largely supported by the Women's Missionary Convention;



*Social Action*, an appraisal of the Church that seeks to interpret Jesus in every area of our human relationship. We would urge further that the study books of the Women's Missionary Societies be more widely read.

3. The Committee feels further that there is a need for a deeper religious experience and a richer worship program throughout the whole Church. Therefore, we recommend that emphasis be placed on the reading of the Holy Scriptures. (Details for promoting Church Bible reading can be obtained from the American Bible Society, 450 Park Ave., New York 22, New York.) *The Pilgrim Highroad* is especially good for young people's programs; *The Children's Religion* should be used by every teacher of children and by every parent. We urge further that a good hymnal be used in our worship services. *The American Hymnal*, *The Service Hymnal*, *The Pilgrim Hymnal*, and many others, are good. We feel that good music is conducive to worship, but the modern idea of secularizing church hymns is a sacrilege to God.

For further information in your search for good literature, write to the Pilgrim Press, 14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., or Dr. F. C. Lester, Superintendent, Elon College, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. MADREN.

L. M. PRESNELL.

ARTHUR COX.

A. L. LUCAS.

MRS. RAY CAVINESS.

By motion Conference adjourned until the evening session.

Dr. L. E. Smith pronounced the benediction.

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### WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 7:05 P. M., by the President.

Hymn—"Leaning On the Everlasting Arms."

Prayer by Rev. G. C. Crutchfield.

The report on Moral Reform was submitted by Rev. M. A. Pollard (in lieu of Rev. Kenneth Register). After the report was discussed by Revs. G. C. Crutchfield, W. T. Madren, C. C. Thomas, and John Pugh, it was referred back to the committee for a definite statement against the liquor traffic.

Rev. John Q. Pugh presented the report on Evangelism. Motion was made and seconded to adopt the report. While motion was pending, Rev. G. C. Crutchfield introduced Dr. Frank H. Lewis, who delivered a splendid sermon on Evangelism. The report was then discussed by Revs. F. C. Lester, W. T. Madren, P. W. Fisher, J. F. Morgan, G. C. Crutchfield, L. M. Presnell, John Q. Pugh, B. H. Lowdermilk. Said report was then adopted.

### REPORT ON EVANGELISM.

There never has been a time when evangelism was needed more than now, as this war-torn world rushes on to eternity. Through this destructive



warfare, there have been many souls that have lost faith in God and those that profess His Name to know.

Evangelism is more than church membership, or church attendance, it is an earnest desire of the heart to seek the wisdom of God concerning the souls of men. "He that winneth souls is wise." (Proverbs 11:30.) "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." (Daniel 12:3.)

Evangelism does not come through the evangelist alone, neither through recreation or social life, but out of a heart-felt experience with God. The evangelist seeks to know the will of God concerning the lost, first in the home life, then in the Church. Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." (Romans 1:16.)

When we think of evangelism and see how the standard of our morals has been lowered, we are made to wonder if the spirit of evangelism has been felt in the home life and in the church as it should be. We, your committee, therefore recommend the following:

1. That the minister stress the spirit of evangelism in the home.
2. That each Sunday School teacher have a heart-felt experience, and stress evangelism.
3. That each pastor and church put on a special evangelistic program out of heart-felt experience.

In so doing, your committee feels that it will help to evangelize the home, the church and the world.

JOHN Q. PUGH.  
B. H. LOWDERMILK.  
W. E. BROWN.

Rev. M. A. Pollard reported on Moral Reform and by motion the report was adopted as read.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MORAL REFORM.

Now that the actual fighting has ceased in World War II, we find the Church facing one of its greatest opportunities in serving mankind. Everything will be on the increase. Such things as crimes of every nature, drinking, lax morals, degrading attitudes, and so forth, will be more frequent than ever before. Unless the Church is able to do more than just hold its own, it is going to find itself lagging so far behind that its power will only be a passing interest to millions of people who might have been saved by its spirit. A tremendous responsibility rests upon the shoulders of every member of the Christian faith today, which he must carry through or perish. And the tragedy of the thing is that he will not be the only one to suffer for his failure. Countless numbers about him will pay a heavy price for his failure also. The present world has become a community now, and man either lives for the best interest of the whole group or dies. That is, if he is a Christian. If he doesn't live up to the highest spiritual level, he knows his Christianity is void.

The time is now at hand when every single Christian on the face of this earth should forget himself completely and lose himself in the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. We should stop wasting our time in "dilly-dallying" over sectarian differences. The main trouble with too many of us today is that some want to follow Paul, and some Apollos and some this man or that. Unless we are able to settle once and for all on Christ, the Son of the living God, we need not think for a moment that we are ready to face the challenge which confronts the Christian Church today.

There are many, many things which we could mention which ought to be reformed. The word, moral, would cover them all. But the main thing which needs to be reformed here and now is our soul. What do we mean by that? We mean that the Christian Church needs unity of purpose today and unless it has we might as well buckle up our little bags of religion and go home. Man needs to do a little intelligent thinking on his own part, rather than running from first this man and that. Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, is Paul's advice to all. The reason we have so much division in our churches today is that we have failed to think. We are letting someone else think for us. My friends, our advice to you is to put your faith in God and use the brain he gave you from the beginning. That's one of your talents, and when God calls us in for the accounting, many of us are going to have to confess that we haven't used it.

Whether this is a moral reform or not, we urge each of you to place your all on the altar; pray without ceasing and then get out there in your church community and work like mad. You will find that in serving the cause of Christ with all your heart and soul that many of your sectarian differences which seemed to be mountains are no more than "weasly" mole hills. Try this method and see for yourself if it doesn't work.

The heritage passed on to the children of the coming generations by intemperate fathers and mothers, now predominating, can but result in moral decadence. Brewers openly gloated over the opportunity given them by our Government during the war, of developing a nation of beer-drinking boys, as future patrons of their nefarious business. Therefore, be it resolved:

That this Conference, now in session, go on record as registering our protest against the liquor traffic, and urge our leaders to refrain from renewing licenses to sell beers and liquors, and that a copy of this report be sent to county and state officials who have authority to pass on, or legislate, such matters.

KENNETH D. REGISTER.  
M. A. POLLARD.  
PARK W. FISHER.

By motion Conference adjourned until Thursday morning.  
Benediction by Rev. J. F. Morgan.

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#### THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 10:00 A. M., by the President.

Hymn—"My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

Rev. J. U. Fogleman conducted the worship service.

Hymn—"Sweet Hour of Prayer."

Minutes of the previous day were read, corrected, and approved.

Rev. R. T. Grissom, a member of the Eastern North Carolina Conference, was recognized and welcomed by the President.

Rev. J. U. Fogleman was added to the Finance Committee (in lieu of Rev. W. C. Martin).

Rev. G. C. Crutchfield reported for the Committee on Ministerial and Church Relations. Motion was made and seconded

to adopt report. After it was discussed by Rev. G. C. Crutchfield, Rev. W. T. Madren, Dr. F. C. Lester, George T. Gunter, Cyrus Shoffner, Dr. L. E. Smith, the report was adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL AND CHURCH RELATIONS.

The minister is first of all regarded as "God's Messenger." "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion thy God reigneth! Thy watchman shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion." He should study to show himself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

The minister not only needs to know the Book, but should be well informed in the principal doctrines of his particular church. He should know just what his Church stands for, and what it believes.

The minister is the shepherd of the sheep; he is charged with the general welfare of his congregation, he should know them by name, know where they live, so that he could administer to them in whatever way needful and when needed; he should keep in close proximity to his membership, and if a family should move to another city or town he would be in a position to commend them to his neighbor minister and assist both minister and family in tying them into the church wherever they may go.

The minister is charged with the general oversight of the church or churches committed to his charge. His most effective work should be the organizing of his church into convenient and effective units and departments, so that no phase of the work should go lacking. He likewise should be a good business man, seeing to it that his church operates on good business methods. He must be all things to all men.

Jesus said on one occasion, "I have given you an example." The minister should be an example to his congregation in personal matters, as well as in spiritual living.

There must exist between minister and church a most cordial and united spirit of peace and fellowship, united in purpose, in effort, in love, seeking to establish the Kingdom of God in the hearts of men. No good can come to either minister or congregation with envy, bitterness, jealousy, or strife existing in their lives. In unity there is strength. One is impressed with the spirit of devotion that existed between Paul and his disciples. On one occasion the people rose up and stoned Paul, and dragged him out of the city for dead. Howbeit the disciples stood around him and he arose, and continued his preaching. It really means something when a minister stands up in his pulpit to know that his people are there in person, not only waiting for the message, but believing in him with all their hearts. It is the best evidence of Christian strength to be found. In such atmosphere any church will grow.

Therefore we make the following suggestions:

1. That our ministers study the "Manual," prepared by the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, so as to not only be informed themselves as to what our Church stands for and believes, but to be able to speak with clearness when necessary to do so, helping their congregations to likewise know what we are and what we believe.

2. That our ministers be well rounded in the essential doctrines of the Bible, and refrain from issues that have a tendency to divide a congregation.



3. That the church see to it that their minister lives on the field where he serves, and make it possible financially for him to live as any other business man would live, devoting his entire efforts to the promotion and edifying of his congregation.

4. That this Western North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches now in session go on record as approving a two thousand dollar minimum salary, with parsonage, for ministers who give their full time and labors to the church.

5. That both minister and church consecrate their efforts toward a more spiritual endeavor, with the purpose of becoming more evangelistic in her program, both at home and abroad.

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. CRUTCHFIELD.

Rev. J. A. Denton, a member of the Eastern North Carolina Conference, was recognized by the President and welcomed to the Conference.

The report on Christian Education and the Ministry was made by Rev. E. C. Brady. While motion to adopt was pending, Dr. L. E. Smith addressed the Conference in behalf of Elon College. The report was then adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND THE MINISTRY.

The United States of America stands today in an enviable position among the nations of the world. She has been of inestimable value as to war. She has gone fighting with her allies the foes of both Christianity and Democracy. Her wealth has stood her in good stead when her very existence was threatened. Her faith in God was a source of comfort and strength. It is well that with all our riches, we did not forget God. It is well that we did not forget that God has assured us that it is not by might, nor by power alone, but by His spirit. Omnipotence has led us through the valleys and shadows. We stand on the threshold of a new day and a new opportunity. What will be the attitude of those who lead us tomorrow? Will there be abundant room for God in the plans of mankind? Will He soon fade away into nothingness, or will He retain His place above the stars? We have fair warnings as to final destination of those who forget God.

The homes of our land should be more Christian. People in too large numbers do not attend church services as they ought. Therefore, the responsibility rests in some measure on the shoulders of parents in the home. How can parents who are not Christian be fair examples for those who might become such? Yes, it is the hand that rocks the cradle that rules the world.

The church and Sunday School of our day have the biggest task in their history. This is especially true of our own Western North Carolina Conference. Added to the sting and destruction of war, there are other problems that depress us of whose ultimate solution we cannot be sure. Our churches should be alert to the opportunity. There should be forthcoming its burning messages as of old, "Behold the Lamb of God." Fire from heaven should fall and fill all the houses where we are sitting. May there be such a pricking of the conscience that there will be the cry, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" When our boys come back will they find more or less faith in God? Will our program meet their need?



They have lived according to a plan. May we be so ready as to prove that while they were fighting to make it possible for us to work with God in freedom, that we did not forget why they went away.

Elon College is our Church institution. We recommend it to our constituency, with the hope that our people may patronize it when our young people are ready for their higher training.

Brother Fred Register, pursuing a ministerial course at Elon College, and serving Wake Chapel Church, met with the Committee on February 24, 1945, at Ramseur. After examination the Committee recommended his licensure to the Executive Committee. He was licensed by President Cox on March 4th, at Bennett, North Carolina. Brother Register reported to this Committee in writing. He desires his license to be continued. We so recommend.

Brother Shannon Morgan, a licentiate of this Conference, asks for a transfer from this to the North Carolina and Virginia Conference. This request is made because he has accepted full-time work in that Conference. The Committee recommends that Conference grant him a letter of transfer.

We are informed that Revs. R. E. Tally and W. C. Farrell have been ordained by another body and have returned their credentials. We recommend their names be dropped from our Conference roll of licentiates.

Rev. Earl Farrell was ordained at Hank's Chapel, in accordance with the recommendation of your Committee.

Brother J. Caesar Phillips did not appear before the Committee, but stated to the Chairman of the Committee that he no longer desired to be a candidate for the ministry. We recommend that his name be dropped from the list.

Sister Pauline Winslow did not report to the Committee.

Mart Fogleman, from the Pleasant Hill Church, appeared before the Committee and asked to be admitted to Biblical Class. We recommend that he be admitted to Biblical Class, pending a letter of recommendation from his church.

E. CARL BRADY.  
T. J. GREEN.  
JOHN Q. PUGH.  
G. C. CRUTCHFIELD.  
M. A. POLLARD.

Conference adjourned for lunch.

Rev. M. A. Pollard gave the benediction.

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#### THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 1:25 P. M., by the President. Hymn—"Where He Leads Me."

Devotional service was led by Rev. G. C. Crutchfield.

Dr. Frank H. Lewis led in prayer.

Rev. John Gamble, of the Baptist Church, was recognized by the chair and welcomed to Conference.

Superintendent Charles D. Johnston addressed the Conference, using for his subject, "Our Orphanage and Its Opportunities."

Rev. E. Carl Brady reported for the Nominating Committee. By motion the report was adopted and the following officers elected for the ensuing year:

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

## DELEGATES TO THE SOUTHERN CONVENTION:

*Lay*—Miss Lola Farlow, Flint Hill; Lester York, Liberty; Mrs. Thelma Wright, Pleasant Ridge; Paul Wilson, Union Grove; Frances Biles, Albemarle; W. G. Lamb, Randleman.

We recommend that each other church select its delegate and notify the Executive Committee for its approval.

*Ministerial*—H. V. Cox, Ben Joe Earp, J. U. Fogleman, T. J. Green, B. H. Lowdermilk, M. A. Pollard, J. Q. Pugh, Kenneth Register, E. C. Brady, G. C. Crutchfield, C. C. Thomas, W. T. Madren, P. W. Fisher, Earl Farrell, W. C. Martin, D. R. Moffitt.

## REPRESENTATIVES TO NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES:

Ben Joe Earp, Gaither Cincinnatus Crutchfield.

## REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL COUNCIL:

Rev. M. A. Pollard, Cyrus Shoffner, Ollie Mae Beane.

## OFFICERS OF CONFERENCE:

Rev. H. V. Cox, President.

Rev. B. J. Earp, Vice-President.

George T. Gunter, Secretary.

Cyrus Shoffner, Treasurer.

E. C. BRADY.

T. J. GREEN.

W. H. FREEMAN.

Hymn—"Take My Life and Let It Be."

The report of the Committee on Stewardship and Apportionments was submitted by Rev. B. J. Earp. While motion to adopt was pending the report was discussed by Revs. Crutchfield, Madren, Pugh, Smith, Lester and Earp. Motion was made to strike out the item for War Victims and Reconstruction from the Table of Apportionment; that churches through their pastors receive liberal offerings to said fund. Motion was carried. Report was then adopted.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP AND APPORTIONMENTS.

Your committee wishes to report and recommend no new doctrines but the same sacred stewardship truth that began when Abraham paid tithes of all that he possessed, after the order of Melchisedeck. Jesus Christ our Saviour liked the same sweet, sacred simplicity of this consecrated Christian custom; and told the people of his day, indirectly, to tithe their mint, and not to neglect other responsibilities of the coming Kingdom.

Paul emphasized that this timely, touching truth and teaching, should be done weekly and systematically. We eat, drink, sleep, work, play, rest, live, linger and love by system; why not be as good and gracious in having and handling God's money entrusted into our care?

God is the Lord of our possessions just as well as the Saviour of our lives. Stewardship, the choicest of all Christian graces, fully recognizes this fact and acts upon it. Honest stewards bring their tithes and offerings into the church—God's storehouse—on the first day of the week, as Paul admonished the church at Corinth to do.

What a happy day it will be when the members of the churches, pastors and people, that compose the Western North Carolina Congregational Chris-

tian Conference, shall have faith enough in Jesus Christ to take Him at His Word, and trust Him with His share of the possessions intrusted into their care. It will mean a new day has dawned for Kingdom growth in this part of God's universe. We recommend the following apportionments for new year.

BEN JOE EARP, *Chairman.*

A. P. GASTER.

CYRUS SHOFFNER.

### SCHEDULE OF APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1945-46.

	Convention Home Missions	Convention Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues	Conference Fund	Total
Albemarle .....	\$ 48	\$ 48	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 44	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 340
Antioch (C) .....	12	12	17	20	4	6	17	5	12	105
Asheboro .....	18	18	28	30	9	9	20	5	18	155
Bailey's Grove .....	10	10	15	14	4	6	11	3	10	83
Bennett .....	12	12	20	20	4	6	14	2	12	102
Big Oak .....	20	20	25	25	10	10	25	5	10	140
Biscoe .....	18	18	38	24	6	8	20	3	18	153
Brown's Chapel .....	14	14	19	20	6	8	15	4	14	114
Ether .....	30	30	46	24	8	12	20	8	30	208
Flint Hill (M) .....	10	10	20	14	4	6	12	3	12	91
Flint Hill (R) .....	11	11	17	18	4	6	12	3	11	93
Grace's Chapel .....	30	30	56	24	8	12	20	8	20	208
Hank's Chapel .....	60	60	90	60	16	20	50	5	60	421
High Point .....	20	20	45	20	18	10	25	4	20	182
Liberty .....	25	25	25	30	8	8	20	4	15	160
Mt. Pleasant .....	14	14	27	20	6	10	15	3	14	123
Needham's Grove .....	14	14	28	20	6	10	14	4	14	124
New Center .....	14	14	28	20	6	10	14	3	14	123
Patterson's Grove ....	7	7	9	12	5	5	7	2	8	62
Pleasant Cross .....	20	20	29	30	10	10	21	5	20	165
Pleasant Grove .....	25	25	30	30	14	16	25	5	20	190
Pleasant Hill .....	60	60	65	65	20	20	45	9	65	409
Pleasant Ridge .....	70	70	75	65	20	20	45	7	65	437
Pleasant Union .....	10	10	14	20	5	5	11	2	10	87
Providence Chapel ....	5	5	7	10	5	5	6	2	7	52
Ramseur .....	50	50	90	75	20	15	50	5	50	405
Randleman .....	20	20	20	20	5	5	15	3	15	123
Seagrove .....	30	30	35	30	10	10	35	3	30	213
Shady Grove .....	6	6	14	7	6	6	8	1	7	61
Shiloh .....	20	20	21	25	6	7	21	3	20	143
Smithwood .....	20	20	30	25	6	7	22	2	20	152
Sophia .....	10	10	15	25	4	8	15	2	13	102
Spoon's Chapel .....	10	10	25	25	5	5	25	2	15	122
Union Grove .....	10	10	25	30	5	5	20	3	20	128
Zion .....	12	12	20	20	4	6	14	3	12	103
Totals .....	\$765	\$765	\$1128	\$977	\$297	\$332	\$743	\$151	\$721	\$5879

Rev. D. R. Moffitt reported on Superannuation. Motion was made and seconded to adopt the report. Report was adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

Those who God has called to go preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ cannot work like others. They need to study and meditate to show themselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. So when the time comes in life when they have to retire, your committee feels it is the obligation of our churches and our Conference to assist them and their widows in a financial way, which expresses our appreciation and regards for the services they have rendered. We recommend that our churches take an offering at Christmas and also at Communion Services through the year for this purpose.

We also recommend that the same persons as last year share this assistance. These persons are: Mrs. T. E. White and Dr. G. O. Lankford. We also recommend that Rev. W. J. Edwards be added to the list.

D. R. MOFFITT.

B. H. LOWDERMILK.

Report of Committee on Place was made by Rev. L. M. Pressnell and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF PLACE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Place has received no invitations for next year.

Therefore, we recommend the place for Conference next year be left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

L. M. PRESSNELL.

O. C. BROWN.

B. H. LOWDERMILK.

Rev. G. C. Crutchfield reported for the Finance Committee and the report was adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, have examined the books of the Treasurer, Mr. Cyrus Shoffner, and find same to balance.

We recommend the following to be paid from the Conference Fund:

1. That \$10.00 each be paid to Rev. J. Frank Morgan, Dr. Frank H. Lewis, and Miss Laura D. Ward, on traveling expenses.
2. That \$50.00 be paid to the North Carolina Council of Churches.
3. That \$100.00, or the needed amount, be appropriated for the Annuals.
4. That \$25.00 be paid the Secretary for his services, plus necessary postage.
5. That when the bill for the programs is presented that same be paid.
6. That \$5.00 be paid the Treasurer for expenses, and such other expense incurred by the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. CRUTCHFIELD.

L. W. BURGESS.

J. U. FOGLEMAN.



Treasurer Cyrus Shoffner made his annual report. Report was adopted by motion.

### REPORT OF TREASURER.

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, November 10, 1944.....	\$1,483.78	
Collected from November 10, 1944 to November 5, 1945..	209.00	
		<hr/> \$1,692.78

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

George T. Gunter, Secretary, salary and postage.....	\$ 33.20	
North Carolina Council of Churches .....	25.00	
Southern Convention for distribution .....	843.52	
J. Dolph Long, Attorney .....	150.00	
Lambert Printing Co., receipt books .....	2.50	
H. V. Cox, Home Missions—Bennett and Flint Hill (M)..	100.00	
Southern Convention for Annuals .....	100.00	
H. V. Cox, Home Missions—Shady Grove.....	50.00	
Cyrus Shoffner, Treasurer, salary .....	5.00	
		<hr/> \$1,309.72
Balance in Treasury, November 6, 1945.....	\$ 383.06	
Collected at Conference, November 7-8, 1945.....	418.50	
		<hr/> \$ 801.56

CYRUS SHOFFNER, *Treasurer.*

Dr. F. C. Léster reported the amounts collected by the Southern Convention Office (Mrs. Mattie Cox Parker, Convention Treasurer) for the various denominational enterprises.

Rev. B. J. Earp reported for the Committee on Resolutions. The report, with one amendment, was adopted.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We recommend the following:

1. That we thank our officers of the Conference for their fine work .
2. That we are very grateful to Rev. J. Frank Morgan, Miss Laura D. Ward, Dr. F. H. Lewis, Dr. L. E. Smith and Mr. C. D. Johnston for their splendid messages.
3. That by a rising vote, we express our appreciation to the minister and members of the Pleasant Ridge Church, for their fine fellowship, bountiful meals, and generous hospitality shown to the delegates, visitors and ministers of this Conference.
4. That the pleasing presence and personality of Dr. G. O. Lankford and O. D. Lawrence have been missed in this session of Conference, and that the President be requested to write them letters expressing our regrets at their absence.
5. That we pray for God's Spirit to lead us in the work of this Conference in the coming year.
6. That in the interest of our country's and world's welfare we go on record as approving voluntary physical training in our public schools and colleges, but that we are unalterably opposed to universal compulsory mili-

tary training, and respectfully request our people to communicate this vote of our Conference to their Senators and Congressmen.

Respectfully submitted,

B. J. EARP.

M. A. POLLARD.

MRS. E. P. BOROUGHS.

The Chairman announced the Standing Committees for the ensuing year.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Executive*—H. V. Cox, G. O. Lankford, T. J. Green, M. A. Pollard, Cyrus Shoffner, George T. Gunter, W. H. Freeman.

*Home Missions*—T. J. Green, John Q. Pugh, O. C. Brown.

*Foreign Missions*—M. A. Pollard, L. M. Presnell, A. L. Lucas, Walter Wrightsell, Mrs. Earl Stout.

*Christian Education and the Ministry*—E. Carl Brady, T. J. Green, John Q. Pugh, M. A. Pollard, G. C. Crutchfield.

*Religious Literature*—J. U. Fogleman, A. L. Lucas, L. M. Presnell, Arthur Cox, Mrs. Ray Caviness.

*Superannuation*—D. R. Moffitt, B. H. Lowdermilk, B. C. Routh.

*Sunday School and Pilgrim Fellowship*—W. T. Madren, C. C. Thomas, Kenneth Register, Thomas B. Lowe, George T. Gunter.

*Evangelism*—John Q. Pugh, B. H. Lowdermilk, Fred Register, W. L. Burgess, W. E. Brown.

*Stewardship and Apportionment*—Ben Joe Earp, W. C. Martin, A. L. Lucas, A. P. Gaster, Cyrus Shoffner.

*Moral Reform*—Kenneth Register, M. A. Pollard, Park W. Fisher, Caesar Phillips, Mrs. E. P. Boroughs.

*Ministerial and Church Relations*—G. C. Crutchfield, Ben Joe Earp, Park W. Fisher, E. K. Freeman, Paul E. Coble.

*Program*—H. V. Cox, T. J. Green, George T. Gunter.

Motion was made that we omit reading of minutes and Secretary finish the minutes, with approval of the Executive Committee, and complete all other Conference matters.

By motion Conference adjourned to meet November 6, 7, 1946, at some place to be determined by the Executive Committee.

H. V. COX, *President.*

GEO. T. GUNTER, *Secretary.*

## MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

*Brady, E. Carl*—Sermons, 40; members received, 15; conversions, 20; baptisms, 15; funerals, 2; salary, \$350.

*Cox, H. V.*—Sermons, 100; members received, 3; prayer meetings, several; conversions, 17; baptisms, 2; salary, \$1,098.71.

*Crutchfield, G. C.*—Sermons, 116; members received, 6; weddings, 3; conversions, 6; baptisms, 4; funerals, 3; salary, \$1,300.00.

*Earp, Ben Joe*—Sermons, 105; members received, 22; prayer meetings, 48; weddings, 7; conversions, 15; baptisms, 17; addresses, 3; funerals, 5; salary, \$1,800.00.

*Edwards, W. J.*—Retired.

*Farrell, Earl*—Sermons, 66; members received, 7; prayer meetings, 14; weddings, 2; baptisms, several; funerals, several; salary, \$1,200.00.

*Fisher, P. W.*—Sermons, 14; baptisms, 8; salary, \$110.00.

*Fogleman, J. U.*—Sermons, 12; salary, \$86.50.

*Green, Edward F.*—Retired.

*Green, T. J.*—Sermons, 25; funerals, several; salary, \$210.00.

*Lankford, G. O.*—Sermons, 8; weddings, 3; baptisms, 4; addresses, 15; funerals, 3.

*Lowdermilk, B. H.*—Sermons, 65; prayer meetings, 6; weddings, 5; conversions, 15; addresses, 4; funerals, 10; salary, \$382.67.

*Lucas, A. L.*—Sermons, 25; members received, 8; prayer meetings, 20; weddings, 14; conversions, 9; baptisms, 8; addresses, 8; funerals, 11; salary, \$400.00.

*Madren, W. T.*—Sermons, 110; members received, 24; prayer meetings, several; conversions, 20; baptisms, 19; addresses, 1; funerals, 5.

*Martin, W. C.*—No report.

*Moffitt, D. R.*—Sermons, 16; funerals, 2.

*Pollard, M. A.*—Sermons, 128; members received, 6; prayer meetings, 107; weddings, 7; conversions, 6; baptisms, 6; addresses, 9; funerals, 12; salary, \$2,080.00.

*Presnell, L. M.*—Sermons, 87; members received, 18; prayer meetings, 3; conversions, 26; baptisms, 16; addresses, 4; funerals, 9; salary, \$1,088.39.

*Pugh, J. Q.*—Sermons, 64; members received, 4; prayer meetings, many; weddings, 2; conversions, 22; baptisms, 4; funerals, 4; salary, \$651.22.

*Register, K. D.*—Sermons, 125; members received, 21; weddings, 2; conversions, 17; baptisms, 18; addresses, 2; funerals, 4; salary, \$1,600.

*Thomas, C. C.*—Sermons, 85; members received, 6; prayer meetings, 5; weddings, 3; baptisms, 5; addresses, 5; funerals, 1; salary, \$2,035.

## LICENTIATE.

*Register, Fred P.*—Sermons, 36; salary, \$750.

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MONTICELLO CHRISTIAN CHURCH,  
GUILFORD COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,  
NOVEMBER 13-14, 1945.

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## TUESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The One Hundred Twentieth Annual Session of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met with the Monticello Christian Church, Guilford County, North Carolina, on November 13, 1945, and was called to order at 10:00 A. M., by the President, Rev. W. J. Andes.

Rev. Mack V. Welch led the Invocation.

The calling of the Roll of Ministers and Churches showed ten ministers present, and eighty-one delegates representing twenty-nine churches. The president declared a quorum in attendance. The complete enrollment was seventeen ministers and one hundred and six delegates.

### ENROLLMENT.

*Ministers*—W. J. Andes, D. J. Bowden, Ellis N. Clark, Joe A. French, S. C. Harrell, J. L. Neese, C. E. Newman, J. W. Patton, A. Greig Ritchie, H. Shelton Smith, J. Howard Smith, W. W. Snyder, W. M. Stevens, W. E. Wisseman, Bernard V. Munger, C. Shannon Morgan and W. Walter Hall.

*Licentiates*—L. P. Rippy and John H. Sunburn.

### *Churches and Delegates.*

*Apple's Chapel*—Mrs. John Troutman, Mrs. Ora Smith, Mrs. R. E. Apple, Mrs. P. L. Summers.

*Asheville*—Rev. Aubrey C. Todd.

*Belew Creek*—Mrs. H. C. Murray, Mrs. Irwin Neal.

*Berea*—Mrs. Howard Gerring, Mrs. W. L. Iseley.

*Bethel*—Joe H. King, Mrs. George Herndon, Mrs. W. L. Hooper.

*Bethlehem*—Mrs. J. E. Wilkins, Mrs. Carl Gilliam, Clyde Iseley, J. E. Wilkins.

*Burlington*—C. C. Fonville, Mrs. C. C. Fonville, E. B. Rascoe, Miss Mary Deane Browne.

*Carolina*—Mrs. Joe Murray, Miss Betty Lou Councilman, Mrs. W. E. Barnette, Mrs. Grover Pinder.

*Concord*—Mrs. S. W. Travis.



*Danville*—Mrs. H. W. Toler, Mrs. J. H. Dodd, P. E. Ricketts, Mrs. J. R. Davidson.

*Durham*—C. E. Young, Mrs. C. E. Young, Mrs. D. M. Estes, A. J. Glenn.

*Elk Spur*—By letter.

*Elon College*—C. D. Johnston.

*Gibsonville*—By letter.

*Graham, Providence Memorial*—Mrs. O. J. Stuckey, Mrs. W. H. Holt.

*Greensboro, First*—Mrs. S. E. Foster, Mrs. B. S. Cox, Mrs. R. F. Griffin, R. G. Moffitt.

*Greensboro, Palm Street*—Mrs. P. R. Hall, Hayward Parker, Mrs. W. E. Hinshaw.

*Happy Home*—Mrs. Sam Hundley, Mrs. G. D. Ellington, Miss Louise Sparks, Miss Elizabeth Robertson.

*Haw River*—Miss Pearl Smith, Albert Murray, Frank Bain, Mrs. Maude Bason.

*Hebron*—By letter.

*Hines Chapel*—Mrs. R. W. Iseley, Mrs. J. W. Iseley, Miss Vera Gerringer, Holt Gerringer.

*Hopedale*—No report.

*Howard's Chapel*—No report.

*Ingram*—Miss Laura Osborne, H. W. Dunn, L. E. Carlton, Mrs. L. E. Carlton.

*Ivy Hill*—No report.

*Kallam Grove*—Miss Mildred Payne.

*Lebanon*—H. G. Earp, John F. Pointer.

*Liberty*—Mrs. Garland Forlines, Miss Gladys Ragsdale.

*Long's Chapel*—W. E. Barnette, Miss Marjorie Warren.

*Lynchburg*—W. T. Dunn, Mrs. Floyd H. Dunn.

*Mebane*—J. O. Fowler, Edgar Lynch.

*Monticello*—Mrs. Philip Faucette, Mrs. J. W. Faucette.

*Mt. Bethel*—Mrs. J. F. Barker, Mrs. L. P. Rippy, Mrs. I. F. Cummings.

*Mt. Zion*—Mrs. A. P. George, Miss Hazel Tate, Miss Ruby Tate, Mrs. Hattie Lynch.

*New Lebanon*—Miss Laura Sharp, Miss Oweilda Moore.

*Pfafftown*—Miss Annie E. Wilson, Mrs. C. E. Fulk, Mrs. T. S. Scott, Mrs. Mary Fulk.

*Pleasant Grove*—W. O. Farmer, Jesse H. Jones, Mrs. D. J. Sipe.

*Pleasant Ridge*—J. H. Crutchfield, Miss Hattie Pegram.

*Reidsville*—Mrs. Ed Chilton, Mr. and Mrs. Kemp L. Smith, J. H. Turner.

*Rocky Ford*—No report.

*Salem Chapel*—Mrs. C. Y. Fair, Mrs. John C. Crews, Miss Frankye Marshall.

*Shallow Ford*—Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Crawford, Mrs. Jane Huffines, W. E. Walker.

*Tryon, Erskine Memorial*—By letter.

*Union (N. C.)*—J. H. Wilkins, Mrs. W. P. Mahan, Walter Garrison.

*Union (Va.)*—Mrs. Nannie Royster, Mrs. C. E. Newman.

*Winston-Salem*—Russell Klapp.

Rev. Mack V. Welch spoke words of welcome.

Rev. Joe A. French presented the printed program as the report of the Program Committee.

It was moved and carried that the printed program be adopted as the order of business for this session of Conference, subject to such changes as may be voted.

The Report of the Executive Committee was presented.

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

After the last session of Conference it was reported to your Executive Committee that the New Hope Christian Church building had blown down and that the lumber was rotting. An offer was made to purchase the scrap lumber for \$180.00. The Executive Committee authorized the President of the Conference to make the sale of the lumber. The sale was made and the check for \$180.00 was turned over to the Treasurer to be placed to the credit of the Conference Fund.

The Monticello Christian Church extended an invitation to hold this session of Conference as its guest. The Executive Committee accepted the invitation and arranged the program accordingly.

We recommend that the above actions be approved.

W. J. ANDES,  
JOE A. FRENCH,  
STANLEY C. HARRELL,  
*Executive Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the Report of the Executive Committee be adopted.

Rev. C. E. Newman made report as Conference Historian.

It was moved and carried that the Report of Historian be received, and that the data contained therein be furnished to *The Christian Sun* for publication.

The Report of the Committee on Memoirs, prepared by Rev. J. S. Carden, called attention to the passing of Rev. J. L. Foster, a member of the Eastern North Carolina Conference.

The Conference voted to express appreciation of the life and labors of Brother Foster.

The Report of the Committee on Superannuation was presented by Mr. C. D. Johnston.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

The Committee on Superannuation desires to recommend to the Board of Superannuation of the Southern Convention the following named persons to be considered to share in the appropriations by the Board: Rev. J. S. Carden,

Mrs. C. H. Rowland, Mrs. J. W. Knight, Mrs. H. T. Moffitt, Mrs. L. L. Wyrick and Mrs. J. U. Newman.

CHAS. D. JOHNSTON,  
W. H. BOONE,  
ERNEST B. RASCOE,  
*Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the Report of the Committee on Superannuation be adopted.

The following visitors were presented to Conference, and by motion seated as deliberative members: Dr. Frank H. Lewis, Dr. L. E. Smith and Dr. F. C. Lester of the Eastern Virginia Conference; Dr. G. O. Lankford, Rev. M. A. Pollard, Rev. Earl Farrell and Rev. Kenneth Register of the Western North Carolina Conference; Rev. M. T. Sorrell of the Eastern North Carolina Conference; Rev. Ralph C. Bassett of the Moravian Church; Miss Laura D. Ward, Missionary to China of the American Board; Miss Mary Deane Browne, Religious Education Director of the Burlington Church; Miss Ella Fick, Religious Education Director of the Danville Church; Mrs. Mildred G. Reed, representing the Greensboro *News Record*; and Rev. E. J. Arnold, Secretary of the North Carolina Council of Churches.

The president appointed the following Special Committees:

*Press*—Miss Frankye Marshall, Mrs. G. D. Ellington, W. T. Dunn, Mrs. S. E. Foster.

*Nominations*—D. J. Bowden, Miss Vera Gerringer, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, J. Howard Smith.

*Collectors*—Mrs. Mattie Cox Parker, Miss Mary Deane Browne.

*Resolutions*—Mrs. Ed Chilton, Mrs. L. P. Rippy, Miss Hattie Pegram, Mrs. Mary Fulk, Mrs. D. M. Estes.

*Finance*—H. G. Earp, John H. Sunburn, W. H. Garrison.

*Place of Meeting*—Mrs. Nannie Royster, Mrs. Sam Hundley, Allen H. Hurdle.

The Report of the Committee on Ministerial and Church Ethics was presented.

#### REPORT ON MINISTERIAL AND CHURCH ETHICS.

We recommend the following resolutions:

1. That the delegates and ministers of our Conference when they return to their churches give as briefly and concisely as possible an outline of the policies discussed and passed at this Conference.

2. That our ministers and delegates bring before their people an educational program in their churches, in order that all programs of our Convention and Conference may be fully understood. Material for this program may be secured from the Convention Office, and suggestions as to the making of such a program from the Superintendent.

3. That the Committee on the Ministry in cooperation with the President of the Conference make out a list of reading material for our ministers and licentiates, and ask that the Librarian of Elon College cooperate in this program.

4. That our ministers and licentiates endeavor to work in cooperation with the above recommendations to raise the standards of their work in their respective fields.



5. That our pastors when retained by a church fulfill their contract with the church by not changing work in the midst of a conference year unless providentially required to do so.

6. That our ministers and church members endeavor to let the Light of Christ's life shine in them that others may have the desire to seek the Savior of the World.

M. L. POLLARD,

L. P. RIPPY,

*Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the Report on Ministerial and Church Ethics be adopted.

The Report of the Committee on the Ministry was presented.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY.

We, your Committee on the Ministry, submit the following report:

Rev. Bernard V. Munger has accepted the pastorate of the Providence Memorial Church of Graham, N. C. The Washington Association of Congregational Christian Churches of which Mr. Munger has been a member, has forwarded a certificate of his membership to the North Carolina and Virginia Conference. We recommend that Mr. Munger be received and duly enrolled as an Elder of this Conference.

Rev. A. D. Beittel, an Elder in this Conference, and until recently Dean of Guilford College, has accepted the presidency of Talladega College. He requests a letter of transfer to the Alabama Conference of Congregational Christian Churches. We recommend that his request be granted and that a letter of transfer be issued.

Rev. A. Greig Ritchie has accepted the pastorate of the Chapel Hill Congregational Christian Church, and requests a letter of transfer to the Eastern North Carolina Conference. We recommend that his request be granted and a transfer of his membership be issued.

Rev. W. Walter Hall, a licentiate of this Conference, is serving as pastor of Shallow Ford Church. The church has recommended the ordination of Mr. Hall, and requests that he be ordained at this session of Conference. Mr. Hall is now completing the requirements for graduation from Elon College. We have carefully examined Mr. Hall as to his qualifications and fitness for ordination. We recommend that he be ordained at this session of Conference.

Rev. C. Shannon Morgan, who was licensed by the Western North Carolina Conference, has been granted as a licentiate a letter of transfer to this Conference. Mr. Morgan is now serving as pastor of Happy Home Church. That church recommends him for ordination and requests that he be ordained at this Conference. We have carefully examined Mr. Morgan as to his fitness and qualifications for ordination; and we recommend that he be ordained at this session of Conference.

Brother John H. Sunburn was voted licensure by the last session of this Conference, the licensing to be done as soon as he had met the educational requirements for licensure. Mr. Sunburn completed the educational requirements last May. In keeping with the vote of Conference, the President, Rev. W. J. Andes, licensed Mr. Sunburn as a probationer.

Rev. Thomas D. Sutton was licensed at the last session of Conference. He is now serving as pastor of Pope's Chapel, Beulah and Oak Level Churches in the Eastern North Carolina Conference, and is continuing his studies at Wake Forest College. We recommend that Brother Sutton be continued as a licentiate.



Brother Mack V. Welch has completed the educational requirements for licensure and is recommended by Berea Church of which he is a member, and by Hines Chapel and Monticello Churches, which he is now serving as pastor. After due examination we recommend that Brother Welch be licensed by this session of Conference.

Brother Allen L. Hurdle, who was enrolled as a member of the Biblical Class at the last session of Conference, has met the educational requirements for licensure, and is recommended by the Burlington Christian Church, of which he is a member, as a suitable candidate for the ministry. After due examination we recommend that Brother Hurdle be licensed at this session of Conference.

Rev. L. P. Rippy, who was licensed at the last session of Conference, has had no regular pastorate, but has been doing supply work as opportunity arose. We recommend that he be continued as a Licentiate.

We recommend the continuance of Rev. I. T. Underwood as a Licentiate.

Brother William F. Meacham, who has been enrolled as a member of the Biblical Class of this Conference, is now preaching as a Methodist supply pastor. We recommend that his name be dropped from the Biblical Class.

We recommend that Brothers Clyde L. Fields and Staley M. Sorrell be continued as members of the Biblical Class.

STANLEY C. HARRELL,  
H. R. CLEM,  
W. E. WISSEMAN,  
D. J. BOWDEN,  
W. M. STEVENS,

*Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the Report of the Committee on the Ministry be adopted.

The Committee on Evangelism made a report.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

We recommend that:

1. Every church in this Conference put forth a double effort this year to win others to the Christ; not necessarily to the church, but to the Christ. If this is done they will come to the church.
2. To do this, some method must be devised that will carry the Gospel out to the people, for in most cases those who need to be won to the Christ today do not attend the church.
3. We pray for the baptism of the Holy Spirit as we have never prayed before, that we may be led into the channels of His service which will be most successful.

KENNETH D. REGISTER,  
J. L. NEESE,  
M. V. WELCH,  
W. WALTER HALL,  
EARL FARRELL,

*Committee.*

It was moved and seconded that the Report of the Committee on Evangelism be adopted.

Pending the vote, Rev. E. J. Arnold conducted a panel discussion on Evangelism, as follows:

Mr. Arnold spoke on "The Need for Evangelism."

"Evangelism and Returned Service Men" was discussed by Rev. Stanley C. Harrell.

Professor Merton French presented "Evangelism Through Education."

"Evangelism in the Home," Rev. Earl Farrell.

Professor D. J. Bowden spoke on "Recruiting New Ministers."

Dr. Frank H. Lewis closed the panel with an address on "Evangelism and Post War Plans."

By vote the Report on Evangelism was adopted.

Dr. W. E. Wisseman, scheduled for the devotional, suggested that after the message of the hour, the Conference unite in singing: "Lead On, O King Eternal," and join in the Benediction.

Conference adjourned for lunch at 12:30.

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## FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference reconvened at 1:30.

The Committee on Stewardship reported.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

The measure of success which any local church achieves in the fulfilling of its opportunities in its community is a good indication of the manner in which it has used the resources at its command. This is also true of groups of churches associated in using larger opportunities. As local churches, and as a Conference, if we are good stewards over the resources of time, talent, and material assets available for us, we will, and do, make noticeable progress in fulfilling our opportunities.

If you will examine the records of the churches of our Conference, as shown in *The Year Book*, for the past five years, you will find that we contributed an average of \$10.10 per member for all purposes in 1940; \$12.63 per member in 1942; \$15.55 in 1943 and \$15.95 in 1944. Of these amounts, the following was for missions and other benevolences: \$1.89 in 1940; \$2.63 in 1942; \$3.49 in 1943, and \$3.65 in 1944. We are making some progress year by year.

If we look at these figures for the individual churches for the year 1944 along with the number of members received, we will find that in most cases the churches, both rural and urban, which gave more than the average in money are the churches which received the largest comparative number of new members and those which gave less than the average were the churches which received the smaller comparative number of new members. No doubt this is also true of other years.

From this we may see that when we are faithful in one part of our stewardship it leads to faithfulness in other parts. If our churches are to survive and serve as they should, we must become aware of the full scope of our stewardship and set ourselves to the task of fulfilling its every demand.

We recommend that the churches of this conference set as their minimum goal for giving for the conference year, 1945-46, \$5.00 average per member for

missions and other benevolences, and \$15.00 average per member for current and other home expenses, making a total of \$20.00 average per member for all purposes.

W. MILLARD STEVENS,  
O. H. KING,  
W. B. TRUITT,  
CLAUDE WALKER,  
*Committee.*

After discussion, the Report on Stewardship was by motion adopted.

Revs. Bernard V. Munger, C. Shannon Morgan and A. C. Todd were presented to Conference and seated as deliberative members.

The Treasurer's Report was presented.

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

##### RECEIPTS.

Balance October 26, 1944 .....	\$1,182.33	
Received during the year from collectors .....	2,895.30	
New Hope Church sale, Andes .....	180.00	
Elon College .....	65.00	
Burlington Church .....	115.00	
Burlington, Lester .....	16.00	
Mrs. Mattie Parker .....	185.00	
Interest .....	12.35	
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		\$4,650.98

##### DISBURSEMENTS.

Draft No. 169 .....	\$ 12.00	
Draft No. 170 .....	60.00	
Draft No. 171 .....	75.00	
Draft No. 172 .....	2,862.96	
Draft No. 173 .....	150.75	
Draft No. 174 .....	25.00	
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		3,185.71

Balance in Treasury, November 8, 1945 ..... \$1,465.27

##### EXPLANATION OF BALANCE.

Elon College loan fund 1944-45 .....	\$ 477.96	
Interest 1944-45 .....	9.54	
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Total College Fund .....	\$ 487.50	
New Hope Church Sale, Andes .....	180.00	
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		667.50

Balance for Conference Fund ..... \$ 797.77

W. WALDO BOONE,  
*Treasurer.*

It was moved and carried that the Report of the Treasurer be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Dr. W. E. Wisseman reporting for the Committee on Apportionments, recommended and moved that the Apportionments for 1945-46 be the same as were adopted for 1944-45. The motion was seconded and voted.

## SCHEDULE OF APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1945-46.

	Convention Home Missions	Convention Foreign Missions	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Conference Fund	Per Capita Dues	Total Apportionment
Apple's Chapel .....	\$ 48	\$ 42	\$ 114	\$ 111	\$ 30	\$ 32	\$ 64	\$ 32	\$ 35	\$ 508
Asheville .....	11	17	21	22	6	22	11	6	8	108
Belew Creek .....	19	13	24	37	12	16	35	17	9	182
Berea .....	19	13	24	37	13	9	35	17	10	177
Bethel .....	18	18	60	50	9	9	18	9	14	205
Bethlehem .....	49	42	107	116	30	30	65	32	27	498
Burlington .....	144	418	2300	500	110	110	205	115	64	3966
Carolina .....	13	6	15	22	10	7	30	15	6	124
Concord .....	21	15	36	44	15	10	30	18	9	198
Danville .....	120	120	50	50	20	55	45	25	64	549
Durham .....	197	190	310	440	90	112	200	93	35	1667
Elk Spur .....	7	3	10	9	5	2	15	12	2	65
Elon College .....	136	130	207	352	70	70	155	65	35	1220
Gibsonville .....	24	18	37	50	15	20	40	20	17	241
Graham-Providence ...	12	5	8	19	8	5	15	13	6	91
Greensboro, First .....	169	163	262	440	70	75	190	76	36	1481
Greensboro, Palm St. .	36	36	100	94	18	18	36	18	21	377
Happy Home .....	40	34	87	90	30	27	55	27	22	412
Haw River .....	38	30	77	88	20	19	45	27	13	357
Hebron .....	20	13	27	40	10	10	20	18	9	167
Hines Chapel .....	41	35	87	94	20	27	55	28	17	404
Hopedale .....	14	8	17	26	10	8	20	16	8	127
Howard's Chapel .....	5	2	10	9	5	5	5	8	2	51
Ingram .....	56	48	125	136	30	28	65	36	17	541
Ivy Hill .....	6	1	3	3	3	3	5	11	0	35
Kallam Grove .....	14	8	15	25	10	8	15	16	7	118
Lebanon .....	21	14	35	44	12	10	30	18	11	195
Liberty .....	21	14	32	44	13	9	30	19	16	198
Long's Chapel .....	27	20	47	57	15	13	35	21	13	248
Lynchburg .....	27	20	47	57	15	13	40	21	10	250
Mebane .....	4	2	10	17	10	5	5	12	2	67
Monticello .....	15	8	20	25	10	8	25	16	7	134
Mt. Bethel .....	22	22	60	55	11	11	22	11	5	219
Mt. Zion .....	24	18	42	52	15	11	40	19	13	234
New Lebanon .....	35	28	72	80	20	18	40	26	15	334
Pfafftown .....	10	4	10	15	10	6	15	14	2	86
Pleasant Grove .....	30	24	60	64	20	22	45	22	21	308
Pleasant Ridge .....	15	8	20	29	10	6	20	16	4	128
Reidsville .....	64	58	157	160	25	40	80	40	44	668
Rocky Ford .....	7	3	10	9	5	2	15	12	2	65
Salem Chapel .....	15	9	20	30	10	6	30	16	10	146
Shallow Ford .....	30	24	62	66	15	15	50	23	16	301
Tryon, Erskin Mem. . .	39	33	80	88	25	20	50	28	16	379
Union, N. C. ....	35	27	69	80	25	17	56	50	26	385
Union, Va. ....	40	34	87	94	25	24	50	28	35	417
Winston-Salem .....	15	7	10	20	8	10	15	16	3	104
Totals .....	\$1773	\$1805	\$5083	\$3990	\$968	\$987	\$2167	\$1198	\$764	\$18735



Rev. W. Millard Stevens presented the program and achievements of the North Carolina Council of Churches.

The Report of the Board of Home Missions was presented.

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

We recommend:

1. That \$1,800 be set as the minimum salary for each minister giving his full time to his church work. If the churches find it impossible to meet this minimum, the Board of Home Missions will be glad to help find some resources to supplement the minister's salary.

2. That while recognizing \$1,800 as a minimum salary, we should endeavor to raise the salary of our ministers to an average of \$2,000 for each full-time minister. We further recognize that without more compensation, our ministers will be under pressure to accept higher salaries outside of our Convention area.

3. That each pastorate should have a parsonage, or pay the rent of its minister (this in addition to his minimum salary, if a full-time minister). That the parsonage should not only be conveniently located, but also be equipped with modern conveniences.

4. That all churches desiring aid from the Southern Convention Mission Board should make application through the Home Mission Board.

5. That we strengthen our rural churches by encouraging neighboring churches to form a pastorate.

6. That we should support the work of the C. M. A., having memberships in each church of the Conference. We suggest that one Sunday be set aside as C. M. A. Day to gain memberships.

7. That no mission grant from the C. M. A. to any church or group of churches should exceed \$400.00 in one calendar year.

8. That we should cooperate in denominational and interdenominational programs for the furtherance of community interests in spiritual advancement.

A. GREIG RITCHIE,  
MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN,  
WALSTEIN SNYDER,  
MRS. HOWARD GERRINGER,  
W. T. DUNN,

*Committee.*

The adoption of the Board of Home Missions' Report was deferred until after the C. M. A. Session.

The president announced an Ordaining Presbytery, composed of Revs. C. E. Newman, F. C. Lester and W. M. Stevens; Mr. Newman to present the Bible, Mr. Lester to deliver the Charge to the candidates and Mr. Stevens to lead the Ordination Prayer. Rev. Mark W. Andes was asked to present the candidates for licensure, and Rev. A. Greig Ritchie to present the candidates for ordination.

The Conference gave attention to the theme: "Christian Education for Today."

Professor Merton French stressed the importance of patience, understanding and sympathy in the training of children; and emphasized the fact that the home and the church school must cooperate in the training of children. He offered the following suggestions:

The church school through its Beginners and Primary Departments can, and should, furnish the homes of the church the books appropriate to the children's ages for the parents to read to the children and for the children to read themselves. This will not be a financial burden if the books are circulated as a lending library and used for a month or two in each home. The office of the Superintendent, Dr. F. C. Lester, will be glad to furnish a list of the recommended books to Beginners and Primary teachers for this purpose. Juniors and Intermediates are capable and interested in participating in the families' religious devotions.

Miss Helen Cobb presented the work of Pilgrim Fellowship in the Conference.

Rev. John H. Sunburn spoke of the Student Christian Association activities.

Rev. W. Millard Stevens spoke of this Conference's part in the Elon College Endowment for Christian Education.

President L. E. Smith closed the discussion of Christian Education with an address entitled, "The College Campaign and Christian Education."

The Entertainment Committee made report.

The Conference adjourned.

The closing prayer was led by Rev. A. Greig Ritchie.

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### FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Dr. W. E. Wisseman conducted the Worship Service, using as his theme: "Divine Choice."

Following the devotional, the President, Rev. W. J. Andes, licensed Brothers Mack V. Welch and Allen L. Hurdle as probationers to preach the gospel. The candidates were presented by Rev. Mark W. Andes. Rev. Joe A. French led the prayer.

An Ordaining Presbytery composed of Revs. C. E. Newman, F. C. Lester and W. Millard Stevens ordained Revs. C. Shannon Morgan and W. Walter Hall. The candidates were presented by Rev. A. Greig Ritchie. Dr. F. C. Lester made the Charge to the candidates, Dr. C. E. Newman presented the Bible, and Rev. W. M. Stevens led the Ordination Prayer.

Dr. W. E. Wisseman administered Communion and the meeting closed with the Benediction.

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### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 9:30.

Prayer was led by Rev. Ellis N. Clark.

Minutes of previous sessions were read and approved, and delegates were enrolled.

The Conference business was suspended for the session of the Conference Missionary Association. The minutes of the C. M. A. are included in THE ANNUAL.

When the Conference resumed business, the Report of the Home Mission Board was adopted by motion.

Supt. C. D. Johnston spoke on, "Our Orphanage."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was presented.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We are glad to note an increased interest among our churches in Foreign Missions. Several facts confirm this interest.

The North Carolina Woman's Missionary Conference has been making commendable progress in its work. Over the past two years there has been a large increase in the missions contributions of our Missionary Societies.

The Southern Convention has approved the re-staffing of the Shaowu Mission in China as a project for the Convention, and the Mission Board is now making plans for the Convention to finance the project.

The Rev. and Mrs. Richard L. Jackson have volunteered to go to Shaowu and are now in school preparing themselves for the work.

The selection of the Shaowu Mission by the Woman's Board of the Southern Convention as a special project for next year will create more interest in missions. The Thank Offering to be received by the Missionary Societies for Shaowu will increase the mission offering of many of our churches and make it possible for more of them to go over the top with the goal of one (\$1.00) dollar per member for Foreign Missions.

Increased contributions to Foreign Missions is indicated by the reports of the churches to this Conference. According to the reports, nine of our churches have met the request of your committee to contribute \$1.00 per member to Foreign Missions, viz: Burlington, Berea, Durham, Elon College, Greensboro, First, Ingram, Pleasant Ridge, Reidsville and Winston-Salem. The Danville Church has contributed far beyond \$1.00 per member for Foreign Missions but the funds have not gone through Southern Convention agencies.

The Rev. and Mrs. Preston S. Hinderks, missionaries-elect of the Reidsville Church, have not yet been able to secure visas to Angola, but expect to sail when permission is secured.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That our churches and Sunday schools give emphasis this year to the proposed Shaowu Mission Project.
2. That our churches, Sunday schools and organized groups ask the American Board for projects, such as the support of native pastors and students, in foreign fields, for whom they can assume the support.
3. That all missionary agencies in our Conference continue their efforts to increase their contributions to Foreign Missions to one (\$1.00) dollar per member.

JOE A. FRENCH,  
PERCY RICKETTS,  
MRS. C. H. ROWLAND,  
MRS. J. D. STRADER,  
*Committee.*

Pending the adoption of the Report, Dr. F. C. Lester spoken on: "The Shaowu Mission."



Miss Laura D. Ward, a missionary to China under the American Board, addressed the Conference relative to mission work in South China.

Mrs. W. E. Wisseman spoke on: "War Victims and Reconstruction."

On motion the Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was adopted.

Mrs. Jerry D. Strader gave a summary of the splendid year's work of the North Carolina Woman's Mission Conference.

Dr. W. E. Wisseman conducted the period of worship, using as his theme, "Crusading Christians," and gave thanks for the noon meal.

The Conference adjourned for lunch.

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## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 1:30.

Prayer was led by Rev. Aubrey C. Todd.

The Committee on Place reported that no invitations had been received to hold the next session.

It was moved and carried that the Executive Committee be authorized to determine the place for the next session.

Mr. W. T. Dunn made a verbal report as to what is being done by the Virginia Council of Churches.

The Committee on Press reported that due publicity had been given the sessions of the Conference through the local press.

The Committee on Resolutions reported.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We recommend:

1. That we thank the President for his promptness during Conference and all officers and committees for their inspiration and zeal.

2. That by a rising vote we express our thanks to the pastor and the people of the Monticello Church, and to the school for the entertainment, the many kindnesses and the lovely meals served during Conference.

3. That we express thanks to Rev. E. J. Arnold and the panel group for the very fine and inspiring thoughts on Evangelism.

4. That the Conference present a Bible to each minister ordained by Conference.

5. That our churches give more time and thought to our young people and that study classes be formed for our men and women returning from the armed forces, thus enabling them to become better prepared for the work of the church.

6. That we show our love and appreciation to Dr. L. E. Smith for his untiring efforts for Elon College by returning to our homes and churches, accepting the apportionments for Elon College, and raising them at once.

7. That special emphasis be given to the C. M. A. during the year.



8. That we express our thanks to Miss Laura D. Ward for being in our Conference and for bringing us the interesting message on China.

9. That we express the thanks of the Conference to Mrs. Mildred G. Reed for being present and for reporting the proceedings of Conference to the daily press.

MRS. EDD CHILTON,  
MISS HATTIE PEGRAM,  
MRS. L. P. RIPPY,  
MRS. MARY FULK,  
MRS. D. M. ESTES,  
*Committee.*

On motion the Report of the Resolutions Committee was adopted by a standing vote.

The Collectors reported \$745.00 received at Conference for Conference Fund. The total amount paid for the Conference Fund during the year amounted to \$934.00. (See Statistical Tables for amounts paid on other Conference Apportionments.)

The Finance Committee made its report.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Finance Committee, have examined the report of the Treasurer, and find it verified by vouchers and the statement of the Morris Plan Industrial Bank as to the balance in the bank. To the best of our knowledge we find the report correct.

We recommend:

1. That the secretary be paid \$50.00 for his services and \$10.00 for postage and stationery.

2. That the bills for ANNUALS, report blanks and programs be paid as soon as the amount is known by the treasurer.

3. That the treasurer be authorized to pay \$10.00 for the expenses of Dr. Frank H. Lewis and \$10.00 for the expenses of Miss Laura D. Ward.

4. That \$100.00 be paid to the North Carolina Council of Churches and \$35.00 to the Virginia Council of Churches for the support of the work they are doing.

J. H. SUNBURN,  
H. G. EARP,  
WALTER H. GARRISON,  
*Committee.*

It was moved and carried to amend the Report of the Finance Committee to the effect that \$250.00 be paid from the Conference Fund to the Convention Treasurer to be credited to the Scholarship Fund for students in divinity schools.

It was moved and carried that the Report of the Finance Committee as amended be adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Social Action was presented.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION.

This Committee is, as its name suggests, a group concerned, not primarily with theological or social theory, but with action in the realm of human relations in light of the Christian ethic. We, therefore, make no apology for directing the attention of this Conference to certain aspects of current society which merit serious thought and action.

1. To begin with, we remind this Conference of the fact that war veterans are now streaming back into every local community and thus are once more directly available to the churches for recruitment and spiritual enrichment. After an unparalleled season of slaughter, many of them are calloused in spirit; many are sagged in their morals; many are maimed in body; and doubtless all of them are hungry for normal social companionship. If these youth are not reached by the church and brought under vital religious commitment, the Christian movement in America will be greatly weakened during the next generation. The time to act on their behalf is now!

2. The Congregational Christian Churches of America have launched a three-year (1945-48) *Postwar Emergency Program* to raise the sum of \$4, 500,000 for reconstruction both at home and abroad. Objectives of this movement include the following: (a) to provide food, clothing and medical care for war victims; (b) to rebuild churches, schools, and hospitals destroyed or damaged by war; (c) to strengthen the American churches in order that they may be equal to their post-war tasks; (d) to promote fraternal relations between races, nations, and economic groups. The booklet announcing this undertaking says: "The Postwar Emergency Program is our attempt to face the total mission of the church in the most critical hour of our generation." This program of expansion is not only timely, it is imperative; and the Committee recommends that it be endorsed by this Conference and heartily commended to the churches.

3. The emergence of the atomic bomb has created world-wide repercussions, and its effect on international relations is bound to be great. On September 18, 1945, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America issued an extensive statement, a paragraph from which reads as follows: "Atomic bombs and rockets in the separate hands of competing states would tend to precipitate total war, because of the mutual fears of annihilating aggression. Consequently the establishment of a single world control of destructive atomic power is an urgent necessity. Unless it can be achieved in the short period while the United States alone possesses atomic bombs, it may be difficult or impossible to achieve. We urge our government to state now its intention to place the new discovery under a world-wide authority as soon as all states will submit to effective controls. We also urge the government to press without delay for the creation of such controls."

Recent events tend to suggest that our government may complacently assume that peace can be preserved by the establishment of national control over this most frightful weapon. Any such notion, according to the scientists who produced the bomb, would be utterly stupid; and would be blindly exposing this nation along with other peoples to possible mass destruction. Your Committee, therefore, requests this Conference to give its full endorsement to the statement of the Federal Council.

4. This leads us to the thorny question of compulsory military training in the United States, an issue which cannot be dodged by the church. In his recent speech on foreign policy, the President spoke exultingly of the fact that the United States is now militarily the strongest nation on earth. Even so, he urged America at once to compel every able-bodied youth to enter a military training camp for a year.

To be sure, Mr. Truman paid verbal tribute to the possible service of the United Nations Organization, but he revealed no solid faith in it as an effective medium of world peace and security. On the contrary, his real confidence seems to rest in armed might. Thus there is a danger that the very nation which took the leadership in the creation of the United Nations Organization will also be one of the first powers to render it impotent. This would be a tragic epigraph to the millions who gave their lives in World War II.

We recognize that force is a definite factor in the present life of nations, and thus we do not believe that the United States can safely abandon the essential means of national security. But neither do we believe that military might alone will save a nation from catastrophe. Furthermore, we are certain that America will forfeit her primacy as peace missionary if she immediately launches the most formidable military training program in the world. In previous history that nation which has armed itself to the teeth has without exception been held in suspicion by other powers.

Your Committee, therefore, asks this Conference to petition the President of the United States to hold in abeyance his proposed program of universal military training, and to use his utmost influence to make the United Nations Organization an effective instrument of world peace and security.

5. In recent years, thanks primarily to Robert Lee House, Franklinton Institute has been largely rejuvenated. The Institute now serves not only as an in-service training agency for Negro ministers of North Carolina and Virginia, but also as a center of fellowship between white and colored ministers of our churches in this area.

Confidence in the new program is shown by the fact that the Home Board of the Congregational Christian Churches has agreed to provide a full-time director to live at Franklinton and promote its general educational and religious enterprises. This will insure the Institute's growth and development.

The present plant, however, leaves much to be desired. The administration building is pathetically in need of reconditioning, and the one new structure that was started a few years ago still stands there with an unfinished interior, to say nothing of adequate furnishings. It is a shocking thing to reflect upon the fact that a church whose white Congregational Christian college is denied to Negroes by law is content to leave Franklinton in this doleful condition. It makes our theory of equality of educational opportunity under segregation look like a sorry rationalization.

Franklinton is now seeking to raise the modest sum of of \$20,000 with which to remedy this situation somewhat. *The Christian Sun* has ably voiced the need. Your Committee on Social Action cannot think of a more worthy project by which to enrich Negro-white relations than for this Conference to help Franklinton attain its financial goal. We, therefore, recommend that the Conference endorse this financial campaign and request its constituent local churches to make a special offering for this purpose. It is suggested that Race Relations Sunday (February 10, 1946) be the occasion for this offering. All funds should be sent to the Superintendent of the Southern Convention for transmissal to Reverend Robert Lee House, treasurer of Franklinton.

Respectfully submitted,

H. SHELTON SMITH,  
MRS. O. H. PARIS,  
MRS. H. A. GLEASON,  
J. HOWARD SMITH,

*Committee.*

Dr. Shelton Smith led in the discussion of the Report, and many others participated in the discussion.

It was moved and carried that the Report on Social Action be adopted and that copies of the parts of the Report dealing with the atomic bomb and universal compulsory military training be sent to the President, the Chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, and the Chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee.

The Report of the Committee on Religious Literature was presented.



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The Committee recommended a long list of books and Bible study helps which should be in church school libraries, and which should be a part of the religious education program.

The following suggestions were offered relative to *The Christian Sun*:

1. That a committee of at least two persons be formed in every church whose duty it shall be to publicize *The Sun* in such a way that all will come to realize its value. It may be used regularly in classes, worship services, prayer meetings and in the homes. Used copies should be passed on to those who otherwise would not have them.

2. That some means be found to get frequent letters or reports in *The Christian Sun* from a larger number of churches. Some are seldom, if ever, heard from. This may well be the reason many people do not look forward to reading the church paper. It should be the newspaper of all our work.

3. To meet the present situation, churches may well set aside a sum of money known as *The Christian Sun* Fund, to be used for subscriptions for those who are sick, for shut-ins, and for others whom they wish to interest.

FRANKYE MARSHALL,  
MRS. G. D. ELLINGTON,  
LILLIE D. FOWLER,  
MRS. H. D. LAMBETH,  
*Committee.*

Dr. F. C. Lester spoke relative to *The Christian Sun*.

It was moved and carried that the Report of the Committee on Religious Literature be adopted.

The Committee on Nominations reported.

## REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

## CONFERENCE OFFICIALS.

*President*—Rev. Joe A. French.

*Vice-President*—Dr. Merton B. French.

*Secretary*—Rev. Stanley C. Harrell.

*Assistant Secretary*—Mr. George D. Colclough.

*Treasurer*—Dr. W. Waldo Boone.

*Conf. Representative Southern Convention Executive Board*—Joe A. French.

## REPRESENTATIVES TO N. C. COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

*Ministerial*—Rev. W. J. Andes; Alternate, Rev. D. J. Bowden.

*Lay*—Mrs. W. E. Wisseman; Alternate, Mr. W. H. Garrison.

## REPRESENTATIVES TO VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

Rev. J. Howard Smith; Alternate, Rev. C. E. Newman.

## CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS.

*President*—Rev. W. M. Stevens.

*Vice-President*—Rev. Mack V. Welch.

*Secretary*—Rev. Kenneth Register.

*Treasurer*—Rev. Walstein Snyder.

## HOME MISSION BOARD.

W. M. Stevens, Chairman; Mrs. J. D. Strader, W. T. Dunn, Mrs. O. H. Paris, W. W. Snyder, Mrs. Howard Gerringer, H. A. Gleason, C. R. Wicker.

## DELEGATES TO THE SOUTHERN CONVENTION.

Apple's Chapel: Mrs. R. M. Murrell, Route 1, Gibsonville, N. C.; Mrs. R. E. Apple, Route 1, Whitsett, N. C.; Berea: Mrs. W. S. Franks, Route 1,



Elon College; Bethel: J. F. O'Ferrell, Route 2, Burlington, N. C.; Bethlehem: James E. Wilkins, Route 1, Elon College, N. C.; Mrs. C. H. Gilliam, Route 4, Elon College, N. C.; Burlington: W. R. Sellars, Mrs. W. R. Sellars, Mrs. V. R. Holt, Mrs. D. R. Fonville; Concord: E. B. Tate, Route 2, Burlington, N. C.; Durham: Mrs. D. M. Estes, 104 W. Club Boulevard; C. E. Young, 211 W. Trinity Avenue; Danville: P. H. Ricketts, Rocklawn Avenue; A. W. Haraway, N. Main Street; S. D. Mason, Route 1; R. L. Cook, Route 1; Greensboro, First: Mrs. O. H. Paris, 710 Fifth Avenue; J. A. May, 1801 W. Market Street; Greensboro, Palm Street: T. H. Hussey, 2204 Poplar Street; P. R. Hall, Route 3; Happy Home: J. D. Carter, Route 2, Ruffin, N. C.; Alternate, Mrs. G. D. Ellington, Route 3, Reidsville, N. C.; Haw River: H. Karl Bason, Route 1, Mebane, N. C.; Hebron: H. Wesley Williamson, Buffalo Junction, Va.; Hines Chapel: Miss Vera Gerringer, Route 1, Brown Summit, N. C.; Ingram: L. E. Carlton, Paces, Va.; Alternate, H. W. Dunn, Paces, Va.; Liberty: B. E. Bray, Nathalie, Va.; Lynchburg: W. T. Dunn, 4873 Fort Ave; Monticello: Mrs. J. W. Faucette, Brown Summit, N. C.; Mt. Zion: Zeb H. Lynch, Box 231, Elon College, N. C.; Mt. Bethel: L. P. Rippey, Route 4, Reidsville, N. C.; New Lebanon: J. I. Sharpe, Route 4, Reidsville, N. C.; Pfafftown: Mrs. T. S. Scott, Pfafftown, N. C.; Pleasant Grove: Jesse H. Jones, Halifax, Va.; W. O. Farmer, News Ferry, Va.; Pleasant Ridge: Miss Hattie Pegram, Kernersville, N. C.; Salem Chapel: Miss Frankye Marshall, Route 2, Walnut Cove, N. C.; Shallow Ford: R. S. Crawford, Route 2, Elon College, N. C.; Union (N. C.): Mrs. W. H. Garrison, Route 2, Burlington, N. C.; Mrs. W. T. Pace, Route 2, Burlington, N. C.; Union (Va.): Mrs. T. W. Chandler, Virgilina, Va.; G. W. Pollard, Virgilina, Va.; Winston-Salem, Russell Klapp, 442 Brent Street; Alternate, Miss Ruth Willis, 1180 N. Sunset Drive.

The Nominating Committee recommends that the Executive Committee of Conference be authorized to complete the delegation to the Southern Convention.

D. J. BOWDEN,  
MISS VERA GERRINGER,  
MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN,  
J. HOWARD SMITH,

*Committee.*

The Nominating Committee recommends that the Executive Committee of Conference be authorized to complete the delegation to the Southern Convention.

It was moved and carried that the Report of the Nominating Committee be adopted and the Secretary instructed to cast the ballot of Conference in favor of the nominees.

The Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference as directed and the nominees were declared elected.

It was moved and carried that the minutes of this session of Conference be printed in THE ANNUAL and that this Conference purchase 225 copies for pro-rata distribution to the churches.

Standing Committees of Conference for the coming year were given.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Executive*—Joe A. French, M. B. French, Stanley C. Harrell.

*Program*—Joe A. French, W. J. Andes, Stanley C. Harrell and pastor of host church.

- Home Mission Board*—W. M. Stevens, Mrs. J. D. Strader, W. T. Dunn, Mrs. O. H. Paris, W. W. Snyder, Mrs. Howard Gerringer, H. A. Gleason, C. R. Wicker.
- Foreign Missions*—W. J. Andes, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Percy Ricketts, Clyde L. Fields, R. S. Crawford.
- Christian Education*—D. J. Bowden, L. E. Smith, Bernard V. Munger, Miss Mary D. Browne, H. A. Gleason.
- Social Action*—H. Shelton Smith, Aubrey C. Todd, C. Shannon Morgan, Merton B. French.
- Ministerial and Church Ethics*—W. R. Sellars, W. Walter Hall, W. W. Snyder, W. Waldo Boone.
- Religious Literature*—Mrs. F. C. Lester, Miss Frankye Marshall, Mrs. Mattie C. Parker, Mrs. G. D. Ellington.
- Budget and Apportionments*—E. B. Rascoe, J. L. Neese, W. E. Walker, G. D. Colclough.
- Stewardship*—W. E. Wisseman, Ellis N. Clark, Mark W. Andes, W. B. Truitt.
- Evangelism*—M. A. Pollard, M. T. Sorrell, J. Howard Smith, Mack V. Welch.
- Superannuation*—C. D. Johnston, Earl Farrell, L. P. Rippey, D. R. Fonville.
- Pilgrim Fellowship*—Miss Tessie Zimmerman, President; Mark W. Andes, Vice-President; Miss Ora Lee Scott, Secretary.
- Ministry*—Stanley C. Harrell, W. M. Stevens, Kenneth Register, D. J. Bowden, F. W. Murtfeldt.
- Historian*—C. E. Newman.
- Memoirs*—J. S. Carden.

(The first named person on each committee is chairman of the Committee.)

The minutes of today's sessions were read and approved.

It was moved and carried that Conference adjourn to meet Tuesday after the second Sunday in November, 1946, at a place to be determined by the Executive Committee.

Following the closing prayer led by Miss Laura D. Ward, the Conference was declared adjourned.

W. J. ANDES, *President*.

S. C. HARRELL, *Secretary*.

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#### MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

- Andes, W. J.*—Sermons, 94; members received, 19; marriages, 7; conversions, 17; baptisms, 28; addresses, 3; funerals, 11; visits, 732; salary, \$2,130.
- Bowden, D. J.*—Professor at Elon College.
- Bowers, Thurman F.*—Chaplain in U. S. Army.
- Brooks, Arthur C.*—No report.
- Carden, J. S.*—Retired.
- Clark, Ellis N.*—Sermons, 104; members received, 15; prayer meetings, 25; conversions, 11; baptisms, 10; addresses, 2; funerals, 6; salary, \$1,060.45.
- Clem, H. R.*—No report.
- French, Joe A.*—Sermons, 87; members received, 20; prayer meetings, 43; marriages, 8; conversions, 18; baptisms, 9; addresses, 5; funerals, 16; salary, \$2,535.
- Grissom, W. A.*—Chaplain in U. S. Navy.
- Hall, W. Walter*—Ordained at Conference.

- Harrell, Stanley C.*—Sermons, 91; members received, 4; prayer meetings, 44; marriages, 13; conversions, 2; addresses, 10; funerals, 13; salary, \$3,020.
- Jackson, W. P.*—Sermons, 32; members received, 11; marriages, 2; conversions, 6; baptisms, 3; funerals, 3.
- Johnson, S. M.*—Retired.
- Martz, E. E.*—Chaplain in Maritime Service; sermons, 100; members received, 215; marriages, 4; baptisms, 230; addresses, 10; salary, \$3,444.
- Moody, C. L.*—Chaplain in U. S. Navy.
- Morgan, C. Shannon*—Ordained at Conference.
- Munger, Bernard V.*—Received to membership at Conference.
- Murtfeldt, F. W.*—Sermons, 51; members received, 9; conversions, 5; baptisms, 1; addresses, 9; funerals, 2; salary, \$2,810.
- Neese, J. L.*—Sermons, 147; members received, 20; prayer meetings, 24; marriages, 4; conversions, 142; baptisms, 17; addresses, 14; funerals, 12; salary, \$2,400.
- Newman, C. E.*—Sermons, 75; members received, 20; marriages, 4; conversions, 25; baptisms, 17; funerals, 19; salary, \$1,500.
- Patton, J. W.*—Retired.
- Ritchie, A. Greig*—Sermons, 68; members received, 26; conversions, 12; baptisms, 11; salary, \$2,006.
- Smith, H. Shelton*—Professor, Duke University.
- Smith, J. Howard*—Sermons, 78, members received, 4; prayer meetings, 4; marriages, 1; conversions, 4; baptisms, 4; addresses, 20; funerals, 2; salary, \$1,500.
- Snyder, W. W.*—Sermons, 122; members received, 10; marriages, 1; conversions, 10; baptisms, 10; addresses, 4; funerals, 8; salary, \$1,600.
- Stevens, W. M.*—No report.
- Volkman, Max*—No report.
- Vore, Duane*—Chaplain, in U. S. Navy; 61 services with 10,741 men attending; about 750 taking Communion; 210 periods of counseling; 550 brig and sick-bay calls; 1 baptism; 3 marriages; 1 funeral.
- Wehrenberg, E. L.*—No report.
- Welch, Mack V.*—Sermons, 80; members received, 10; prayer meetings, 12; conversions, 32; addresses, 2; funerals, 2; salary, \$720.
- Wisseman, W. E.*—Sermons, 131; members received, 15; prayer meetings, 38; marriages, 11; conversions, 9; baptisms, 15; addresses, 17; funerals, 11; salary, \$3,500.

## LICENTIATES.

- Hurdle, Allen L.*—Licensed at Conference.
- Rippy, L. P.*—Sermons, 8; prayer meetings, 4; addresses, 1; salary \$30.
- Sunburn, John H.*—Licensed during conference year.
- Sutton, Thomas D.*—Sermons, 65; members received, 33; prayer meetings, 11; conversions, 18; funerals, 1; salary, \$720.
- Underwood, I. T.*—Sermons, 22.

## MEMBER OF BIBLICAL CLASS.

- Sorrell, Staley*—Sermons, 19; conversions, 23; salary, \$85.



# Proceedings of the One Hundred Twentieth Annual Session of the Eastern North Carolina Conference.

LIBERTY CHURCH, ROUTE 1, HENDERSON, N. C.  
NOVEMBER 20-21, 1945.

## TUESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The One Hundred Twentieth Annual Session of the Eastern North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met with Liberty (Vance) Christian Church, Route 1, Henderson, N. C., and was called to order by the President, Rev. Joseph McCauley, at 10:00 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. R. T. Grissom.

### ENROLLMENT.

*Ministers*—J. Frank Apple, Emory M. Carter, James A. Denton, Raymond T. Grissom, Brittain J. Howard, J. Lee Johnson, Joseph E. McCauley, Herbert Scholz, Aubrey C. Todd.

### *Churches and Delegates.*

*Amelia*—Leon W. Stevens, T. N. Daughtry, Mrs. T. N. Daughtry.

*Antioch*—By Letter.

*Auburn*—Mrs. Henry Poste, Annie L. Ford, Mrs. Elsie Langston.

*Bethlehem*—No Report.

*Bethel*—No Report.

*Beulah*—C. J. Perry, Mrs. C. J. Perry, Mrs. S. R. Johnson, A. R. Perry.

*Catawba Springs*—No Report.

*Chapel Hill*—S. H. Basnight, E. W. Neville.

*Christian Chapel*—No Report.

*Christian Light*—E. M. Blanchard, M. S. Prince, Mrs. M. S. Prince.

*Clayton*—No Report.

*Damascus*—Mrs. James Crabtree, Mrs. D. E. Rosa.

*Ebenezer*—No Report.

*Fuller's Chapel*—W. S. Briggs, S. F. Coghill, Mrs. J. F. Coghill, Mrs. R. F. Moss.

*Good Hope*—Z. T. May.

*Hayes Chapel*—No Report.

*Henderson*—Mrs. E. T. Vickers, Onie Thomas, Mrs. W. H. Newman, C. D. Harton, Mrs. T. A. Park.

*Hope Mills*—By Letter.

*Lebanon*—Earnest Brown, Mrs. Ray Hunter.

*Lee's Chapel*—By Letter.



- Liberty (Vance)*—W. S. Ayscue, Mrs. George Grissom, Mrs. Nelson Faulkner, M. L. Grissom, L. L. Stainback.
- Martha's Chapel*—By Letter.
- Moore Union*—By Letter.
- Morrisville*—J. F. Hilliard, Mrs. R. B. Gupton.
- Mt. Auburn*—J. A. Kimball, W. H. Moss.
- Mt. Carmel*—Mrs. R. L. Pearce, Mrs. Battle Birchett, E. W. Woodlief.
- Mt. Gilead*—Ester Wester, A. P. Strickland, B. T. Wester.
- Mt. Hermon*—J. F. Branch, Mamie Munford.
- New Elam*—G. M. Womble, G. F. Carr, Vada Clark.
- New Hope*—Harold Baker, A. L. Arnold, Crusoe Denton.
- Niagara*—By Letter.
- Oak Level*—G. E. Ball, Mrs. G. E. Ball, Mrs. J. I. Young.
- O'Kelley's Chapel*—No Report.
- Piney Plain*—Mrs. D. I. Stephenson, G. C. Oliver, R. L. Horton.
- Pleasant Hill*—Zet Byrd, B. Byrd, Carl Dickey.
- Pleasant Union*—Mrs. John Green, Mrs. L. C. Upchurch, Mrs. D. H. Green, Mrs. G. M. Long.
- Plymouth*—E. M. Johnson, B. G. Partin, S. H. Ball.
- Pope's Chapel*—Ethel M. Holmes, Mrs. Irene Holmes, Mrs. B. J. Conyers.
- Raleigh*—By Letter.
- Sanford*—Dewey Tillman, Mrs. R. M. Cline, Mrs. J. B. Watson.
- Shallow Well*—Mrs. Jack Campbell, Mrs. W. S. Matthews, Hoyle Spivey.
- Six Forks*—No Report.
- Southern Pines*—By Letter.
- Turner's Chapel*—Mrs. R. L. Ross, C. H. High.
- Wake Chapel*—Joe W. Stephenson, H. W. Johnson, Mrs. Joe W. Stephenson.
- Wentworth*—Mrs. Geo. Williams, R. E. Murray, Mrs. R. H. Brown.
- Youngsville*—Mary Freeman, Mrs. C. C. Woodlief.

The program, as arranged by the Program Committee, was presented to the Conference and was adopted as order of business, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

The following visitors were recognized: Rev. A. Greig Ritchie and Rev. T. D. Sutton, of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference; Dr. F. C. Lester, Superintendent of the Southern Convention; Dr. L. E. Smith, President of Elon College; Miss Laura Ward, missionary to South China; and Mrs. Mattie Cox Parker, Treasurer of the Southern Convention.

The President appointed the following special committees:

*Nominating*—Miss Margaret Alston, A. H. McIver.

*Finance*—J. A. Kimball, K. G. Weldon.

*Press*—A. C. Todd, J. F. Apple, F. C. Lester.

*Place*—E. W. Neville, W. H. Hudson, W. S. Briggs.

*Resolutions*—A. C. Todd, Mrs. E. T. Vickers.

*Memoirs*—G. W. Macon.

#### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Not but very little business has come to our attention this year. We sent to Elon College a check for \$200.00 from our Conference Fund, when we learned of the condition there. We trust this will meet with your approval.

E. M. CARTER.

J. FRANK APPLE.

The report was adopted.

The President, Rev. Joseph E. McCauley, presented his message on "The Outreach of Our Church."

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STANDING OF THE MINISTRY.

Rev. A. Greig Ritchie has presented a letter of transfer to this Conference from the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches. We therefore recommend that he be received and enrolled as a member of this Conference.

Rev. Thomas Daniel Sutton, a licentiate of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, has been given a transfer from that Conference to this Conference. We recommend that he be received. Brother Sutton has served three of our churches this year and has accepted three for the next. He is now living in the parsonage at Franklinton, and is taking senior work at Wake Forest College. Owing to the difficulties he has in getting an ordained minister to take care of the pastoral matters, which he cannot do as a licentiate, he is asking for ordination as a Local Conference Minister. His ordination as such has been recommended by the Beulah and Oak Level churches. After due examination we recommend that he be ordained as a Local Minister.

We recommend that the Rev. Aubrey C. Todd be granted a letter of transfer from this Conference to the North Carolina and Virginia Congregational Christian Conference.

We recommend that the Rev. Joseph E. McCauley be granted a letter of transfer from this Conference to the Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches.

J. FRANK APPLE.

R. T. GRISSOM.

The report was adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

We get our "education" from two Latin words, "e" and "duco," which means "lead from," or "lead out of." We understand that education is those processes whereby society transmits from one generation to the next its social, intellectual and religious experiences and heritages. These processes are informal and formal. In the early days of Israel, the family was the social unit and in its head centered the religious authority and leadership. The home was the school and the parents the teachers. There was real instruction which was given in the spirit of devout religious earnestness and reverence for their common religious ceremonies and beliefs.

Under the leadership of Moses, the people were instructed to teach the laws and the statutes of God. Then in the days of the prophets there were schools located in different places, which have been called the "schools of the prophets."

Jewish education in the time of Christ was in the hands of the scribes, Pharisees and learned Rabbis. Jesus, the greatest teacher of all teachers, called unto Himself men, and taught and trained them to teach and to preach certain doctrines and fundamental principles, constituting the new kingdom He came to set up in the hearts of His people. Hence it remained for His disciples then, and remains for His disciples now, to perpetuate His teaching ministry and to organize the new forces making for human betterment.

When we think of Christian education, naturally we think of those young people who are preparing for Christian living and Christian work. Our State school system has provided a good program of mental education and development from grade one through twelve; but the Christian training has been left with the home, the Church, and the Church school. We have our own Church school, Elon College, which is in convenient reach of our young people. Our College deserves our support and our young people. We also have access to other good Church schools, as Duke University and Wake Forest College.

There is a serious need for better trained workers and leaders in our churches as well as a better trained ministry.

Therefore we recommend:

1. That we place Christ at the center of our education.
2. That we support, whenever possible, the teaching of the Bible in our public schools.
3. That our churches send representatives to the Summer Conference, or Training Camp, that is conducted at Camp Crabtree every summer.
4. That we urge our churches to give their loyal support to our College and encourage our young people to attend it.

J. FRANK APPLE.

While the report was pending, Dr. L. E. Smith spoke in the interest of Elon College. The report was then adopted.

Rev. A. Greig Ritchie conducted the Communion Service, assisted by Rev. J. Frank Apple, Rev. Raymond T. Grissom, Rev. Brittain J. Howard, and Rev. Herbert Scholz.

The Conference adjourned for lunch, following the benediction and blessing by Rev. A. Greig Ritchie.

## TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference was called to order by the President.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

Our Lord's first call to His disciples was an evangelistic call, "Follow me, and I will make you to become fishers of men" (Matt. 4:19). His last words were definitely evangelistic, "Go, ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world!" (Matt. 28:18-20.)

Just before our late President Woodrow Wilson died, he wrote, "Religion is the only force in the world that I have ever heard of that does actually transform the life." John R. Mott has said, "This is the hour in which our Church should take the world into its view with more completeness than we have done in any time in the past." Bishop James M. Thoburn wrote, "The glaring denial of faith and duty which stands out before the world today, so clearly that it cannot be concealed, is the refusal of those who bear the name of Christ to execute the great commission which their Master has given them."

In checking the record of the Eastern North Carolina Conference over a ten-year period, from 1934 to 1944, we find the actual record as follows: In 1934 in this Conference we had an enrollment of 5,295; in 1944, or ten years later, we find an enrollment of 5,375. At the same rate of progress, our Eastern North Carolina Conference has gained in church membership an average of about one member every five years for each church. We, your committee, realize that counting "noses" is no actual test of the growth of our Church. We gave you the above figures to raise the question, are we following our Lord's command, "Go and make disciples?"

We, your Committee on Evangelism, would offer the following suggestions:

1. That the pastor and individual church check on the parish to see if the people are Christians.
2. That a new and greater effort be made to sow the Word of God in the heart of man.
3. That the spiritual cultivation be one of untiring effort, guided by the Spirit of God.
4. That the harvest be entered into through faith and prayer.

R. T. GRISSOM.

K. G. WELDON.

J. FRANK APPLE.

While the report was pending, Dr. Frank H. Lewis, Portsmouth, Va., gave an inspirational address on "Evangelism." The report was then adopted.

#### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Your Nominating Committee submits the following for officers of the Conference and Delegates to the North Carolina Council of Churches and the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches for the ensuing year.

*President*—Rev. J. Frank Apple.

*Vice-President*—Rev. R. T. Grissom.

*Secretary*—Rev. E. M. Carter.

*Treasurer*—Mr. W. J. Ballentine.

*Representatives to N. C. Council of Churches*—Rev. A. Greig Ritchie,  
Rev. Allyn P. Robinson.

It is apparent that the churches of the Conference did not understand that they were to name delegates to the Southern Convention in their reports, on the basis of one delegate to every 200 members or major fraction thereof. This is evidenced by the fact that only one or two churches made these appointments.

We, therefore, recommend that this plan of naming delegates to the Convention be approved by the Conference, and that the Secretary of the Conference communicate with all church clerks within the Conference and



urge them to elect delegates to the Convention and send their names to him at the earliest possible moment.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET ALSTON.

A. H. McIVER.

The report was adopted and the nominees were elected to their respective offices for the ensuing year. The Conference Secretary is to write to each church which did not send in names of delegates to the Southern Convention, secure their nomination, and then report same to the Executive Committee, who will authorize their election.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

We, your committee, believe the churches of the Eastern North Carolina Conference are in sympathy with the fund for the aged and retired ministers, and also for the widows of same. There are still some, we think, who do not have membership in the Annuity Fund, neither sufficient support from other sources to care for themselves properly.

We, therefore, recommend that an offering by the churches be taken each year near the Christmas season for this work.

And that the names of each person heretofore on the list, if living, be retained and that of Brother James L. Foster's widow be added.

J. LEE JOHNSON.

The report was adopted.

Dr. F. C. Lester presented Miss Laura Ward, missionary to South China, who brought an address on "Plans for Our Post-War Church."

#### REPORT OF TREASURER.

Balance on hand November 2, 1944.....	\$ 7.75
Collections to November 15, 1945 .....	601.69
Total .....	\$ 609.44

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#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Nov. 2. Central Pub. Co., 1942 ANNUALS.....	\$ 48.55
Nov. 23. Rev. J. F. Apple, programs.....	8.50
Dec. 2. Rev. E. M. Carter, Secretary.....	33.25
2. Mr. Guy A. Thelin, travel .....	10.00
2. North Carolina Council of Churches.....	25.00

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July 19. Treasurer Southern Conv. for ANNUALS 1944.	100.00
Oct. 1. Elon College .....	200.00

425.28

Balance on hand November 15, 1945.....	\$ 184.16
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W. J. BALLENTINE, *Treasurer.*

The report was referred to the Finance Committee.

The President appointed the following as Ordaining Presbytery: Dr. F. C. Lester, Rev. E. M. Carter, and Rev. R. T. Grissom.

The Conference adjourned, following the benediction by Rev. J. A. Denton.

## TUESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The young people of Liberty Church conducted the devotional service at the evening session.

Rev. A. Greig Ritchie, pastor of Chapel Hill Church, preached the Conference sermon.

The Conference President, Rev. J. E. McCauley, led the Ordination Service for the Conference Ordination of Thomas Daniel Sutton. Rev. J. F. Apple, a former teacher of Mr. Sutton, presented the candidate. The ordination prayer was led by Rev. E. M. Carter. Rev. F. C. Lester gave the charge to the candidate, and Rev. R. T. Grissom presented the Bible.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. T. D. Sutton.

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## WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Conference was called to order at 9:30 A. M. by the President.

Devotional service was conducted by Dr. Frank H. Lewis.

Minutes of Tuesday's session were read and approved.

The following visitors were recognized: Dr. C. E. Newman, of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference; Superintendent Chas. D. Johnston, of the Christian Orphanage.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

All Christians are responsible as stewards of God not simply to give a tithe or small portion of their earnings, but to be a manager for the Lord. According to I Cor. 6:19, 20, the Christian himself is not his own. Surely if he himself is not his own, the material things which he possesses, such as his natural life, his time, and anything he might come into possession of is not his to use as he wishes; therefore, every Christian should study the work of God so as to know how to plan his life, how to run his business, and how to invest his money. According to I Cor. 4:2, a steward is required to be faithful; therefore, we recommend:

First: Everyone recognize Divine ownership

- (a) As to time;
- (b) As to talent;
- (c) As to our earnings.

Second: The subject of stewardship be stressed regularly by the pastors and teachers of all churches.

Third: Everyone study to show himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

Fourth: The individual member practice the things taught in the Scripture that would make him a good steward.

J. A. DENTON.

E. W. NEVILLE.

The report was adopted.

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The committee realizes that the need for Foreign Missions is greater today than ever before, for we are now in the post-war world about which we have been talking and planning for so long. If we are to build a Christian world, the mission work must go on. What a challenge is presented to us. Let us hope and pray that the churches in the Eastern North Carolina Conference will arise to meet this challenge; therefore, the committee wishes to recommend the following:

1. That each church continue to make the effort to raise at least \$1.00 per capita for Foreign Missions during the coming year.
2. That all pastors place greater emphasis upon the mission work.
3. That this Conference assume its prorata share of the Shaowu Mission, especially since Rev. and Mrs. Richard Jackson are going there as missionaries from the Southern Convention.

MARGARET ALSTON.

The report was adopted.

## REPORT OF WOMAN'S CONFERENCE.

The Thirty-third Annual Session of the North Carolina Woman's Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met at Elon College, October 2, 1945. Attendance was around 250.

The theme of the Conference was "For the Living of These Days."

The presence of Rev. and Mrs. Richard L. Jackson greatly enriched the Conference and greatly stimulated interest in our Shaowu, China, Mission, to which they will go as our representatives.

Our Treasurer reported that we had gone over our goal for the year. Total raised \$7,183.24. The Thank-Offering amounted to \$1,332.50.

One of the special features of the program was a skit presented by Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, showing the work of the Cradle Roll, Children's and Young People's Department. This could be effectively given in a local society—perhaps at a public meeting, when you want to "educate" the whole church on what you are doing. A copy may be secured by writing Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, 315 N. Edgeworth Street, Greensboro, N. C.

Instead of formal reports from the District Superintendents, they discussed their problems and successes in a panel discussion led by the State President, Mrs. J. D. Strader.

A special memorial service was conducted by Mrs. O. H. Paris, including in her candlelighting service a candle for all the boys who had died in service, as well as for members of each society passing away during the year.

The Conference was brought to a close with a most impressive service of dedication of new officers, conducted by Mrs. Wisseman.

It was truly a great Conference and we regret that anyone missed it.

MRS. J. D. STRADER.

Report was accepted and made a part of the Conference record. Miss Laura Ward spoke concerning mission work in China.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

We, your Committee on Apportionments, recommend that the apportionments for the churches of this Conference remain the same for the year 1945-46 as they were for the past year, and as printed in the last ANNUAL.

AUBREY C. TODD, *Chairman*.

J. A. KIMBALL.

A. H. McIVER.

The report was adopted.

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE  
SCHEDULE OF APPORTIONMENTS—1945-46.

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	Convention Home Missions	Convention Foreign Missions	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita	Conference Fund	Totals
Amelia .....	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 15	\$ 8	\$ 7	\$ 100
Antioch .....	6	6	14	14	5	5	10	8	7	75
Auburn .....	22	22	40	40	10	10	25	8	13	190
Bethel .....	12	12	18	18	5	5	15	2	7	94
Bethlehem .....	5	5	5	5	2	2	9	6	3	42
Beulah .....	12	12	15	15	5	5	15	22	5	106
Catawba Springs ....	23	23	75	75	11	11	28	10	15	271
Chapel Hill .....	16	16	28	28	8	8	20	4	11	139
Christian Chapel ....	15	15	26	26	7	7	18	10	13	137
Christian Light .....	18	18	37	37	10	10	21	12	11	174
Clayton .....	14	14	27	27	8	8	18	10	7	133
Damascus .....	14	14	24	24	7	7	18	7	7	122
Ebenezer .....	15	15	37	37	8	8	20	10	9	159
Fuller's Chapel .....	15	15	27	27	7	7	20	9	9	136
Good Hope .....	10	10	15	15	5	5	13	8	5	86
Hayes Chapel .....	10	10	15	15	5	5	13	5	5	83
Henderson .....	25	25	78	78	15	15	30	19	15	300
Hope Mills .....	13	13	23	23	7	7	13	3	5	107
Lebanon .....	8	8	15	15	4	4	12	3	5	74
Lee's Chapel .....	8	8	16	16	4	4	12	5	5	78
Liberty (Vance) ....	70	70	178	178	33	33	70	28	37	697
Martha's Chapel .....	8	8	10	10	5	5	12	6	5	69
Mebane .....	5	5	15	15	5	5	9	3	5	67
Moore Union .....	12	12	19	19	7	7	15	8	7	106
Morrisville .....	5	5	17	17	7	7	9	4	9	80
Mt. Auburn .....	30	30	75	75	22	22	32	8	13	307
Mt. Carmel .....	12	12	17	17	5	5	15	8	5	96
Mt. Gilead .....	22	22	28	28	10	10	25	14	11	170
Mt. Hermon .....	10	10	28	28	5	5	13	6	5	110
New Elam .....	35	35	51	51	13	13	37	22	17	274
New Hope .....	15	15	25	25	8	8	18	18	9	141
Niagara .....	5	5	8	8	3	3	8	2	13	55
Oak Level .....	15	15	26	26	8	8	18	8	9	133
O'Kelley's Chapel ...	3	3	4	4	1	1	8	2	3	29
Piney Plain .....	22	22	43	43	10	10	26	6	11	193
Pleasant Hill .....	12	12	32	32	7	7	15	7	7	131
Pelasant Union .....	22	22	50	50	10	10	22	12	6	204
Plymouth .....	12	12	32	32	7	7	15	11	7	135
Pope's Chapel .....	15	15	30	30	7	7	18	8	9	139
Raleigh .....	40	40	60	60	17	17	38	25	19	316
Sanford .....	25	25	68	68	10	10	27	16	13	262
Shallow Well .....	22	22	45	45	10	10	25	14	11	204
Six Forks .....	5	5	6	6	3	3	9	10	3	50
Southern Pines .....	25	25	52	52	10	10	27	16	13	230
Turner's Chapel ....	12	12	35	35	7	7	15	6	7	136
Wake Chapel .....	45	45	182	182	15	15	47	18	25	574
Wentworth .....	12	12	46	46	10	10	15	8	5	164
Youngsville .....	8	8	15	15	7	7	12	4	5	81
Totals .....	\$797	\$797	\$1750	\$1750	\$400	\$400	\$945	\$467	\$453	\$7759



It was voted that the churches of the Conference be asked to change their church year to run from November 1 to October 31.

Dr. F. C. Lester made an address on "The Outlook for Our Church." After the address the plan for union with the Evangelical and Reformed Church was discussed.

Conference adjourned for lunch, following the benediction and blessing by Rev. A. C. Todd.

### WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference was called to order by the President.

A general discussion on "What We Did in Our Church Last Year" was participated in by Rev. J. F. Apple, Mr. E. W. Neville, Mr. M. L. Grissom, Rev. E. M. Carter, and Mrs. George Grissom.

The North Carolina Council of Churches was presented by Rev. A. C. Todd and Dr. F. C. Lester, in the absence of Rev. Allyn P. Robinson.

Our Orphanage was presented by Superintendent Chas. D. Johnston.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

This committee has received a few requests for aid from Conference members who were desirous of securing the best literature for local church schools during the past year. We have been glad to receive these requests and hope that the committee may be able to give any needed assistance in the future.

We feel that there has been an increase in the amount of religious literature of a missionary nature on the reading list of each age group of our churches during the past few years. This is due to the fact that local missionary societies have sponsored and financed the securing of this literature. As a committee, we commend the good work that is being done by these societies. We feel, with them, that we must keep informed regarding the welfare of our world-wide fellowship during these crucial days. *The Missionary Herald* is very readable and will keep us informed. Its cost per year is less than the price of one "movie."

In these days when war-weary tires make it impossible for us to span dividing distances, we recommend visiting through *The Christian Sun* and *Advance*. They record the home front achievements of Congregational-Christians and inspire us to accomplish more and greater deeds through united effort.

"To Know Is To Understand." The *Social Action* magazine will help us to understand our fellow man in all walks of life. It gives a clear and honest picture of the Church in its endeavor to interpret the religion of Jesus in every field of human relationship.

*The Pilgrim Highroad* and *Children's Religion* should be "must" on the reading lists of our young people and children. A year's subscription to either would make a welcome gift for our church leaders of tomorrow.

We suggest that the *Fellowship of Prayer* and other devotional helps be supplied to Church families.

We urge that each church take inventory and see if there is any child or adult in its family who doesn't own a Bible. If there are those who

are without Bibles we feel that it would strengthen the spiritual life of the church if the needed Bibles were supplied. We think that the experiences of the early Church, as recorded in our New Testament, is most appropriate reading. Reading these experiences anew will enable us to sympathize with and understand better the persecuted Christians of our modern day in war-torn lands.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. C. TODD.

SUSIE ALLEN.

The report was adopted.

The President for the coming year, Rev. J. F. Apple, appointed the Standing Committees for 1945-46, as follows:

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Executive*—J. Frank Apple, R. T. Grissom, E. M. Carter, L. L. Vaughan, A. H. McIver.

*Education and Standing of the Ministry*—R. T. Grissom, A. Greig Ritchie, E. M. Carter.

*Christian Education*—Allyn P. Robinson, Miss Margaret Alston, T. G. Humphries.

*Superannuation*—E. W. Neville, Mrs. R. M. Cline, W. H. Hudson.

*Home Missions*—L. L. Vaughan, J. A. Kimball, W. S. Briggs.

*Foreign Missions*—Miss Margaret Alston, F. C. Lester, J. Lee Johnson.

*Apportionments*—A. H. McIver, S. H. Basnight, J. W. Stephenson.

*Stewardship*—Thomas D. Sutton, F. C. Lester, H. W. Johnson.

*Evangelism*—J. A. Denton, Thomas D. Sutton, B. J. Howard.

*Social Service*—A. Greig Ritchie, Allyn P. Robinson, Mrs. B. M. Newman.

*Religious Literature*—Miss Susie Allen, Mrs. A. Greig Ritchie, Mrs. E. T. Wilkins.

*Program*—E. M. Carter, R. T. Grissom, J. Frank Apple.

*War Victims and Reconstruction*—Allyn P. Robinson, Mrs. E. M. Carter.

It was voted that two additional members be elected to the Executive Committee. Prof. L. L. Vaughan and Mr. A. H. McIver were elected.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

REV. JAMES L. FOSTER.

We have a profound sense of loss in the death of Rev. James L. Foster, who died September 28, 1945. In the passing of Brother Foster the Christian Church has lost one of its most loyal and devoted ministers. He was ordained to the Gospel ministry in 1886 and remained active in that service until shortly before his death. In the course of his ministry he served some of the most active churches of the Southern Christian Convention.

Brother Foster was the man who dreamed of an orphanage. To this cause he gave a great portion of his life. In happy realization he entered the first children to this institution in January, 1907. Truly his was an active life of service. We feel sure Brother Foster realized in abundance the inner salvation of the Kingdom of Christ. After a long life of service to the church, death came to find him ready.

E. M. CARTER.

Report adopted.

## REPORT OF INVITATION COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee to Receive Invitations for Conference for the year of 1946, beg leave to make the following report:

Wake Chapel has invited the Conference to meet at their church next year.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. NEVILLE.  
W. H. HUDSON.  
W. S. BRIGGS.

Report adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, report that we have examined the receipts and disbursements and find same to be correct. We recommend the payment of the following:

Rev. E. M. Carter, Secretary .....	\$ 50.00
Dr. F. H. Lewis, traveling expenses.....	10.00
Miss Laura Ward, traveling expenses.....	10.00
North Carolina Council of Churches.....	25.00

Outstanding bills to be paid when presented by order of Secretary to Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. KIMBALL.  
K. G. WELDON.

Report adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

1. The Committee on Resolutions, on behalf of the Conference, desires to record our common debt to the members of the Liberty Church for their kind hospitality.

2. We express our appreciation to Miss Laura Ward, missionary to South China, for the fine contribution she has made to the Conference; and to Dr. Frank H. Lewis, pastor of the Portsmouth Shelton Memorial Church, for his inspiring address on "Evangelism."

3. We express our gratitude to the officers of the Conference for their service during their terms of office, and especially to Rev. J. E. McCauley, retiring President, for his fine spirit and efficiency.

4. We urge that all of our churches adopt the plan of Sacrificial Giving for War Victims and Reconstruction, and if there be churches that do not deem this plan feasible, they at least receive regular offerings for this cause.

5. We should like to go on record as approving the plan of merging with the Evangelical and Reformed Churches, and ask that each local church study the plan of merger and receive a vote of its members regarding it.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. TODD.  
MRS. E. T. VICKERS.

Report adopted.

Voted that the minutes be printed in "The Annual," and that we appropriate \$100.00 for "The Annual."

In the absence of the Conference Treasurer, Dr. F. C. Lester made a statement of money received at this session, not including the amounts sent in to the Convention Office, as follows: Home Missions, \$67.87; Foreign Missions, \$61.75; Orphanage, \$26.94; Elon College, \$203.44; Christian Education, \$93.00; Superannuation, \$91.75; Convention Fund, \$264.71; War Victims and Services, \$20.00; Per Capita, \$152.00.

It was voted that the Executive Committee of this Conference seek a meeting with the Executive Committees of the other two North Carolina Conferences to study the problems of our work.

After some appropriate meditative thoughts by the outgoing President, Rev. J. E. McCauley, he turned the office over to Rev. J. F. Apple.

By motion the Conference adjourned to meet with Wake Chapel, Fuquay Springs, N. C., on Tuesday after the third Sunday in November, 1946, at 10:00 A. M.

JOSEPH E. McCAULEY, *President*.

EMORY M. CARTER, *Secretary*.

#### MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

*Apple, J. Frank*—Sermons, 112; members received, 6; baptisms, 24; prayer meetings, 22; addresses, 6; weddings, 10; funerals, 8; salary, \$2,274.

*Carter, Emory M.*—Sermons, 77; conversions, 15; members received, 15; baptisms, 21; marriages, 2; funerals, 13; salary, \$1,209.

*Denton, James A.*—Sermons, 90; conversions, 24; members received, 20; baptisms, 20; visits, many; marriages, 4; funerals, 15; salary, \$1,700.

*Grissom, Raymond T.*—Sermons, 144; members, 34; baptisms, 22; prayer meetings, 16; funerals, 12; addresses, 2; weddings, 3; salary, \$1,800.

*Grissom, Martin L.*—Sermons, 76; conversions, uncertain; members, 6; baptisms, 3; weddings, 5; funerals, 4; salary, \$1,350.

*Howard, Britton J.*—Sermons, 2; baptisms, 3; addresses, 5; weddings, 1. (Parole Supervision.)

*Johnson, J. Lee*—Sermons, 85; professions of faith, 10 or 15; members received, 3; baptisms, 4; prayer meetings, several; funerals, several; weddings, 2; salary, \$1,550.

*McCauley, Joseph E.*—Sermons, 117; conversions, 35; members received, 42; baptisms, 26; prayer meetings, 8; addresses, 5; weddings, 9; funerals, 10; salary, \$1,900.

*Scholz, Herbert*—Sermons, 30; salary, \$130.

*Sorrell, M. T.*—Sermons, 112; conversions, 48; members received, 54; baptisms, 27; weddings, 51; funerals, 29; salary, \$3,070.

*Sutton, Thomas D.*—Sermons, 65; conversions, 18; members received, 33; funerals, 3; salary, \$762.

*Todd, Aubrey C.*—Sermons, 104; members received, 5; baptisms, 12; prayer meetings, 15; addresses, 8; weddings, 4; funerals, 6; salary, \$1,800.



# Minutes of the Eighteenth Annual Session of the Virginia Valley Central Woman's Missionary Conference.

NEW HOPE CHURCH, JULY 26, 1945.

THEME: "A Charge to Keep We Have."—Matthew 28:19, 20.

## MORNING SESSION.

The Eighteenth Annual Session of the Woman's Missionary Conference of the Virginia Valley Central Conference was called to order by the President, Mrs. R. A. Whitten, at 10:30 A. M., and opened with prayer by Rev. S. E. Madren. Miss Clarene Andes, of Antioch Church, conducted the morning worship. Mrs. J. E. Bryant welcomed the group to the New Hope Church, and Miss Amy Louderback, of Newport, responded.

The Secretary called the roll and the following churches responded: Antioch, 8; Bethel, 7; Leaksville, 4; Linville, 2; Mt. Olivet (R), 4; New Hope, 11; Newport, 5; Winchester, 13. Four ministers, five life members, eight officers and one district superintendent were present.

Mrs. J. F. Morgan, of Norfolk, the guest speaker, and Mr. Kenneth Hook were introduced and recognized as visitors.

Only two district superintendents reported: Mrs. A. K. Sirbaugh of District No. 5 (report read by Mrs. Ada Whitlock), and Mrs. B. F. Frank of District No. 1. Mrs. R. E. Newton spoke in behalf of Mrs. O. J. Sours for Districts 2 and 3.

Mrs. J. F. Morgan told of our Thank-Offering for 1945. It will go to the Shaowu Mission in China.

Greetings were read by the President from Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, President of the Southern Convention women.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

*Nominating*—Mrs. B. F. Frank, Mrs. M. A. Dofflemyer.

*Press*—Mrs. J. E. Bryant, Rev. R. A. Whitten, Mrs. R. E. Newton, Nancy Emhigh, Helen Showalter.

*Recommendations*—Miss Mabel Higgs and Mrs. Ada Whitlock.

*Place*—Mrs. E. M. Spitzer, Mrs. Himmler, Anna Margaret Smith.

*Apportionments*—Miss Amy Louderback, Mrs. Joseph Frazier, Mrs. R. E. Newton.

*Resolutions*—Miss Clarene Andes, Mrs. Julia Fry, Miss Isabelle Sheets.

Mrs. Grover Daughtrey sang a solo.

Miss Verdie Showalter introduced the speaker, Mrs. J. F. Morgan, who spoke on "Bulwarks for Today."

The Conference was dismissed for lunch by Rev. R. A. Whitten.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened at 1:30 P. M. by singing "Love Divine." The devotional service was in charge of the Bethel Young People and was based on the Conference Theme.

The report of the Committee on Recommendations was adopted as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That each society make a special effort to enlarge its membership.
2. That special emphasis be placed on the worship programs.
3. That it be our goal for every church in the Conference to have a missionary society and that they have at least one representative at the next Conference.
4. That each society use the study course prescribed by the Southern Convention.
5. That this Conference support the Shaowu Mission in China by its Thank-Offering.
6. That we adopt the Standard of Excellence for 1945-46 as set up by the Southern Convention Woman's Board.
7. That each member assume the responsibility of trying to curb juvenile delinquency by placing before the youth of our land wholesome literature; by stressing the danger of intemperance; and by placing emphasis on the proper observance of the Sabbath.

MABEL HIGGS.

MRS. ADA WHITLOCK.

Little Miss Louise Frazier, of Mt. Olivet (R), sang a solo.

The Winchester Young People gave a skit, "A Visit to Our Convention," in which different ones portrayed the officers and superintendents of the Southern Woman's Convention.

The following reports from the different superintendents were adopted:

## DEPARTMENTAL SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS.

## WOMAN'S WORK.

*Bethlehem*—10 members, 1 memorial, 1 life membership, Friendly Service. Raised \$50.

*Leaksville*—25 members; average attendance 15. Raised \$143.21.

*Newport*—Held 12 meetings; 1 memorial. Raised \$48.

*New Hope*—14 members; 1 memorial. Raised \$31.21.

*Winchester*—Held 12 meetings; 1 public meeting; 1 union meeting; 1 life membership; 1 memorial. Raised \$152.00.

MRS. G. H. VEAZEY, *Superintendent*.

## YOUNG PEOPLE.

*Antioch*—Held 12 meetings; 27 members. Raised \$153.00.

*Linville*—31 members, 11 of them new. Raised \$20.00.

*New Hope*—Held 8 meetings; 13 members. Raised \$10.45.

*Winchester*—Held 12 meetings; 15 members. Raised \$20.00.

MRS. J. E. BRYANT, *Superintendent*.

## JUNIORS.

*Antioch*—14 members held regular monthly meetings in homes or Sunday School Class. Raised \$15.00.

*Winchester*—15 members held regular meetings during C. E. Hour. \$2.00 for War Victims and Services; box of Christmas things to Japanese-Americans. Raised \$5.00.

I would like to recommend that we have a Junior Missionary Society in each church during the coming year.

MRS. GROVER DAUGHERTY, *Superintendent*.

#### SPIRITUAL LIFE.

"Happy is the people whose God is the Lord" is as true today as when first spoken.

If we would keep our lives spiritually fit or, in other words, "in time" with God, there is a way that this high privilege can be realized.

We can look around us at the mountains as did the Psalmist. "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." (Ps. 121:1, 2.) And so we are reminded of the nearness of God as we look out on the beautiful world that He made.

Then as we take time daily to study God's word, we learn how God has led His people in the past, and also His message for us today.

Through prayer we cultivate His friendship in daily communion with Him. The friendships of life influence us more than we realize. Why not cultivate this highest and noblest friendship? With this kind of Spiritual Life, we will be able to influence others around us to a higher plane of living.

GOLDIE DOFFLEMYER, *Superintendent*.

#### LITERATURE.

*Antioch*—*Christian Sun* subscriptions, 13; *Missionary Herald*, 8; total books read, 31.

*New Hope*—Read mission books and literature and articles.

*Newport*—Used literature of the Mission Board; *Missionary Herald*, *Christian Sun*.

*Leaksville*—*Christian Sun* subscriptions, 16; *Missionary Herald*, 9; *Advance*, 1; used the packet; offering from 3 mite boxes, \$15.00.

*Winchester*—*Christian Sun* subscriptions, 10; *Missionary Herald*, 8; *Advance*, 1; news items sent to *The Christian Sun*; mite box offering, \$13.67.

JESSIE H. NEWTON, *Superintendent*.

#### LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMORIALS.

*Winchester*—Memorial for Miss Mary McClure; Life Membership for Mrs. R. C. Hook.

*Bethlehem*—Memorial for Miss Mary McClure; Life Membership for Mrs. David Welch.

*New Hope*—Memorial for Miss Mary McClure.

*Newport*—Memorial for Miss Mary McClure.

MRS. E. M. SPITZER, *Superintendent*.

#### FRIENDLY SERVICE.

Jesus was a friend to all and helped those with whom he came in contact and we, as his followers, can afford to do no less.

The missionary societies have sent clothing to the Dutch and European Relief, and to our Orphanage at Elon; helped with Red Cross work; sent cards and fruit to the sick. One society is buying a wheel chair for a polio victim. Another sent a box of supplies to the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. May we do more in the coming year.

MABEL HIGGS, *Superintendent*.

There was no report from the Cradle Roll.

An offering was taken amounting to \$13.20.

The Treasurer's Report was adopted as follows:

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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July 27.	In treasury .....	\$	3.21
27.	Received from Mayland .....		7.50
Aug. 1.	Received from Mabel Higgs for Life Membership for Mrs. B. F. Frank .....		10.00

Received from Women's Societies:

Bethel (dues) .....	\$	32.05
Bethel (Thank-Offering) .....		25.00
Bethlehem .....		42.00
Leaksville .....		96.27
Mt. Olivet (R) .....		6.40
New Hope .....		33.76
Newport .....		50.00
Winchester .....		168.00
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	\$	453.48

Received from Young People:

Antioch .....	\$	147.65
Bethlehem .....		8.00
Beulah .....		13.00
New Hope .....		10.45
Timber Ridge .....		15.00
Winchester .....		20.00
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Received from Juniors:

Antioch .....	\$	15.00
Leaksville .....		3.28
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		18.28

Received from Cradle Roll:

Antioch .....	\$	4.10
New Hope .....		1.25
Winchester .....		2.50
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		7.85

Total received ..... \$ 746.42

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## DISBURSEMENTS.

July 28.	Mrs. Thelin .....	\$	25.00
28.	Mrs. Whitten .....		1.45
28.	Treasurer .....		1.05
Aug. 2.	Mrs. Leathers (Life Membership) .....		10.00
Sept. 20.	Bond .....		5.00
Oct. 8.	Mrs. Leathers .....		53.41
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Jan. 8.	Mrs. Leathers .....		264.53
Apr. 9.	Mrs. Leathers .....		80.05
June 23.	Mrs. Leathers (Life Membership) .....		10.00
July 23.	Mrs. Leathers .....		287.78
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Total Disbursements ..... \$ 738.27

PEARL H. PAINTER, Treasurer.



The Conference accepted the report of the Committee on Place and will meet in 1946 at Bethel Church.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

1. That we express to our friend and speaker, Mrs. J. F. Morgan, our appreciation for her wonderful message, and the inspiration of her presence in our Conference.

2. That we express our appreciation for the work of our President, Mrs. R. A. Whitten, and of the other officers who have prepared our Conference program and all other work they have done in the past year.

3. That we express by a rising vote our thanks to the members of the New Hope Church for their gracious hospitality.

CLARENE ANDES.

MRS. JULIA FRY.

ISABELLE SHEETS.

The report of the Apportionment Committee was adopted. This recommended that the apportionments be the same amounts as last year, but that each church go over the top. The apportionments for each church are as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

<i>Women.</i>		<i>Cradle Roll.</i>	
Bethel .....	\$ 30.00	Antioch .....	\$ 2.50
Bethlehem .....	30.00	Bethel .....	5.00
Dry Run .....	20.00	Leaksville .....	5.00
Leaksville .....	70.00	Linville .....	6.00
Linville .....	75.00	New Hope .....	5.00
New Hope .....	30.00	Newport .....	3.00
Newport .....	25.00	Winchester .....	2.50
Winchester .....	85.00		
<i>Young People.</i>		<i>Churches without Societies.</i>	
Antioch .....	\$ 85.00	Beulah .....	\$ 5.00
Linville .....	20.00	Concord .....	5.00
New Hope .....	10.00	Mayland .....	10.00
Timber Ridge .....	35.00	Mt. Olivet (R) .....	10.00
Winchester .....	15.00	Mt. Olivet (G) .....	15.00
<i>Juniors.</i>		Palmyra .....	5.00
Antioch .....	\$ 10.00	Wissler's Chapel .....	10.00
Leaksville .....	5.00	Wood's Chapel .....	5.00
Winchester .....	5.00		

AMY LOUDERBACK.

MRS. JOSEPH FRAZIER.

MRS. R. E. NEWTON.

The report of the Nominating Committee was adopted as follows:

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

PRESIDENT—Mrs. R. A. Whitten, Winchester.

VICE-PRESIDENT—Mrs. A. W. Andes, Harrisonburg.

SECRETARY—Miss Helen Showalter, Harrisonburg.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY—Miss Iris Pugh, Winchester.

TREASURER—Mrs. Noah Painter, Luray.

## SUPERINTENDENTS:

*Women*—Miss Verdie Showalter, Harrisonburg.

*Young People*—Miss Goldie Dofflemeyer, Elkton.

*Juniors*—Mrs. Grover Daugherty, Winchester.

*Cradle Roll*—Mrs. J. E. Bryant, R. 3, Harrisonburg.

*Spiritual Life*—Miss Mabel Higgs, Shenandoah.

*Literature*—Mrs. O. J. Sours, Luray.

*Life Membership and Memorials*—Mrs. E. M. Spitzer, R. 3, Harrisonburg.

## DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS:

No. 1—Mrs. S. E. Madren, Linville.

No. 2—Mrs. D. M. Spence, Elkton.

No. 3—Mrs. R. E. Newton, R. 3, Luray.

No. 4—Mrs. G. H. Veazey, New Market.

No. 5—Mrs. A. K. Sirbaugh, Winchester.

MRS. B. F. FRANK.

MRS. M. A. DOFFLEMYER.

A bill of \$3.00, presented by Mrs. Whitten, was ordered paid.

The Secretary read the minutes of the day's proceedings.

Rev. S. E. Madren conducted an installation service for the newly elected officers, after which the Conference was dismissed by Rev. D. M. Spence.

MRS. R. A. WHITTEN, *President*.

HELEN SHOWALTER, *Secretary*.

## Minutes of the Thirty-Third Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference.

SOUTH NORFOLK CHRISTIAN CHURCH,  
SOUTH NORFOLK, VA., OCTOBER 5, 1945.

THEME: "*Christian Witnessing for These Days.*"

### MORNING SESSION.

The Thirty-Third Annual Session of the Woman's Missionary Conference of Eastern Virginia Congregational Christian Churches was called to order at 10:00 A. M., by the president, Mrs. J. F. Morgan.

Call to Worship: "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."—Psalms 118:24.

Conference hymn: "God of Grace and God of Glory."

Invocation: Rev. J. Everette Neese.

The morning Worship Service was conducted by Mrs. R. T. Bradford.

The churches responded to the roll call as follows:

Antioch .....	7	Isle of Wight .....	5
Barrett's .....		Ivor .....	
Bay View .....	5	Johnson's Grove .....	
Berea (Nansemond) .....	13	Liberty Spring .....	12
Berea (Norfolk) .....	6	Little Creek .....	
Bethlehem (Disputanta) .....		Mt. Carmel .....	7
Bethlehem (Nansemond) .....	11	Mt. Zion .....	
Burton's Grove .....	3	New Lebanon .....	
Centerville .....		Newport News .....	11
Christian Temple .....	27	Oak Grove .....	
Cypress Chapel .....	8	Oakland .....	6
Damascus .....	5	Rosemont .....	12
Dendron .....	5	Second Church, Norfolk .....	9
Elm Avenue .....	5	Shelton Memorial .....	19
Eure .....		South Norfolk .....	18
First Church (Norfolk) .....	3	Spring Hill .....	4
First Church (Portsmouth) .....	15	Suffolk .....	22
First Church (Richmond) .....		Union (Southampton) .....	5
Franklin .....	10	Union (Surry) .....	
Holland .....	10	Wakefield .....	
Holy Neck .....	7	Waverly .....	
Hopewell .....		Windsor .....	9

The Conference was happy to recognize Rev. Peter Young, Rev. J. Victor Murchison, Rev. and Mrs. Richard L. Jackson, Dr. F. C. Lester and Mrs. Mattie Cox Parker.

The reports of the District Superintendents were presented as follows:

#### NORFOLK DISTRICT.

We have eleven churches in our district and ten societies active among the women. They have an enrollment of 368, with an average attendance of 174, which is perhaps low for ordinary times and conditions. Since the war is over, with outside attractions and calls to war duties lessened, we should do better this coming year.

Ten societies use the packet.

Six societies use the *Guide Post*.

Nine societies use the *Missionary Herald*.

Ten societies use study books.

Five societies use *Social Action* literature.

All have held their Bible study, mainly conducted by the pastor.

Subscriptions to the various helps are as follows: *Advance*, 21; *Missionary Herald*, 99; *The Christian Sun*, 248.

All societies participated in Friendly Service activities at home and abroad.

The young people were active, raising \$101.64, eight societies using the study books and four sending Friendly Service gifts. Thirty-two attended the Young People's Conference. They have twenty-one subscriptions to the *Pilgrim Highroad*.

Seven groups among the children used the study book. They gave \$154.21 and five societies sent Friendly Service gifts. They have eighteen subscriptions to *Children's Religion*.

We have ten active groups in the Cradle Roll Department, with an enrollment of 263. Four held a project and nine held parties. We hope to increase during the coming year.

All of the churches joined with other denominations in the World Day of Prayer. All reported to the Conference Treasurer.

Ten churches sent in thirteen Memorials and eight Life Memberships, as follows: Memorials—Bay View, 1; Berea, 1; First Church, Norfolk, 2; First Church, Portsmouth, 2; Newport News, 4; Rosemont, 1; Shelton, 1; South Norfolk, 1. Life Memberships—Bay View, 2; Christian Temple, 1; First Church, Portsmouth, 1; Rosemont, 2; Second Church, Norfolk, 1; Shelton, 1.

Eight churches achieved the Standard of Excellence. Elm Avenue has a reorganized Woman's Missionary Society and promises are good for her. All held the Stay at Home Convention program with a good attendance. Many expressed a desire to have it repeated each year, that all might have a better understanding of the Convention and all of its activities.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. FRANK H. LEWIS,

*Superintendent.*

#### SUFFOLK DISTRICT.

In the Suffolk District there are eighteen churches and eighteen organized Missionary Societies. There is still no organization at Johnson's Grove Church. But we learned from Dr. Scott, pastor, through *The Christian Sun*, that Johnson's Grove has a new dress—a nice white coat of paint and new brick steps. Dr. Scott believes that the present high interest promises to revive this church's place in the community. We trust that the time is now ripe for the birth of a missionary organization in this church. A missionary interest in Johnson's Grove has been on my heart for more than two years. When a missionary society starts working there, every church in the Suffolk District will have a functioning organization.



Every society in the district sent an annual report to the District Superintendent. For your interest and cooperation in this matter, please accept the thanks of your superintendent and the entire Conference Board.

There are 857 women enrolled in the eighteen societies, an increase of fifty members over last year.

Eighteen societies reported having held their Bible Study from II Corinthians. Eighteen societies reported having had a well-planned devotional at each meeting. Eighteen societies used both the Home and Foreign Study Books. All societies met their apportionments in full. All except three increased their giving over their apportionment for the year now ending. Several societies made very substantial increases in giving. Franklin gave an increase of \$103.00. Cypress Chapel gave an increase of \$31.00. We are most happy to report that Franklin Church has a member, Miss Virginia Rebick, at Elon College preparing to become a missionary. All societies except one made a Thank Offering for Elon. The largest offering, \$205.00, was made by the Staley Society of Suffolk, the second largest, \$170.00, was given by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Suffolk, making a total of \$350.00 for Suffolk. The third largest, \$75.00, was given by the Liberty Spring women, in addition to which a \$5.00 Thank Offering was given by each of the other three organizations at Liberty Spring, the Young People, Children and Cradle Roll—an honor that belongs solely to Liberty Spring. The fourth largest Thank Offering, \$60.00, was made by Bethlehem.

Every society gave Friendly Service gifts. Five societies sent gifts to Rev. and Mrs. Allen Gleason for our Home Mission work at Fancy Gap, Va. Three sent gifts to our Elon Orphanage. Two sent gifts to the Indian Project in North Dakota. Fourteen societies helped with Community Service. Fifteen societies met all of the requirements on the Standard of Excellence. We have twelve Honor Roll churches. Three more churches could have been on the Honor Roll list if they had organized their Children's Department. Thirteen societies gave Life Memberships and Memorials, making a total of forty-two. The largest number was given by the Woman's Home and Foreign Society of Suffolk, which was ten. The second largest number was given by Bethlehem. They gave seven. Six churches honored their fallen heroes by giving Memorials in their memory.

We have one new Young People's organization in the District this year.

We have 330 subscriptions to *The Christian Sun*, 172 subscriptions to the *Missionary Herald* and 17 subscriptions to *Advance*.

The amounts of money raised during the year follows: Women—Apportionments, \$2,523.35; Thank Offering, \$762.50; Life Memberships and Memorials, \$420.00. Young People—Apportionments, \$559.87; Thank Offering, \$65.60; Life memberships and Memorials, \$20.00; War Victims and Services, \$10.00. Children—Apportionments, \$284.98; Thank Offering, \$5.00. Cradle Roll—\$295.48; Thank Offering, \$5.00. Totals—Apportionments, \$3,663.68; Thank Offering, \$838.10; Life Memberships and Memorials, \$440.00; War Victims and Services, \$10.00. Total for all purposes, \$4,951.78. (This total does not include Friendly Service gifts.)

We regret that circumstances beyond our control prevented us from holding our Spring Rally. We feel that we are poorer spiritually, because we failed to receive the inspiration and were prevented from enjoying the good fellowship that the rallies provide for us. We also needed the missionary information that our speakers bring to us. As bands of missionary workers, "The more we get together the happier we are."

We are truly thankful to our Heavenly Father for all the achievements of the year now ending. We would thank each individual for the support and cooperation given to the various phases of our work. As individuals and as organizations, you have done nobly and well and you deserve commendation. We

are grateful to our ministers for their help and guidance. Many of them have given generously of their time and talents to teaching the Study Books and Spiritual Life Courses. Their interest and efforts are indeed appreciated.

For the new conference year, let us set as our objective the meeting of all requirements that we have met this year, and in addition let us strive for these:

First—Every society attain the Standard of Excellence.

Second—Every church on the Roll of Honor.

Third—At least one Life Membership or Memorial in every society.

Fourth—Every society make a Thank Offering.

MRS. J. ROLLIE GAYLE,  
*Superintendent.*

#### WAVERLY DISTRICT.

In the Waverly District, there are twelve churches. All report missionary interest and giving, except one. Six have active Women's Missionary Societies with a membership of ninety women.

Of these societies, four use the packet; three use *Guide Posts*; six use the *Missionary Herald*; five use Study Books; one uses *Social Action* literature. All have held their Bible Study and have had well-planned devotional services at each meeting. Five have held public services.

In these groups there are seven subscriptions to *Advance*, forty-two to the *Missionary Herald*, fifty-four to *The Christian Sun* and one to *Social Action*.

Three societies sent Friendly Service gifts, while five helped in Community Service.

Five churches have organized groups of Young People, although only one is listed as a Missionary Society. Two young people attended a Summer Group Conference.

There are sixteen subscriptions to *Pilgrim Highroad*.

Two churches have Children's Groups. Both try to promote interest in missions by study and giving. Both function through the Sunday school. One church has Young People and Children in one group.

Three churches have active Cradle Roll groups with twenty-three babies enrolled.

Fourteen women attended last year's Fall Conference.

At least two churches held a very inspirational Stay-at-Home Convention.

Fifty-two attended the World Day of Prayer service. Four churches co-operated with other denominations in this service.

All societies have met their apportionment in full; all but one sent an amount over and above their apportionment.

Five societies sent in Memorials or Life Memberships. Dendron, Spring Hill and Richmond sent one Memorial and Life Membership each; Wakefield sent one Memorial and one Life Membership; Waverly sent two Life Memberships.

Dendron, Richmond, Spring Hill and Waverly all met the Standard of Excellence. Richmond and Waverly are on the Honor Roll.

I have visited two societies and have written approximately seventy-five to one hundred letters and cards. I have attended two Board Meetings.

Spring Hill Woman's Missionary Society is reported to Conference for the first time. It is to be commended for the very excellent work that it has done this year.

Burton's Grove Young People also merit special notice. While listed as a Young People's Society, it has done the work of a Woman's Missionary Society and done it well. They have increased their membership from ten to twenty-three during the year. Our goal is a new society each year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. H. JOHNSON,  
*Superintendent.*

The president appointed the following committees:

*Nominating Committee*—Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Mrs. J. E. Harris, Mrs. E. F. O'Berry.

*Committee on Courtesy*—Mrs. R. B. Wood, Mrs. J. Conway Holland, Mrs. W. F. Lawrence.

*Committee on Place*—Mrs. Herbert P. Harrell.

The treasurer, Mrs. W. B. Williams, submitted the following report:

#### REPORT OF TREASURER.

##### RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury October 1, 1944 .....	\$ 123.64
Offering, Woman's Conference, 1944 .....	62.00
Offering, Young People's Conference, 1944 .....	38.00
Life Memberships .....	310.00
Memorials .....	410.00
Thank Offering .....	1,471.11
Woman's Societies Apportionment .....	3,911.16
Young People's Societies Apportionment .....	786.56
Junior Societies Apportionment .....	451.72
Cradle Roll Contributions .....	408.65
World Day of Prayer .....	46.95
War Victims and Services Committees .....	25.00
Work in India .....	10.00
Friendly Service .....	65.00
Total Receipts .....	<u>\$8,119.79</u>

##### DISBURSEMENTS.

Mrs. M. V. Leathers, Treasurer, Woman's Board .....	\$7,924.64
Bank Service Charges .....	.75
Mrs. Robert E. Chandler (Conference Speaker) .....	20.00
West and Withers (Renew Bond) .....	5.00
Mrs. J. F. Morgan (Expenses) .....	3.00
Franklin Printing Co. ....	16.25
Gurley Press .....	7.50
David C. Cook Co. (Young People's Banner) .....	3.50
Gurley Press .....	3.75
Bank Service Charges .....	3.71
	<u>7,988.10</u>

Balance in Treasury ..... \$ 131.69

The foregoing report was adopted as read, after which the entire conference body gave a rising vote of thanks in recognition and appreciation of efficient service rendered.

The president's message: "Bulwarks for Today," was most inspiring. Mrs. Morgan stressed the great need for application of the "Ten Commandments" as a solution to the world's ills, stating that man's relationship to God spells the difference between success and failure.

The offering amounted to \$83.24.

A solo, "Blow Ye the Trumpet of Zion," by Charles Gilbert Spross, was rendered by Mrs. Peter Young.



The message of the day was brought by Rev. Richard L. Jackson, now under appointment as missionary to Shaowu Mission, China. "What Christian Faith Means to Me," was the topic of his address.

Dr. F. C. Lester presented the literature for the ensuing year, with interesting remarks stressing the need of further study and greater work to make the world Christian.

Hymn: "Onward Christian Soldiers."

The morning session was closed with prayer by Rev. O. D. Poythress.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was called to order at 2:00 o'clock by the president.

Hymn: "Christ for the World We Sing."

Prayer by Mrs. B. D. Jones.

Mrs. Moran presented Mrs. Richard L. Jackson, who brought a stirring message on: "The Needs of These Times."

The reports of the Departmental Superintendents were presented and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF CRADLE ROLL.

Report of Cradle Roll Department of the Woman's Missionary Conference for year ending September 30, 1945:

Members

519

Contributions

\$408.65

This shows an increase of 109 members and \$114.17.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. J. HOLLAND,

*Superintendent.*

#### REPORT OF CHILDREN'S WORK.

There is a great need and opportunity for missionary work among the children of our conference. The responsibility is ours and can be met only by prayer, cooperation, time, effort and money. I would like to stress that the presidents of the Women's Societies are responsible for the organization of the Junior Societies. I wonder if they are doing their job the best that they can. I believe if you, as presidentse, would back these societies that they would do better work. I recommend that each Woman's Society in Eastern Virginia sponsor a Junior Society this year. In several churches they take one Sunday during the month and put on a mission program during the Sunday school hour. This plan has worked in each church that has tried it.

I would like to visit and talk over with each superintendent the mission program for the children of each church. However, it seems impossible, but I desire to be of service wherever I am needed.

There are twenty-four Junior Societies—fourteen in the Suffolk District, eight in the Norfolk District and two in the Waverly District. (Spring Hill has a joint mission group, composed of Juniors and Young People.)



There are only twenty Junior Societies who used the Mission Study Book, twelve who sent Friendly Service gifts and twelve who subscribed to children's magazines.

We have 418 children enrolled in this Conference.

The treasurer received \$451.72—\$7.50 from Waverly District, \$284.98 from Suffolk District and \$154.21 from the Norfolk District.

The future of our nation marches forward on the feet of its children. "Suffer the little children to come unto me for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

We think, talk and pray about our mission work at school and at our church, but the home is where our mission work should begin.

So gather the children, Mother,  
The little heads close to your knee,  
In the hush of the beautiful twilight,  
And talk to them tenderly.  
When the brightest eyes grow tired and restless  
And gaze at you wistfully,  
And the sweet lips beg for a story  
Then gather them close to your knee.

Not long will your little ones linger  
So talk to them while you may.  
A world may be better tomorrow  
For the story you're telling today,  
So tell them the story of missions.  
For the child's heart is tender and true  
And not all the teachers and preachers  
Can guide them, O Mother, like you.

Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. E. H. STEPHENSON,  
*Superintendent*

In the absence of Miss Mathews, the report of Young People was presented by Mrs. R. T. Bradford:

#### REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

For years now we have been living in a world torn by hate, revenge and greed. Our young people realize more than ever the need for missions at home and abroad, and with the seed of love in our hearts for Christ and his teachings, hope to grow in strength and character, enabling us to help make a better world, and one in which there will be a divine and lasting peace.

Twenty-four societies were on roll for the year 1944-45. Twenty of these societies reported a total membership of five hundred and twelve. The other four did not report.

A total of \$786.56 was contributed to Missions on apportionment. Eleven reported Friendly Service projects, summed up as follows:

1. Clothing for Europe—for War Victims and Reconstruction.
2. Red Cross boxes and magazines for service men in hospitals and aboard ships.
3. North Dakota project.
4. South Dakota project.

Twenty-one societies used the Mission Study Books.

Twelve societies sent delegates to our Summer Sonference at Camp Waters.

Seventeen societies have subscriptions to the *Pilgrim Highroad* and Mt. Carmel Sunday school is giving a subscription to *Pilgrim Highroad* to each young person's home.

On September 28, 1945, our Young People assembled at the Suffolk Christian Church for our Annual Fall Conference. Mrs. R. L. Jackson was the speaker for the evening.

Sixteen societies had met all requirements for the Standard of Excellence and were placed on the Honor Roll.

Three societies had one hundred per cent attendance at the Fall Conference and received banners.

In our small way we are endeavoring, through study, work and contributions to send the Word to all nations, hoping to help make, not just a World Neighborhood, but a World Brotherhood.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIA ANNE MATHEWS,  
*Superintendent.*

A solo: "Down from His Glory," was rendered by Rev. O. D. Poythress, accompanied by Mrs. E. T. Hanbury.

#### REPORT OF SPIRITUAL LIFE SUPERINTENDENT.

The Report of the Spiritual Life Department this year is splendid, because you have all worked month by month to make it so.

*The Norfolk District*, with Mrs. F. H. Lewis, Superintendent, has eleven Women's Societies. Ten of them, Bay View, Berea (Norfolk), Christian Temple, Newport News, Norfolk First, Old Zion, Portsmouth First, Portsmouth Shelton Memorial, Rosemont and South Norfolk, all had a well planned devotional service at each meeting, held their Bible Study at each meeting and observed the World Day of Prayer. Elm Avenue observed the World Day of Prayer, but did not have a well planned devotional service every month, and did not hold their Bible Study every month, so of course, there was nothing else to do but say so. We want to ask Mrs. Lewis to visit the Elm Avenue Society this very month and get them started off right, so her report will be 100 per cent next October.

*The Suffolk District*, with Mrs. J. Rollie Gayle, Superintendent, has eighteen Woman's Societies. Antioch, Berea (Nansemond), Bethlehem, Cypress Chapel, Damascus, Eure, Franklin, Holland Holy Neck Isle of Wight Liberty Spring, Mt. Carmel, Oak Grove, Oakland, Suffolk, Suffolk Staley, Union and Windsor all had a well planned devotional service at each meeting, held their Bible Study at each meeting and observed the World Day of Prayer, with an attendance of 288. Five of the Societies did not send a record of their attendance.

*The Waverly District*, with Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Superintendent, has six Woman's Societies. Five of them, Dendron, Richmond, Spring Hill, Wakefield and Waverly, all had a well planned devotional service at each meeting, held their Bible Study at each meeting and observed the World Day of Prayer.

Hopewell had a well planned devotional service at each meeting but did not hold their Bible Study every month, and did not observe the World Day of Prayer. We want to ask Mrs. Johnson to visit the Hopewell Society this very month, and tell them how very important this Spiritual Life Department is.

The World Day of Prayer for this conference year will be observed on Friday, March 8, 1946. Let each Spiritual Life Superintendent of every society count those present on that day, and send the record to your District Superintendent, and see if we can have at least 500 women of the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference in prayer that day.

Now, let me tell you about our Bible Study for the coming year. This time we are departing from our usual custom of studying one particular Book of the Bible. We are recommending a year's program of study and service series on

"Christian Witnessing," based on Witnesses taken from both the Old and New Testaments. The booklet, *Concurring Witnesses*, by Dr. Joseph Hopper, will be in our literature packet. These will be supplemented with six additional studies prepared by women of our Convention. These latter we might call "Say So" series. The children of God of all ages have been slow to speak of Him and His work. The world needs "Say So" Christians—those who prove by their lives that they are followers of Christ; who live honest, radiant, consecrated lives, and who speak the simple, sincere word of witness to Christ. In our approach to this study, may it be in the spirit of the Psalmist as recorded in the 107th Psalm, verse two: "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so."

MRS. I. W. JOHNSON,  
*Superintendent.*

### REPORT OF FRIENDLY SERVICE.

Friendly Service is the department of our church through which the women of our Missionary Societies show their interest in being a friend and they express this interest with clothing, money, toys, etc.

This year the projects were:

1. The Indian Project in North Dakota.
2. Clothing for Pleasant Hill Academy, Tenn.
3. Linen communion sets for Chaplains.
4. (a) Clothing for war victims.  
(b) Sewing and knitting for Belgians.

In Norfolk District of eleven churches, eleven churches did Friendly Service work, making 100 per cent.

In Suffolk District of eighteen church, eighteen churches did Friendly Service work, making 100 per cent.

In Waverly District of twelve churches, three churches did Friendly Service work.

The projects for 1945-46 are:

1. Migrant Camps in North Carolina.  
Address: Mrs. Alice M. Morgan, 518 S. Road St., Elizabeth City, N. C.  
(Send comfort articles for children, such as towels, tooth brushes, etc.)
2. Carroll County Mission Work.  
Address: Rev. H. A. Gleason, Jr., Fancy Gap, Va.  
(Send books, magazines, athletic equipment, games, toys, supplies for Sunday Schools and Vacation Bible Schools, money to install electric lights in Rocky Ford Church.)
3. Christmas Gift Packages for overseas needy.  
Address: Church Christmas Packages, 297 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y. (This must be sent by October 15, 1945.)

The societies of the Eastern Virginia Conference participated during the past year as follows:

1. The Indian Project in North Dakota: Holland, Holy Neck, Suffolk, Bay View, Old Zion, Berea (Norfolk), Newport News and Rosemont.
2. Clothing for Pleasant Hill Academy, Tenn.: None.
3. Linen Communion Sets for Chaplains: Rosemont.
4. Clothing War Victims: Norfolk First, Portsmouth First, Waverly, Berea (Nansemond), Damascus, Franklin, Liberty Spring, Union, Windsor, Shelton Memorial, Christian Temple.  
Sewing and knitting for Belgian Relief: None.

MRS. H. P. HARRELL,  
*Superintendent.*

# REPORT OF LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMORIALS.

Life Memberships: 31 .....	\$ 310.00
Memorials: 41 .....	410.00
Total: 72 .....	<hr/> \$ 720.00

Twenty-two Memorials and six Life Memberships were for men in the service.

Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. C. O. BYRD,  
*Superintendent.*

Memoirs were conducted by Mrs. C. O. Byrd, as the congregation reverently paused to pay honor to each loved one who had passed away during the past year. This group included faithful church members and every young man who had made the supreme sacrifice for his country.

Mrs. W. T. Scott presented the Thank Offering Proect for 1945-46 and challenged our whole-hearted support of Shaowu Mission, China, where Rev. and Mrs. Richard L. Jackson will be located.

The recommendations drafted for 1945-46 were read and approved, as follows:

1. That our Thank Offering go to Shaowu Mission, China, where Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Jackson will be located.
2. That this offering will not be counted in the apportionment.
3. That the meeting place of our Fall Conference rotate from one District to the other, each year.
4. That we have a Children's Missionary Society in every church, to be sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Society.
5. That our financial goal be \$6,000.00.
6. That our Conference defray our part of the expenses, of our president or some other delegate from Virginia to represent the Southern Convention at the National Meeting of Congregational Christian Women, which meets in Cleveland in January, 1946.

The Report of the Nominating Committee was adopted as follows:

The Courtesy Committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

## REPORT OF COURTESY COMMITTEE.

We, your committee, submit the following resolutions:

1. In as much as this has been a most inspiring Conference, that we take back to our churches the valuable suggestions that make for growth.
2. That we express our appreciation to the individuals who helped to make this program so interesting and helpful, particularly Rev. Murchison, Mrs. Young and Rev. O. D. Poythress for lovely music; Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Jackson for inspiring messages; Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Williams for untiring services and personal interest in our work; to Mrs. Lester for time and effort in the compiling of our literature.
3. That we express our appreciation, by a rising vote of thanks, to the South Norfolk Church for its hospitality.

MRS. J. CONWAY HOLLAND,  
MRS. W. F. LAWRENCE,  
MRS. ROBERT B. WOOD,  
*Committee.*



## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The members of the Nominating Committee wish to present the following report:

*President*—Mrs. J. F. Morgan.

*First Vice-President*—Mrs. M. T. Harrell.

*Second Vice-President*—Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle.

*Secretary*—Mrs. A. C. Moore.

*Treasurer*—Mrs. W. B. Williams.

*Superintendent of Young People's Work*—Miss Julia Anne Matthews.

*Superintendent of Literature*—Mrs. Herbert Harrell.

*Superintendent of Cradle Roll*—Mrs. A. J. Holland.

*Superintendent of Spiritual Life*—Mrs. I. W. Johnson.

*Superintendent of Life Membership and Memorial*—Mrs. C. O. Byrd.

*Superintendent of Children's Work*—Mrs. E. H. Stephenson.

Respectfully submitted,

MAMIE HOLLAND LEATHERS,

MRS. J. E. HARRIS,

MRS. E. F. O'BERRY,

*Committee.*

The Committee on Place reported as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

We have received an invitation from the Holland Christian Church for the meeting of October, 1946, which we are delighted to accept.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. P. HARRELL.

An Installation Service, for the newly-elected officers, was conducted by Dr. H. S. Hardcastle.

Conference hymn: "God of Grace and God of Glory."

Benediction by Rev. H. S. Hardcastle.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. F. MORGAN, *President.*

MRS. A. C. MOORE, *Secretary.*

# Minutes of the Thirty-Third Annual Session of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Conference.

ELON COLLEGE, N. C., OCTOBER 2, 1945.

## MORNING SESSION.

The Thirty-third Annual Session of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met at Elon College, North Carolina, October 2, 1945, at 10:00. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. J. D. Strader.

Hymn—"God of Grace and God of Glory."

The worship service was conducted by Mrs. Stanley C. Harrell.

The President of the College, Dr. L. E. Smith, welcomed the Conference.

The following ministers were present: W. J. Andes, Earl Farrell, F. C. Lester, L. E. Smith, J. F. Apple, M. A. Pollard, W. W. Snyder, W. M. Stevens, S. C. Harrell, J. L. Neese, M. V. Welch, J. H. Smith, W. E. Wisseman, J. A. French.

Visitors—Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Jackson and Miss Pattie Lee Coghill.

The following committees were appointed:

*Courtesy*—Mrs. C. D. Andrews, Mrs. W. H. Holt, Miss Lillie Fowler.

*Place*—Mrs. W. T. Wheeler, Miss Susie Allen.

*Recommendations*—Mrs. D. R. Fonville, Mrs. W. W. Sellers, Mrs. Jimmie Long.

A skit, presenting the work and materials for the Cradle Roll, Children's and Young People's Departments, prepared by Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, was very effectively given by a group.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LITERATURE.

Forty-five out of sixty-three societies reported. The following summary shows what was done. Forty-four societies used the packet, twenty-seven used the Guide Posts, thirty-nine the *Missionary Herald*, thirty-seven used the study books, eighteen the Envelope Series, five Social Action, and there were 419 subscriptions to *The Christian Sun*, eleven to *Advance*, 350 to *The Missionary Herald*, and nine to Social Action.

MRS. H. SHELTON SMITH, *Superintendent of Literature*.

## REPORT OF SPIRITUAL LIFE SUPERINTENDENT.

I am happy to report that a large percentage of societies reported that they had well planned devotional services at each meeting, did the Bible study, and observed World Day of Prayer.

Our Bible study for this year is "witnessing." The name of the book to aid us in our study is, "Concurring Witnesses." The author has chosen five witnesses from the Bible. The five agree in the one of whom they

witness for they all point to Christ. "This Jesus did God raise up, whereof we all are witnesses." This book is not in your packet but is on sale here today for twenty-five cents. See Mrs. Parker.

In your packet is a devotional for each month by women of our Southern Convention.

Again we want to stress prayer and worship. Let us take as our goal for the year every woman bring one person to Christ and let this be our prayer:

"Lord, lay some soul upon my heart  
And love that soul through me  
And let me nobler do my part  
To win that soul to Thee."

MRS. C. C. FONVILLE, *Supt. of Spiritual Life.*

Rev. Richard L. Jackson, under appointment to the Shaowu Mission to China, brought the morning address. He challenged the Conference to Victorious Living as we help rebuild a broken world by witnessing to the spirit of love and goodwill.

The offertory service was conducted by Miss Susie Allen. The offering amounted to \$58.90.

Mrs. O. H. Paris reported twenty-three Life Memberships and thirty-six Memorials, after which she conducted the memorial service. A candle was lit for each deceased member and one for those who have fallen on the battle front. Miss McPherson sang a solo, "Lest We Forget."

Rev. Earl Farrell dismissed the morning session.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened with prayer by the Rev. W. M. Stevens.

Special music was rendered by Miss Shepherd of the College.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

#### RECEIPTS.

Women's Societies .....	\$6,380.41
Young People .....	398.72
Willing Workers .....	208.36
Cradle Roll .....	143.38
Conference Offering .....	52.37
	\$7,183.24

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treasurer, Woman's Mission Board of the Southern Convention, for—

Thank-Offering .....	\$1,332.50
Life Memberships .....	240.00
Memorials .....	360.00
World Day of Prayer .....	92.29
War Victims and Services .....	20.00

Fort Berthold Mission .....	75.25
Shaowu Mission .....	7.00
Carroll County Mission .....	5.00
World Community Day .....	10.00
Southern Union College .....	5.00
Two Scholarships (China) .....	100.00
Elon Orphanage .....	31.00
Greek Relief .....	45.00
Missions (General Fund) .....	4,723.23

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\$7,046.23

Bank charge .....	\$ 2.65
Conference speaker .....	10.00
Gift to Auditor .....	10.00
Moorefield, the Florist .....	5.15
Expense of the Treasurer .....	13.53
Expense of the President .....	17.67
Travel expense of Cleveland meeting .....	50.00
Board meeting—transportation and luncheon....	28.01

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\$7,183.24

SUSIE D. ALLEN, *Treasurer.*

The Treasurer's report was adopted as read.

Rev. F. C. Lester explained the Thank-Offering project in Shaowu, China, for the year, and urged the cooperation of the Conference.

Mrs. Mattie Cox Parker emphasized the Friendly Service projects for the year.

Mrs. J. D. Strader led the District Superintendents in a round table discussion. One reported on the way in which her district observed the "Stay-at-Home Convention," another reported on the way in which she held three presidents' meetings within her district, another reported outstanding achievements in her district, one of which was the adoption of a missionary family by the Reidsville Church, and another reported on the way in which a Thank-Offering Service was conducted.

Mrs. R. L. Jackson, under appointment as a missionary to the Shaowu Mission in China, brought the afternoon address. She used as her theme, "No Other Hands But Ours to Do Thy Work."

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Committee on Recommendations wishes to make the following suggestions:

1. That this Conference make a gift of \$20.00 to the North Carolina Council of Churches.
2. That the Conference send our President, or a representative, to the mid-winter meeting of the Mission Council of the Congregational Christian Churches.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. D. R. FONVILLE.

MRS. W. W. SELLARS.

MRS. JIMMIE LONG.



The Conference accepted the invitation of the Raleigh Church to meet there in 1946.

#### REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

*President*—Mrs. Jerry Strader, 414 N. Main, Burlington, N. C.

*First Vice President and Superintendent of Life Memberships and Memorials*—Mrs. J. A. May, 1801 West Market St., Greensboro, N. C.

*Second Vice-President and Superintendent of Friendly Service*—Mrs. Roland Isley, Route 2, McLeansville, N. C.

*Secretary*—Mrs. W. W. Tate, 402 N. Cedar, Greensboro, N. C.

*Treasurer*—Miss Susie Allen, 612 West Lane, Raleigh, N. C.

*Superintendents*—

*Literature*—Mrs. Shelton Smith, Durham, N. C.

*Spiritual Life*—Mrs. C. C. Fonville, Burlington, N. C.

*Young People*—Mrs. W. M. Stevens, Burlington, N. C.

*Children*—Mrs. Allyn Robinson, Raleigh, N. C.

*Cradle Roll*—Miss Julia Woodson, Burlington, N. C.

MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN, *Chairman.*

MISS TORA RUDD.

MRS. STANLEY C. HARRELL.

The report of the Nominating Committee was adopted as read.

#### REPORT OF COURTESY COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Courtesy, wish to thank the College for the hospitality, and the Elon Society for their gracious efforts to make the day a success. We wish to make special mention of the skit presenting the work for the Cradle Roll, Children's and Young People's Departments.

The addresses of Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Jackson were both instructive and inspirational. We feel that after having had personal contact with the Jacksons our interest in the Shaowu Mission will be increased.

The Memorial Service was quite beautiful and very impressive. We extend our thanks to Miss McPherson and Miss Shepherd for special music rendered by them. To our President, under whose guiding hand we feel the day has been a success, we thank you.

We extend our appreciation to the ladies of Elon for the lovely lunch and to all those who have contributed towards the success of the day.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. D. ANDREWS.

MISS LILLIE D. FOWLER.

MRS. W. W. HOLT.

Mrs. W. E. Wisseman conducted the dedication services for the newly elected officers. This service concluded the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. D. STRADER, *President.*

MRS. JOE A. FRENCH, *Secretary.*

# Minutes of the Fifty-Fourth Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association.

LIBERTY SPRING, SUFFOLK, VA.,  
DECEMBER 4, 1945.

## MORNING SESSION.

The Fifty-Fourth Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association was called to order by the president, Dr. I. W. Johnson, at 19:30 A. M. The hymn service was led by Dr. J. H. Dollar. Opening prayer by Dr. John G. Truitt.

The secretary enrolled members and collected dues. The final enrollment was as follows:

*Bay View*—Church, \$10.00; Sunday School, \$10.00; Mrs. L. F. Todd, \$5.00. Total, \$25.00.

*Berea (Nansemond)*—Church, \$10.00; Men's Bible Class, \$10.00; Ladies Bible Class, \$10.00; Ladies' Aid, \$10.00; R. T. Bradford, \$10.00; Mrs. R. T. Bradford, \$5.00; J. C. Matthews, \$10.00; Mrs. J. C. Matthews, \$5.00; Mrs. H. P. Harrell, \$5.00. Total, \$75.00.

*Berea (Norfolk)*—Church, \$10.00; Men's Class, \$10.00; Mrs. Edna Waterfield, \$5.00. Total, \$25.00.

*Bethlehem*—Sunday School, \$10.00; Ladies' Star Class, \$10.00; C. F. Savage, \$10.00; Mrs. C. F. Savage, \$5.00; Ladies' Aid, \$10.00; Church, \$10.00; Taylor Progressive Bible Class, \$10.00. Total, \$65.00.

*Christian Temple*—Twiddy Bible Class, \$10.00; Dorcas Bible Class, \$10.00; Sunday School, \$10.00; Sunday School Mission Treasurer, \$10.00; R. E. Brickhouse, \$10.00; Mrs. R. E. Brickhouse, \$5.00; T. E. Brickhouse, \$10.00; Mrs. T. E. Brickhouse, \$5.00; Mrs. J. R. Wilson, \$5.00; Mrs. E. M. Albright, \$10.00; Mrs. E. M. Albright (in memory of E. M. Albright, Jr.), \$10.00; Church Mission Fund, \$20.00; Mrs. L. W. Stagg, \$5.00; Church Treasurer, \$20.00; Young Adult Class, \$10.00; Friendship Bible Class, \$10.00; Woman's Council, \$20.00. Total, \$180.00.

\* *Cypress Chapel*—Young People's Missionary Society, \$10.00; Agnes Brittle Circle, \$10.00. Total, \$20.00.

*Elmn Avenue*—Sunday School, \$25.00. Total, \$25.00.

*First, Portsmouth*—Woman's Missionary Society, \$10.00; Sunday School, \$10.00; Church, \$10.00; Mrs. C. F. Rudd, \$5.00. Total, \$35.00.

*Franklin*—Sunday School, \$10.00; Men's Class, \$10.00; J. A. Williams, \$10.00; L. R. Jones, \$10.00; Mrs. E. P. Jones, \$5.00. Total, \$45.00.

*Holland*—Sunday School, \$10.00; Church, \$10.00; Mrs. R. H. Riedel, \$5.00; Total, \$25.00.

*Holy Neck*—First Bible Class, \$10.00; Sunday School, \$10.00; Church, \$10.00. Total \$30.00.

*Liberty Spring*—Church, \$10.00; Sunday School, \$10.00; R. E. Rogers Class, \$10.00; A. H. Savage Class, \$10.00; Friendship Class, \$10.00; Bertie Johnson Class, \$10.00; Joel E. Harrell, \$10.00; Mrs. Joel Harrell, \$5.00; Mrs. James C. Lynch, \$5.00; I. W. Johnson, \$10.00; Mrs. I. W. Johnson, \$5.00;

I. T. Byrd, \$10.00; G. O. O'Berry, \$10.00; Mrs. G. O. O'Berry, \$5.00; Walter O'Berry, \$5.00; Mrs. F. F. Brinkley, \$5.00; Parke C. Brinkley, \$10.00; Mrs. Parke C. Brinkley, \$5.00; Kaye Culver Brinkley, \$5.00; Fermer Perry, \$10.00; Mrs. Fermer Perry, \$5.00; Frank Perry, \$5.00; Zack Perry, \$10.00; Mrs. Zack Perry, \$5.00; Joe Perry, \$10.00; Mrs. Joe Perry, \$5.00; J. Starkey Perry, \$10.00; Mrs. J. Starkey Perry, \$5.00; Carolyn Sue Harrell, \$5.00; Mrs. P. S. Harrell, \$5.00; Mrs. J. Lewis Horton, \$5.00; Mrs. Howard Rhodes, \$5.00; Mrs. William Harrell, \$5.00; H. E. Savage, Sr., \$10.00; Mrs. H. E. Savage, Sr., \$5.00; Mrs. H. E. Savage, Jr., \$5.00; Eva Lee Savage, \$5.00; R. E. Rogers, \$10.00; Mrs. R. E. Rogers, \$5.00; Mrs. John L. Rawles, \$5.00; Mrs. W. E. Duke, \$5.00; Mrs. J. W. Duke, \$5.00; Mrs. W. L. Turner, \$5.00; Mrs. C. E. Byrd, \$5.00; Miss Lizzie Harrell, \$5.00; Mrs. E. F. O'Berry, \$5.00; Mrs. B. L. Boisseau, \$5.00; Mrs. E. C. Skinner, \$5.00; N. W. Byrd, \$10.00; Mrs. M. E. Harcum, \$5.00; Miss Hontas Rawles, \$5.00; Mrs. Wesley Harrell, \$5.00; Mrs. Ralph O'Berry, \$5.00; Mrs. Roscoe Harrell, \$5.00. Total \$360.00.

*Little Creek*—Bible Class, \$10.00; Church, \$10.00. Total, \$20.00.

*Mt. Carmel*—Sunday School, \$10.00. Total, \$10.00.

*Mt. Zion*—Mrs. J. L. Gray, \$5.00. Total, \$5.00.

*Newport News*—Church, \$50.00; Choir, \$10.00; Sunday School, \$10.00; Woman's Auxiliary, \$30.00; Newnan Bible Class, \$10.00; Golden Rule Bible Class, \$10.00; Annie Smith Bible Class, \$10.00; Robert Lee House Class, \$10.00; Dr. J. H. Dollar, \$10.00; R. L. Baker, \$10.00; C. D. West, \$10.00; S. A. Moran, \$10.00; W. B. Williams, \$10.00; Rufus Powell, \$10.00; R. J. Moberg, \$10.00; W. H. Baker, \$10.00; Carson Coats, \$10.00; Mrs. W. H. Baker, \$5.00; Mrs. R. L. Baker, \$5.00; Mrs. W. B. Baker, \$5.00; Mrs. J. T. Irby, \$5.00; Mrs. R. C. Jarrett, \$5.00; Mrs. R. E. Pulley, \$5.00; Mrs. F. W. Vaughan, \$5.00; Mrs. G. G. Givens, \$5.00; Mrs. J. E. Rich, \$5.00; Miss Grace Spivey, \$5.00; Mrs. W. B. Williams, \$5.00; Mrs. C. L. Pope, \$5.00; Rev. M. W. Butler (Memorial to Mrs. Laura Butler), \$5.00; Mrs. H. R. Byrd, \$5.00; Miss Ruby Pope, \$5.00; Miss Katherine Harrell, \$5.00; Mrs. Carlton Steger, \$5.00; Mrs. H. D. Edwards, \$5.00; Mrs. R. C. Luke, \$5.00; Miss Jane Collins, \$5.00; Mrs. L. L. Taylor, \$5.00; Mrs. Jesse H. Dollar, \$5.00; Mrs. R. J. Moberg, \$5.00; Mrs. G. C. Hopkins, \$5.00; Mrs. O. H. Griggs, \$5.00; Mrs. A. G. Simmons, \$5.00; Mrs. Frank Cannon, \$5.00; Mrs. J. H. Duling, \$5.00; Mrs. W. R. Cole, \$5.00; Mrs. S. E. Holland, \$5.00; Mrs. J. W. Holland, \$5.00; Mrs. R. L. Smith, \$5.00; Mrs. L. T. Brown, \$5.00; Mrs. H. B. Barnes, \$5.00; Mrs. I. W. Ashburn, \$5.00. Total \$405.00.

*Oakland*—Church, \$10.00; Sunday School, \$10.00; F. M. Bible Class, \$10.00; I. W. Johnson Class, \$10.00; Alton Wagoner, \$10.00; W. K. Wagoner, \$10.00; Mrs. E. E. Eagner, \$5.00; Mrs. P. D. Howell, \$5.00; Mrs. C. C. Johnson, \$5.00; Mrs. Elsie D. Simpson, \$5.00; Mrs. E. L. Pruden, \$5.00; R. B. Wood, \$10.00; Dr. N. G. Newman, \$10.00; Mrs. J. T. Brooks, \$5.00; Mrs. M. E. Godwin, \$10.00; Ladies Auxiliary (Aid), \$10.00. Total, \$130.00.

*Richmond*—J. H. Newman, \$10.00; Holmes Bible Class, \$10.00; Carlton Bible Class, \$10.00; Rev. R. L. House, \$10.00; Mrs. J. T. Kernodle (Memorial to Mrs. P. J. Kernodle), \$5.00; Mrs. D. F. Cofer (Memorial to Miss Tamar Savedge), \$5.00. Total, \$50.00.

*Rosemont*—Church, \$10.00; John Morrison Bible Class, \$10.00; H. R. Morrison, \$10.00; Mrs. H. R. Morrison, \$5.00; Mrs. O. F. Smith, \$5.00; Mrs. O. S. Mills, \$5.00. Total, \$45.00.

*Shelton Memorial*—Ladies' Guild, \$10.00; Church, \$10.00. Total, \$20.00.

*Second, Norfolk*—Men's Bible, \$10.00; Ladies' Bible Bible Class, \$10.00; Morning Star Class, \$10.00; J. F. Morgan, \$10.00. Total, \$40.00.



*South Norfolk*—Church, \$10.00; Sunday School, \$10.00; Ladies' Bible Class, \$10.00; L. L. Webb, \$10.00; Mrs. E. J. King, \$5.00; Mrs. Hugh Rawles, \$5.00; Y. P. C. E. Society, \$10.00; Primary Department, \$5.00; New Century Class (Sr. Dept.), \$5.00; Intermediate Department, \$10.00; Mrs. Patrick White, \$5.00; O. D. Poythree, \$10.00. Total, \$95.00.

*Suffolk*—Mrs. A. T. Holland, \$5.00; Church, \$10.00; John G. Truitt, \$10.00; Philathea Class, \$20.00; J. E. West, \$10.00; Woman's Missionary Society, \$10.00; Julia Brinkley, \$5.00; W. W. Staley Missionary Society, \$10.00; Mrs. J. M. Darden, \$5.00; D. L. Rawles, \$10.00; Mrs. J. Parker Cross, \$5.00; W. S. Beamon, \$10.00; H. H. Holland, \$10.00; Annie Staley Calhoun, \$5.00; Ladies' Benevolent and Social Union, \$20.00; Philathea Class, \$10.00; Mrs. C. B. Duke, \$5.00; Church School, \$20.00; Carr Hill, \$10.00; Mrs. J. D. McClenny, \$5.00; D. L. Harrell, \$10.00; Mrs. W. V. Leathers, \$5.00; Mrs. J. E. Rawles, \$5.00; C. A. Shoop, \$10.00; Jamie Felton, \$5.00; Young People, \$10.00; Mrs. A. A. Turner, \$5.00; Susie Holland, \$5.00; Baraca Class, \$10.00; Mrs. George W. Nurney, \$5.00. Total, \$265.00.

*Waverly*—Sunday School (Memorial to Judge J. F. West), \$10.00; Sarah Johnson Class, \$10.00; Church, \$10.00; A. Paul Hartz (Membership of Mrs. A. B. Hartz), \$5.00; Garland Gray, \$20.00; Garland Gray (Memorial to Mrs. Ella V. Gray), \$5.00; Ladies' Aid Society, \$5.00; C. D. West (Memorial to Mrs. R. T. West), \$5.00. Total, \$70.00.

*Windsor*—T. Fred Wright, \$10.00. Total, \$10.00.

Total Receipts, \$2,075.00.

The following Committees were appointed by the president:

*Nominations*—Dr. Will B. O'Neill, Mrs. William Harrell, Mrs. W. V. Leathers.

*Resolutions*—Rev. J. F. Morgan, Dr. F. H. Lewis.

*Place of Next Session*—Mrs. H. P. Harrell.

*Press*—Dr. John G. Truitt.

The Executive Committee presented the printed program as the order for the day. Motion was made and carried to accept printed program with such changes as are necessary.

The treasurer's report by Mr. W. V. Leathers, was presented as follows:

# REPORT OF TREASURER.

Balance brought forward from last year .....	\$ 357.30
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## RECEIPTS.

Membership Fees, December, 1944 .....	\$2,160.00
Mrs. E. P. Jones, Franklin, January, 1945 ...	5.00
Ladies' Aid Society, Franklin, January, 1945 .	10.00
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	2,175.00

Total .....	\$2,532.30
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## DISBURSEMENTS.

Rev. J. Everette Neese, Salary .....	\$ 300.00
Rev. N. C. Kern, Salary .....	435.00
Rev. B. H. Watkins, Salary .....	345.00
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	1,080.00

Balance in Bank, November 30, 1945 .....	\$1,452.30
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Respectfully submitted,  
W. V. LEATHERS, *Treasurer.*



Motion made and carried to refer report to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. W. V. Leathers presented his resignation as treasurer of the C. M. A. Moved and carried that the resignation be accepted with regrets.

Rev. B. H. Watkins reported on the work at Little Creek. He introduced Mr. M. E. Taylor who is the present pastor at the Little Creek Church. Mr. Taylor spoke favorable of the prospects there.

Rev. J. Everette Neese reported on the work at Bay View and introduced Mr. L. R. Bartholomew and Mr. B. C. Haskett, who spoke of the progress being made at Bay View.

Mrs. H. E. Savage, Jr., rendered a beautiful solo: "Then Jesus Came."

In the absence of Dr. W. T. Scott, Dr. John G. Truitt spoke to the Association, using as his subject, "Our Missionary Task."

Dr. I. W. Johnson led a discussion on the subject: "The C. M. A., Its Needs and Its Future."

Motion made and carried that we adjourn for lunch.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:30. Hymn service led by Rev. Victor Murchison. Prayer by Rev. J. F. Morgan. Mr. Murchison also rendered a beautiful solo, "Jesus, Rose of Sharon."

The Committee on Place of Next Meeting gave the following report:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

I recommend that we accept the invitation to meet in our 1946 session with the Newport News Church.

MRS. H. P. HARRELL,  
*Chairman.*

Motion made and carried.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows:

#### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

*President*—Dr. John G. Truitt.

*Vice-President*—Rev. B. H. Watkins.

*Secretary*—Rev. J. Everette Neese.

*Financial Secretary*—Rev. R. E. Brittle.

*Treasurer*—Mr. E. L. Rawles.

Moved and carried that the nominees be elected as the officers of the C. M. A. for the coming year.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We recommend:

1. That we express, by rising vote, our thanks and most grateful appreciation to the pastor and members of Liberty Spring Church for the wonderful way in which they have entertained the Association.
2. That we express our appreciation of the fellowship of this meeting and the forward looking vision that seems to prevail for the onward moving of our Association.
3. That we thank the officers of the Association for their good work this year; and all who have had a part in making our meeting today a success.

J. F. MORGAN,  
F. H. LEWIS,

*Committee.*

Moved and carried that the report be accepted.

A motion was made and carried that the secretary write Col J. E. West and Rev. W. M. Butler, expressing regret at their absence and hoping for an immediate improvement in health.

The report of the Committee on Finance was read as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, have examined the treasurer's account and find same correct.

We report the amount of dues collected at this session (cash and checks)—\$1,870.00.

We recommend payment for secretary's expense of \$1.25.

Respectfully submitted,

T. FRED WRIGHT,  
FRANK H. LEWIS,  
J. F. MORGAN,

*Committee.*

Motion made and carried that the Finance Committee turn all money over to the new treasurer, Mr. E. L. Rawles.

Motion made and carried that the secretary write the churches with unpaid memberships and encourage them to renew their dues for this year.

The report of the Committee on Plans was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLANS.

We, your Committee on Plans, submit the following plans and recommendations:

1. We approve of the plans whereby Mr. M. E. Taylor, a member of the Berea Congregational Christian Church, is doing the work at the Little Creek Church under the supervision of the Berea Church and its pastor, and we recommend that \$800.00 be appropriated on the pastor's salary to be paid monthly.

2. We recommend that \$300.00 be appropriated to the Bay View Congregational Christian Church on pastor's salary, and that \$1,000.00 be appropriated

to this church for the construction of a proposed Educational Building, to be paid when construction begins.

MRS. I. W. JOHNSON,  
MRS. JOEL E. HARRELL,  
H. S. HARDCASTLE,  
J. H. DOLLAR,

*Committee.*

The Membership Committee reported that there have been several new memberships this year and that with the coming of a new year we want to break all previous records.

Motion made and carried that the minutes of this meeting be recorded in THE ANNUAL.

Motion made and carried that the secretary prepare report blanks in duplicate form for churches reporting to the C. M. A. next year.

Motion to adjourn. Prayer.

DR. I. W. JOHNSON, *President.*  
REV. J. EVERETTE NEESE, *Sec'y.*

# Minutes of the Thirteenth Annual Session of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Missionary Association.

Called to order by the President, Rev. A. Greig Ritchie, in connection with the conference on November 14, 1945.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

### RECEIPTS.

Mrs. F. C. Lester .....	\$ 445.00	
Rev. Joe A. French .....	340.50	
		\$ 785.50

### DISBURSEMENTS.

Rev. Ellis N. Clark, Long's Chapel and Mebane Churches .....	\$ 400.00	
Rev. F. C. Lester for Winston-Salem Church .....	300.00	
		700.00

Balance in treasury, Nov. 14, 1945 ..... \$ 85.50

W. E. WALKER, *Treasurer.*

The Financial Secretary submitted his report, showing the collection of dues.

## REPORT OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

Following are the names of the C. M. A. members and their church:

*Apple's Chapel*—Church (5 memberships).

*Berea*—Church (2 memberships).

*Belew's Creek*—Church.

*Bethel*—Church Mrs. Ida P. Murray.

*Bethlehem*—Ladies Aid Society, L. F. Troxler, Mrs. Martha Madren.

*Burlington*—Miss Edith Walker, J. H. McEwen, Miss Sadie Fonville, D. R. Fonville, Rev. W. Millard Stevens, Mrs. June J. Stevens, Mrs. W. W. Horne, Dr. C. M. Walters, Mr. Garland Huffines, Dr. C. W. McPherson, Mr. E. B. Rascoe, Mr. W. R. Sellars, Mr. Herman Truitt, Mrs. W. W. Sellars, Mrs. C. F. Neese, Miss Ethel Truitt, Mr. Wayne Morton, Woman's Bible Class, Mrs. J. H. Barnwell, Mrs. Wilmer Holt.

*Concord*—Church, Sunday School, Mr. W. B. Simpson.

*Danville*—Rev. P. H. Ricketts.

*Durham*—Philathea Class, Dr. S. C. Harrell.

*Elon College*—Dr. L. E. Smith, Mrs. F. C. Lester, Mr. George Colclough, Dr. D. J. Bowden, Dr. M. B. French, Mr. C. R. Wicker, Rev. Harold Lowman.

*Graham, Providence*—Church, Sunday School, Rev. Bernard Munger.

*Greensboro, First*—Mrs. S. E. Foster, Woman's Auxiliary, Rev. W. E. Wiseman Mr. W. B. Truitt, Philathea Class, Mrs. Cora Anthony, Men's Bible Class (O'Kelly), Mrs. G. F. Griffin.



*Greensboro, Palm Street*—Rev. M. A. Pollard.

*Happy Home*—Church, Mr. A. J. Powell, Mrs. Betty Wall.

*Haw River*—Ladies' Bible Class, Miss Pearl Smith.

*Hebron*—Church (2 memberships).

*Hines Chapel*—Mrs. T. E. Smith, Mrs. A. D. Gerringer, Miss Vera Gerringer, Holt Gerringer, Mrs. Rowland W. Iseley.

*Ingram*—Mr. L. E. Carlton, Kent Bible Class.

*Kallam Grove*—Church.

*Liberty*—Church.

*Lebanon*—Church.

*Long's Chapel*—Rev. E. N. Clark, Adult Bible Class (2 memberships), Young People's Bible Class, Sunday School, Mr. W. E. Burnette, Mr. W. T. Dunn (2 memberships).

*Monticello*—Church Mr. J. W. Kernodle, Mrs. M. C. Faucette, Men's Bible Class.

*Mt. Bethel*—Mr. H. T. Lester, Dr. F. C. Lester.

*Mt. Zion*—Church, Sunday School, Rev. W. W. Snyder.

*Pleasant Ridge*—Mr. J. Wright Pegram, Sunday School, Missionary Society, Mr. H. B. Nelson.

*Reidsville*—Church, Miss Effie Pickerel, Woman's Auxiliary, Sunday School, Mrs. Ed Chetla, Baraca Class, Mr. C. H. McKenney, Rev. Joe A. French, Mr. H. C. Degrotte, Mr. Kemp L. Smith, Mr. John H. Dockery, Mr. George Pruitt.

*Shallow Ford*—Church, Christian Endeavor, W. E. Walker, Missionary Society, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Crawford (2 memberships).

*Tryon*—Woman's Society.

*Union (N. C.)*—Woman's Society.

*Union (Va.)*—Church (4 memberships), Rev. C. E. Newman.

Additional memberships received:

*Durham*—Church (5 memberships).

*Burlington*—Mrs. W. R. Sellars, Miss Ella Rae Miles, Miss Ruth Evans, Mrs. Harold Iingle.

*Winston-Salem*—Rev. W. J. Andes, Mrs. A. O. Rudd (2 memberships).

*Gibsonville*—Mr. C. R. Wicker.

*Union (N. C.)*—Adult Bible Class (2 memberships).

*Bethlehem*—Miss Ida Simpson.

*Monticello*—Jane Faucette.

Report made part of record.

Report of Home Mission Board. (See Conference Minutes, page 84, for Report.)

Statement of Purpose and Policy of C. M. A. was read by M. A. Pollard, and was accepted.

#### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND POLICY.

The purpose of this association shall be to promote the work of the Kingdom within the bounds of the Conference:

1. By raising funds through membership dues and appropriating the same.
2. By intelligent planning and survey of the needs of new places of worship and the formation of pastorates in the present churches.

3. By cooperating with the Board of Christian Education, the Board of Stewardship, and the Mission Board in the distribution and the use of literature which is published for the advancement of the cause of missions.

It shall be the policy of the Association to give financial assistance to churches where there is need beyond the ability of the local congregation of the church or churches. Appropriations may be made for the reduction of financial obligations on church buildings or parsonages, on salary to the pastor provided he shall live within the bounds of the parish and shall give full time to the ministry (except that aid may be given to ministerial students who are studying in college or seminary), and for the establishing of new churches or preaching places.

#### BY-LAWS.

1. The name of this organization shall be the Conference Missionary Association of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches.

2. *Members.*—The membership shall be composed of churches and any subsidiary organizations of the churches within the bounds of conference, and of individuals.

3. *Dues.*—Dues for churches, organizations and individuals shall be \$5.00 per year. The C. M. A. year shall run from the close of one session of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference to the close of the following session.

4. *Officers.*—The officers of the CMA shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be elected annually, and shall serve for one year, or until their successors are elected. They shall perform such duties as are usually appropriate to their respective offices.

5. *Committees.*—The CMA officers and the Home Mission Board of the Conference shall work together as a unit in making surveys and plans for the strengthening of existing churches, the founding of new churches, and in suggesting appropriations for completing the work of the CMA.

6. *Meetings.*—The annual meeting of the CMA shall be held at the same time and place as the annual meeting of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches.

7. The churches to which appropriations are made shall have pastors who are acceptable to the Committee on the Ministry of the Conference.

8. The CMA shall not be held responsible for any financial obligations other than those approved by the CMA in session or by its duly elected officers after due consideration.

9. A list of CMA members shall be published as part of the minutes of the annual meeting.

10. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the CMA by a majority vote of members present.

Report of Financial Committee read and accepted.

#### REPORT OF APPLICATIONS.

Long's Chapel .....	\$ 400.00
Winston-Salem .....	400.00
Providence Memorial .....	360.00
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	\$1,160.00

Motion was made that the Executive Committee and Home Mission Board take care of applications that have been made.

Discussion of new members.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee, have examined the books of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer and find that the accounts are as reported to the CMA by the Financial Secretary and Treasurer.

W. T. DUNN,  
W. WALTER HALL,  
*Committee.*

Report accepted.

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

*President*—Rev. W. M. Stevens.  
*Vice-President*—Rev. M. V. Welch.  
*Secretary*—Rev. K. D. Register.  
*Treasurer*—Rev. W. W. Snyder.

D. J. BOWDEN,  
VERA GERRINGER,  
J. HOWARD SMITH,  
HENRY L. SMITH,  
MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN,  
*Committee.*

Report of Nominating Committee. Report accepted.

Meeting adjourned.

W. W. SNYDER, *Substitute Secretary* for George D. Colclough.

## Minutes of the Virginia Valley Central Christian Missionary Association.

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The Christian Missionary Association of the Virginia Valley Central Conference met at the Bethel Church during the annual session of conference, Wednesday and Thursday, August 8 and 9, 1945, and was called to order by the president, Rev. R. A. Whitten. In the absence of the secretary-treasurer, Miss Anna Lou Showalter, the president asked Miss Isabelle Sheetz to act as secretary-treasurer.

The minutes were read and approved.

Rev. Rev. S. E. Madren was welcomed as a new member.

The roll call showed dues paid as follows:

### C. M. A. MEMBERSHIPS—CONFERENCE YEAR 1944-45.

Rev. R. A. Whitten, \$5.00; Win One Bible Class (Winchester), \$5.00; Mrs. R. A. Whitten, \$2.50; Mrs. J. E. Bryant, \$2.50; Bethlehem Bible Class, \$5.00; Bethlehem Church, \$5.00; Rev. G. H. Veazey, \$5.00; New Hope Church, \$5.00; Miss Verdie Showalter, \$2.50; Ladies Aid Society (Antioch), \$2.50; Antioch Church, \$5.25; Mrs. Barbara Andes, \$2.50; Miss Olive Showalter, \$2.50; Adult Bible Class (Antioch), \$5.20; Mrs. Anna Lou Wright, \$2.50; O. W. Andes, \$5.00; Ladies Bible Class (Timber Ridge), \$2.50; Mrs. Myrtle Garvin, \$2.50; Ladies Aid Society (Timber Ridge), \$2.50; Winchester Church, \$10.00; R. A. Larrick, \$5.00; Rev. F. C. Lester, \$5.00; Loy H. Hook, \$5.00; Mrs. C. W. Louderback, \$2.50; Woman's Missionary Society (Linville), \$2.50; Samuel Earman, \$5.00; Mrs. Samuel Earman, \$2.50; Sunday School and Pilgrim Fellowship Convention, \$10.00; Linville Church, \$5.00; R. Roy Hosaflook, \$5.00; Mrs. R. Roy Hosaflook, \$2.50; Mrs. R. E. Newton, \$2.50; Rev. S. E. Madren, \$5.00; Rev. W. J. Andes, \$5.00; Mrs. A. W. Andes, \$2.50; Ladies Bible Class (Winchester), \$5.00; Special Contribution, Ladies Bible Class (Winchester), \$13.50; Mrs. Mary Pickering, \$5.00; Bethel Church, \$2.50; R. O. Rothgeb, \$5.00. Total, \$176.40.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the following officers be elected for the term, 1945-46:

*President*—Rev. S. E. Madren, Linville, Va.

*Vice-President*—Rev. R. A. Whitten, Winchester, Va.

*Secretary-Treasurer*—Miss Isabelle Sheetz, Route 1, Winchester, Va.

It was moved and voted that the total dues collected amounting to \$176.40 be turned over to the conference treasurer to be used for Home Mission work in the Valley Conference.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at the next session of the conference.

S. E. MADREN, *President*.

ISABELLE SHEETZ, *Sec'y-Treas.*



# Minutes of the Third Annual Session of the Western North Carolina Christian Missionary Association.

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The Christian Missionary Association of the Western North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met on adjournment of regular session of the Western Conference at Pleasant Ridge Church on November 7, 1945. Rev. B. J. Earp called the Association to order at 1:45 P. M. for the transaction of business.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer reported \$135.00 in the treasury.

President Earp stated some of the objects of the Association and urged the collection of dues by the treasurer. The following paid dues for 1944-45:

H. J. Earp, \$5.00; T. J. Green, \$5.00; M. A. Pollard, \$5.00; L. M. Presnell, \$5.00; E. C. Brady, \$5.00; W. T. Madren, \$5.00; George T. Gunter, \$5.00; Cyrus Shoffner, \$5.00; Mrs. H. V. Cox, \$2.50; Mrs. S. A. Morton, \$2.50; Albemarle's Men's Bible Class, \$5.00; Miss Ava Lee Brown, \$2.50; Mrs. H. K. Routh, \$2.50; Miss Flossie Bray, \$2.50; High Point Church, \$5.00; Priscilla League (Albemarle), \$5.00; Junior Girls' Class (Albemarle), \$5.00; Harry Thomas Lester, \$2.50; Dr. L. E. Smith, \$5.00; Young People's Class (Pleasant Ridge Church), \$5.00. Total dues collected, \$97.50.

The last five named members were secured this year.

The dues collected plus \$135.00, makes a grand total of \$232.50 as balance in treasury November 7, 1945.

Mrs. E. P. Boroughs withdrew her individual membership since she desired to be a part of the Asheboro Ladies' Class.

The following officers were elected for 1945-46:

*President*—Rev. M. A. Pollard.

*Vice-President*—Rev. Ben Joe Earp.

*Secretary-Treasurer*—Rev. E. Carl Brady.

*Assistant Secretary-Treasurer*—Rev. W. T. Madren.

President Pollard took the chair, accepting the presidency with appropriate remarks.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet one year hence in connection with the annual conference.

BEN JOE EARP, *President*.

E. CARL BRADY, *Sec'y-Treas.*



STATISTICAL TABLE No. 1—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	Year Organized	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Young Peoples Societies	Christian Sun Goal	Christian Sun Subscribers
Amelia.....	1888	R. T. Grissom.....	Mrs. Leon Stevens, R. 2, Clayton.....	M. B. Smith, R. 2, Clayton.....	119	3	4	1	4	119	16	58	.....	6	1
Antioch.....	1892	Herbert Scholz.....	H. L. Wall, Elams.....	S. B. Spragins, Gasburg, Va.....	91	.....	.....	.....	.....	88	6	38	.....	5	2
Auburn.....	1889	W. C. Ferrell.....	Henry Bailey, R. 2, Raleigh.....	I. E. Peterson, R. 2, Raleigh.....	142	3	6	2	7	141	18	68	.....	6	3
Bethel.....	1889	.....	(No Report).....	(No Report).....	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	.....	3	.....
Bethlehem.....	1900	.....	(No Report).....	(No Report).....	78	.....	.....	.....	.....	78	.....	25	.....	3	.....
Beulah.....	1855	T. D. Sutton.....	A. W. Watkins, R. 3, Zebulon.....	W. C. Barham, R. 2, Wake Forest.....	276	18	21	2	5	292	7	147	20	9	.....
Catawba Springs.....	1912	J. L. Johnson.....	(No Report).....	(No Report).....	58	3	17	.....	.....	75	7	42	11	14	.....
Chapel Hill.....	1910	A. G. Ritchie.....	Lucille Varner, 318 McCauley St.....	Lindsay Neville, 4 Oakwood Dr.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	.....
Christian Chapel.....	1820	.....	(No Report).....	(No Report).....	167	4	6	.....	.....	171	9	104	.....	8	.....
Christian Light.....	1886	G. M. Tally.....	Mrs. E. M. Blanchard Fuquay.....	I. A. Ausley, Fuquay Springs.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clayton.....	1920	.....	(No Report).....	(No Report).....	77	1	2	1	1	78	8	33	.....	4	.....
Damascus.....	1797	A. G. Ritchie.....	Mrs. Paul Long, R. 3, Chapel Hill.....	Robt. Daniel, R. 3, Chapel Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....
Ebenezer.....	1883	J. A. Denton.....	(No Report).....	(No Report).....	120	2	2	2	5	117	8	68	.....	10	.....
Fuller's Chapel.....	1901	E. M. Carter.....	Margaret Edwards, R4, Henderson.....	W. S. Briggs, R. 4, Henderson.....	103	8	8	.....	.....	111	.....	.....	.....	5	.....
Good Hope.....	1810	E. M. Carter.....	Valda Davis, R. 1, Youngsville.....	Vivian Davis, R. 1, Youngsville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hayes Chapel.....	1870	J. Frank Apple.....	(No Report).....	(No Report).....	66	.....	.....	.....	.....	66	.....	.....	.....	4	.....
Henderson.....	1905	A. P. Robinson, Jr.....	C. D. Newman, 421 Rowland St.....	J. A. Hall, Henderson.....	290	3	5	1	1	264	11	143	.....	14	22
Hope Mills.....	1839	Eugene Talley.....	Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Hope Mills.....	D. E. Culbreth, Hope Mills.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	6	45	.....	5	.....
Lebanon.....	1923	.....	Mrs. R. F. Stevens, R. 2, Sanford.....	Mrs. Paul Thomas, Sanford.....	40	6	6	1	1	45	7	27	.....	2	.....
Lee's Chapel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	59	.....	.....	.....	3	.....
Liberty (Vance).....	1859	J. E. McCauley.....	Margaret Alston, R. 1, Henderson.....	K. G. Weldon, R. 1, Henderson.....	376	7	14	2	12	378	20	185	25	28	26
Martha's Chapel.....	1803	Charlie Gray.....	Mrs. Cleo J. Lawrence, R. 2, Apex.....	W. J. Morgan, R. 3, Apex.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	77	7	32	.....	4	.....
Moore Union.....	.....	G. M. Tally.....	Mrs. J. W. Lett, R. 2, Jonesboro.....	U. G. Burns, R. 2, Sanford.....	97	5	5	1	1	101	6	41	.....	6	.....
Morrisville.....	1872	Ellis N. Clark.....	R. H. Cotton, Morrisville.....	Mrs. R. H. Cotton, Morrisville.....	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	7	30	.....	3	2

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STATISTICAL TABLE No. 2—FINANCE—EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	Paid on Convention Home Missions	Paid on Convention Foreign Missions	Raised for Orphanage	Raised for Elton College	Raised for Christian Education	Raised for Superannuation	Paid on Convention Fund	Paid on Per Capita	Paid on Conference Fund	Total Paid on Apportionment	Raised by Woman's Missionary Society	Other Benevolences and Missions	Total Benevolences and Missions	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Paid on Current Expense by Church and Auxiliaries	Amount Paid on Indebtedness	GRAND TOTAL	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness on Church Property
Amelia.....	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 15	\$ 8	\$ 7	\$ 100	\$ 57	\$ 157	\$ 455	\$ 701		\$ 858	\$ 2,000	
Antioch.....	2	2	8	8	1	1	2	2	1	2	28		28	100	145		173	2,000	
Auburn.....	56	27	101	6						190	12	194	356	300	443		799	3,000	
Bethel.....			86	10						96			96				96		
Bethlehem.....																			
Beulah.....	12	12	47	15	10	5	15	22	5	143			143	400	783		926	2,500	
Catawba Springs.....			196							196			196				196		
Chapel Hill.....	13	16	45	25	8	11	20	4	11	153	88		241	1,092	1,920	\$1,038	3,199	29,300	
Christian Chapel.....			7							7			7				7		
Christian Light.....			44						10	54		112	166	250	99		265	3,000	
Clayton.....			12							12			12				12		
Danacus.....	14	14	20	19	5	5	10	5	7	99			99	157	211		310		
Benezet.....			22							22			22				22		
Fuller's Chapel.....	15	15	30	45	10	18	20	9	9	171	30	57	258	200	275		533	3,500	
Good Hope.....	10	10	15	15	5	5	13	8	5	86			86	214	299		385		
Hayes Chapel.....			29							29			29				29		
Henderson.....	25	25	80	80	15	15	30	19	15	304	124	43	471	1,800	4,292		4,763	16,000	
Hope Mills.....	13	13	31	29	7	7	13	3	5	121	35		156	300	590		746	1,000	
Lebanon.....			15							15			15				75		
Lee's Chapel.....			8							8			8	57	155		163		
Liberty (Vance).....	105	105	401	178	35	35	75	30	37	1,001	164		1,165	800	1,903	4,700	7,768	2,500	
Martha's Chapel.....	2	3	10		1					16			16				168	1,500	
Moore Union.....	4	4	23	4	3	3	4	3	5	53			53	200	770		823	5,000	
Morrisville.....	13	8	30	17	7	7	9	4	9	104		15	119	93	175		294	3,000	

Mt. Auburn.....	47	112	75	22	32	8	13	378	143	521	400	489	1,010	7,000
Mt. Carmel.....	12	17	17	5	15	8	5	96	.....	96	250	463	559	3,000
Mt. Gilead.....	19	28	11	10	18	10	11	136	41	177	225	406	583	1,300
Mt. Hermon.....	10	34	28	5	13	6	5	116	.....	116	225	405	521	1,600
New Elam.....	23	154	20	6	18	20	4	278	186	464	300	660	1,124	3,000
New Hope.....	15	97	25	8	8	18	9	213	.....	213	230	596	809	.....
Niagara.....	5	8	6	3	.....	.....	.....	27	.....	27	110	180	207	1,500
Oak Level.....	15	32	28	8	18	8	9	149	162	311	195	261	572	5,000
O'Kelly's Chapel.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	4	.....	.....	4	.....
Piney Plain.....	.....	72	.....	10	.....	.....	4	86	52	138	258	453	591	.....
Pleasant Hill.....	2	19	1	1	1	1	4	32	.....	32	208	456	488	1,030
Pleasant Union.....	32	109	.....	20	.....	6	6	198	50	248	500	4,180	4,428	6,200
Plymouth.....	4	122	5	3	4	3	7	166	40	206	305	524	730	1,500
Pope's Chapel.....	15	30	30	7	18	8	9	139	.....	139	240	300	439	2,500
Raleigh.....	.....	22	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	196	426	3,000	6,704	10,230	125,000
Sanford.....	25	68	68	10	27	16	13	262	188	800	1,750	2,678	3,478	13,000
Shallow Well.....	21	110	20	10	25	14	11	242	105	382	512	877	1,259	5,000
Six Forks.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Southern Pines.....	25	52	52	10	27	16	13	230	92	646	.....	5,618	6,204	49,000
Turner's Chapel.....	25	104	19	7	.....	.....	.....	180	110	293	410	841	1,134	5,000
Wake Chapel.....	87	484	234	15	15	47	18	999	.....	999	720	991	1,990	15,000
Wentworth.....	13	113	.....	10	10	15	5	179	46	225	200	449	674	1,500
Youngsville.....	8	18	15	7	9	12	4	86	23	214	270	454	668	5,000
Totals.....	\$ 701	\$ 665	\$3,083	\$1,133	\$ 259	\$ 536	\$258	\$291	\$ 7,236	\$1,310	\$2,030	\$ 10,376	\$8,538	\$ 343,930
											\$ 19,881	\$ 40,973	\$ 60,387	\$ 17,291

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 3—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	Year Organized	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Young People's Societies	Christian Sun Goal	Christian Sun Subscribers
Antioch.....	1864	T. Fred Wright.....	Mrs. W. E. Garrison, Windsor.....	J. T. Godwin, Windsor.....	162.....	3	2	7	158	8	70	15	18		
Barrett's.....	1792	M. W. Butler.....	P. B. Barrett, Sedley.....	John Sims, Jr., Sedley.....	66.....	3	4	7	59	6	30	8	6		
Berea (Nansmond).....	1858	I. W. Johnson.....	Mrs. H. P. Harrell, B. 104, Driver.....	Ernest Waterfield, R. 1, Hickory.....	133.....	3	22	114	10	140	26	10	10		
Berea (Norfolk).....	1871	B. H. Watkins.....	Mrs. E. A. Eason, R. 3, Norfolk.....	Alvin H. Sykora, Prince George.....	155.....	14	4	166	21	248	25	12	17		
Bethlehem (Dispt.).....	1896	George Olejar.....	John C. Tomko, Prince George.....	C. F. Savage, R. 3, Suffolk.....	127.....	16	4	127	9	77	40	10	10		
Bethlehem (Nans.).....	1848	R. E. Brittle.....	Miss Mary Folk, Suffolk.....	P. N. Gay, Wakefield.....	493.....	1	4	7	490	16	259	54	35		
Burton's Grove.....	1886	M. W. Butler.....	Mrs. G. C. Brittle, Wakefield.....	P. N. Gay, Wakefield.....	38.....	3	1	1	40	7	33	23	6		
Centerville.....	1885	J. E. McCauley.....	J. C. Morris, Disputanta.....	G. W. Bain, Disputanta.....	66.....	3	1	3	63	8	28	35	7		
Cypress Chapel.....	1795	R. E. Brittle.....	Mrs. G. C. Mann, Cypress Chapel.....	J. C. Lynch, R. 1, Suffolk.....	355.....	8	5	5	362	30	227	45	35		
Damascus.....	1832	F. H. Lewis, Sup.....	J. E. Corbitt, Sunbury, N. C.....	Fletcher Corbitt, Sunbury, N. C.....	173.....	12	5	3	170	9	82	35	25		
Dendron.....	1901	J. M. Roberts.....	Waverly S. Barrett, Dendron.....	E. T. Atkinson, Dendron.....	38.....	3	5	1	41	10	52	3	36		
Epworth, Delaware.....	1912	W. C. Moore.....	J. H. Lilley, Eure, N. C.....	T. A. Eure, Eure, N. C.....	326.....	5	3	7	324	8	75	50	35		
Eure.....	1862	J. M. Roberts.....	N. T. Barron, 212 South St.....	Darden W. Jones, Pace Court.....	360.....	12	26	4	381	24	249	30	35		
Franklin.....	1883	W. T. Scott.....	Miss Frances Holland, Holland.....	L. C. Johnston, Holland.....	416.....	5	1	1	420	17	170	30	35		
Holland.....	1874	Will B. O'Neill.....	Emmett G. Harrell, Holland.....	Harvey L. Worrell, Holland.....	289.....	2	3	1	285	18	157	29	30		
Holy Neck.....	1796	D. D. Nash.....	Mrs. F. Sodomka, 104 City Ft. Rd.....	F. W. Lowe, 213 15 Ave, Hopewell.....	216.....	8	21	41	196	8	58	14	24		
Hopewell.....	1927	T. Fred Wright.....	Mrs. W. E. Wills, Isle of Wight.....	Chas. T. Darden, Isle of Wight.....	80.....	2	2	1	81	12	74	10	12		
Ivor.....	1891	M. W. Butler.....	(Disbanded)												
Johnson's Grove.....	1867	W. T. Scott.....	Mrs. B. F. Hancock, Sedley.....	B. F. Hancock, Sedley.....	61.....	4	1	3	62	4	19	3	4		
Liberty Spring.....	1869	I. W. Johnson.....	E. B. Rawles, Box 398, Suffolk.....	Weslie Harrell, R. 1, Suffolk.....	394.....	9	11	4	398	16	180	107	65		
Mt. Carmel.....	1875	T. Fred Wright.....	Mrs. F. H. Johnson, Zuni.....	Z. T. Holland, Walters.....	227.....	1	1	2	219	21	238	19	22		
Mt. Zion.....	1890	Randall C. Mason.....	Mrs. George Dixon, Eclipse.....	G. B. Martin, Eclipse.....	70.....	1	1	36	35	20	92	8	4		
New Lebanon.....	1882	Jesse H. Dollar.....	Ollie V. Cockes, Elberon.....	Ollie V. Cockes, Elberon.....	60.....	1	1	1	59	7	42	7	50		
Newport News.....	1901	Jesse H. Dollar.....	Mrs. R. J. Moberg, 1128 17th St.....	W. B. Williams, 1253 24th St.....	482.....	19	52	3	516	48	255	23	50		

Norfolk:													
Bay View.....	1920	J. Everette Neese.....	Mrs. B. C. Haskett, 2533 Ches. (3).....	117	3	13	6	124	10	122	21	12	8
Christian Temple.....	1921	Peter Young.....	Mrs. R. L. Bryant, 234 W. 33 St.....	1,020	10	15	7	242	733	37	338	40	100
First.....	1847	Sidney G. Olson.....	J. A. Hall, 1409 Colon Ave.....	313	10	10	1	3	320	13	122	.....	65
Little Creek.....	1938	M. E. Taylor (lay).....	Mrs. W. B. Bowden, 3200 Shore Dr.....	41	8	18	44	15	6	50	.....	15	1
Rosemont.....	1902	H. S. Hardcastle.....	Mrs. G. C. Dyer, 3605 Bainbridge.....	467	6	17	3	3	481	39	366	40	44
Second.....	1900	J. F. Morgan.....	C. C. Ethridge, 342 Glendale Ave.....	204	14	16	3	10	210	13	110	25	25
Oak Grove.....	1903	F. H. Lewis, Sup.....	W. K. Parker, Sunbury, N. C.....	97	2	2	1	1	98	9	51	10	8
Oakland.....	1869	I. W. Johnson.....	Mrs. J. Rollie Gayle, Carrollton.....	396	14	15	6	8	403	13	283	115	35
Portsmouth:													30
Elm Avenue.....	1920		J. A. Branch, 117 Franklin Ave.....	116	7	9	2	12	113	12	122	40	.....
First.....	1901	R. C. Mason.....	E. G. Story, 421 King St.....	185	16	20	2	5	200	13	126	37	50
Shelton Memorial.....	1905	Frank H. Lewis.....	W. F. Lawrence, 1724 Matthews Tr.....	107	1	6	.....	113	11	46	20	8	.....
Richmond First.....	1920	Robert Lee House.....	Miss Ruth Burgess, 3220 Floyd.....	150	6	15	2	3	162	17	96	.....	.....
South Norfolk.....	1904	O. D. Poythress.....	C. E. Hollowell, 1231 Chesapeake.....	667	46	50	5	40	677	57	512	26	100
Spring Hill.....	1860	J. E. McCauley.....	E. B. Richardson, Jr., Waverly.....	75	.....	.....	.....	7	14	8	47	15	8
Suffolk.....	1860	John G. Truitt.....	J. D. MacClenny.....	1,438	33	54	14	29	1,463	68	709	245	150
		(Victor Murchison)											125
Union (South.).....	1826	R. E. Brittle.....	Frances Blythe, R. 2, Franklin.....	168	5	6	.....	4	170	8	88	16	15
Union (Surry).....	1848	J. M. Roberts.....	R. T. Brittle, Dendron.....	30	.....	.....	.....	30	7	22	.....	.....	3
Wakefield.....	1906	M. W. Butler.....	Wallace F. Brittle, RFD, Waverly.....	119	.....	7	1	3	123	13	85	.....	.....
Waverly.....	1883	J. E. McCauley.....	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Waverly.....	173	21	35	1	2	206	30	164	20	22
Windsor.....	1879	T. Fred Wright.....	Mrs. E. R. Lane, Windsor.....	123	3	6	1	5	124	11	162	18	5
Totals.....				10,793	295	491	91	619	10,605	732	6,526	1167	975
													726



STATISTICAL TABLE No. 4—FINANCE—EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	Paid on Conventions Home Missions	Paid on Conventions Foreign Missions	Raised for Orphanage	Raised for Elton College	Raised for Christian Education	Raised for Supernaturation	Paid on Convention Fund	Paid on Per Capita Fund	Paid on Conferences Missions	Paid on Conference Fund	Total Paid on Apportionment	Raised by Woman's Missionary Society	Raised for Christian Missionary Ass'n	Other Benevolences and Missions	Total Benevolences and Missions	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Paid on Current Expense by Church and Auxiliaries	Amount Paid on Indebtedness	GRAND TOTAL	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness on Church Property
Antioch.....	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 14	\$ 75	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 25	\$ 15	\$ 10	\$ 5	\$ 204	\$ 41	\$ 10	\$ 30	\$ 285	\$ 350	\$ 2,499	.....	\$ 3,134	\$ 4,000	.....
Barrett's.....	5	5	5	15	5	5	5	5	5	5	60	164	75	214	823	200	286	.....	546	2,000	.....
Berea (Nansemond).....	33	32	100	64	20	25	35	10	31	20	370	164	75	214	823	600	400	.....	1,823	15,000	.....
Berea (Norfolk).....	35	35	50	30	25	50	40	15	35	10	325	164	75	214	823	1,855	13,166	.....	15,346	35,000	\$ 3,000
Bethlehem (Disputan).....	6	6	3	3	4	3	6	6	4	4	45	.....	.....	.....	45	1,200	.....	.....	1,245	5,000	.....
Bethlehem (Nans).....	46	46	126	158	30	50	40	35	50	15	596	506	45	315	1,462	900	730	.....	3,092	12,000	.....
Burton's Grove.....	5	5	10	10	5	5	5	4	5	5	56	.....	.....	.....	56	200	.....	.....	256	2,000	.....
Centerville.....	5	4	16	9	4	4	5	.....	5	5	57	.....	.....	.....	57	168	100	.....	325	1,500	.....
Cypress Chapel.....	55	55	247	100	35	35	42	22	50	10	651	240	20	20	931	800	1,901	\$ 100	3,732	25,000	.....
Damascus.....	20	20	25	60	5	10	20	12	15	10	197	78	.....	.....	275	180	36	.....	491	1,500	.....
Dendron.....	11	11	81	15	3	8	4	2	2	3	140	222	.....	46	408	180	357	.....	945	2,500	.....
Epworth (Delaware).....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....
Eure.....	27	30	50	95	10	10	45	25	25	15	332	456	70	40	332	180	198	.....	710	2,500	.....
Franklin.....	90	90	115	200	20	48	85	22	73	10	755	456	70	40	1,321	2,750	3,327	.....	7,398	4,500	.....
Holland.....	101	96	268	325	44	54	97	28	75	10	1,098	260	25	450	1,833	2,400	1,898	.....	6,131	45,000	.....
Holy Neck.....	30	30	77	96	20	25	50	18	10	10	366	230	20	10	626	901	1,669	.....	3,196	17,000	.....
Hopewell.....	5	5	12	5	5	25	3	10	4	3	77	31	.....	.....	108	664	579	100	1,451	7,000	900
Isle of Wight.....	19	19	55	62	5	5	15	5	10	5	200	46	10	50	306	350	332	.....	988	3,000	.....
Ivor.....	.....	.....	25	14	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	49	.....	.....	66	127	576	.....	769	2,000	.....
Johnson's Grove.....	3	3	15	5	5	5	5	5	3	3	52	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Liberty Spring.....	45	47	153	130	15	46	45	27	45	10	548	507	345	275	1,675	600	1,324	.....	3,599	20,000	.....
Mt. Carmel.....	50	50	221	85	33	30	45	15	35	10	564	139	10	50	763	.....	1,992	.....	2,255	5,000	.....
Mt. Zion.....	5	5	16	10	5	10	15	5	5	5	71	.....	.....	.....	76	484	1,450	.....	2,010	4,000	.....
New Lebanon.....	15	15	33	25	5	10	16	4	10	10	143	.....	.....	50	193	.....	169	.....	362	3,500	.....
Newport News.....	460	460	345	426	50	164	105	30	100	20	2,160	300	400	1,914	4,774	3,600	23,190	.....	31,564	115,000	10,000

Norfolk:																				
Bay View.....	17	18	25	30	5	7	20	5	15	147	50	20	10	227	1,750	2,252	3,057	7,286	1,100	
Christian Temple...	325	320	334	750	60	138	325	80	100	2,462	460	...	812	3,734	3,020	12,571	...	19,335	310,000	
First Church.....	92	92	288	281	20	52	55	20	35	10	945	120	5	25	1,409	1,224	...	3,728	40,000	
Little Creek.....	...	...	16	2	2	2	2	...	2	2	28	10	...	38	38	47	...	123	3,000	
Rosemont.....	648	689	1,707	275	40	75	125	30	80	65	3,734	569	45	3,693	3,293	3,826	...	15,160	59,000	
Second.....	35	35	131	125	10	26	45	14	30	6	457	93	50	...	600	3,385	3,753	6,738	24,500	
Oak Grove.....	15	18	20	30	5	5	15	7	10	5	150	...	...	...	150	180	...	473	3,700	
Oakland.....	45	45	141	100	15	40	25	37	10	478	215	130	277	...	1,100	600	779	2,473	15,000	
Portsmouth:																				
Elm Avenue.....	39	41	35	35	...	15	25	...	15	5	210	...	...	...	210	2,943	2,272	200	5,625	
First Church.....	130	81	179	251	33	73	73	15	35	10	880	64	10	569	1,523	2,400	3,277	7,200	30,000	
Shelton Memorial.....	11	22	25	10	13	11	18	5	5	10	130	87	10	80	307	1,525	808	2,640	26,742	
Richmond First.....	40	40	128	150	10	20	55	10	35	10	498	55	50	22	625	2,100	2,789	5,514	120,500	
South Norfolk.....	80	75	100	230	20	70	42	60	10	712	90	100	160	...	1,082	3,640	12,040	16,742	125,000	
Spring Hill.....	17	17	29	25	5	5	15	5	10	133	32	...	31	106	180	112	488	3,500	...	
Suffolk.....	360	376	1,036	875	75	150	360	100	300	30	3,662	1,410	315	316	5,703	3,600	13,423	28,652	167,000	
Union, (Southampton).	53	53	67	69	14	15	30	12	15	10	338	...	...	...	369	417	380	1,166	4,500	
Union (Surrey).....	11	37	15	5	10	5	10	5	3	5	107	...	...	...	199	120	23	272	500	
Wakefield.....	17	12	20	50	10	5	12	9	10	5	150	88	...	...	238	750	1,927	2,015	12,000	
Waverly.....	68	68	41	180	10	10	75	15	25	10	473	113	20	49	694	1,480	1,915	4,059	30,500	
Windsor.....	40	35	133	136	10	15	35	9	30	10	453	130	10	47	640	720	742	2,102	9,000	
Totals.....	\$3,135	\$3,138	\$6,555	\$5,617	\$1,276	\$1,312	\$2,148	\$725	\$1,449	\$467	\$25,822	\$6,827	\$1,805	\$9,596	\$44,050	\$51,649	\$119,182	\$8,883	\$223,704	
																			\$1,367,942	\$15,000

NOTE.—Totals include \$550 contributed for Religious Education by the Eastern Virginia Sunday School Convention.

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 5—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Young People's Societies	Christian Sun Goal	Christian Sun Subscribers
Apple's Chapel..... Asheville..... Belew Creek..... Berea..... Bethel.....	J. L. Neese..... Wm. P. Jackson..... J. H. Sunburn..... M. W. Andes..... W. W. Snyder.....	Mrs. R. E. Apple, R. 1, Whitsett..... Miss Philena Dickey, 132 Spears..... Mrs. H. C. Murray, Belew Creek..... Mrs. Geo. Pritchett, R. 1, Elton..... Mrs. Ida P. Murray, R. 3, Mebane.....	J. J. Busick, R. 1, Brown Summit. Mrs. Jas. Davis, 24 Hanover St.. Mrs. Emma Martin, Belew Creek.. Lawrence Boone, R. 2, Elton Col.. T. P. Miles, R. 3, Burlington.....	440 100 114 121 178	6 11 4 2 2	9 11 4 3 4	3 1 1 2 1	4 6 1 2 3	445 106 127 132 179	14 6 8 9 9	217 58 79 83 77	23 10 12 16 20	48 13 12 6 15	15
Bethlehem..... Burlington..... Carolina..... Concord..... Danville.....	J. L. Neese..... W. M. Stevens..... W. W. Hall..... W. W. Snyder..... M. T. Sorrell.....	Clyde Isely, R. 4, Burlington..... E. N. Pearce, Box 316, Burlington.. J. W. Trollinger, R. 3, Burlington.. Mrs. W. R. Simmons, R. 2, Elton.. Mrs. W. B. Crawford, 1471 Myrtle..	Horace Lee, R. 2, Elton College.. W. K. Holt, Jr., Holt Apts..... J. W. Trollinger, R. 3, Burlington.. Preston Terrell, R. 2, Elton College.. P. H. Ricketts, 2075 Rocklawn Av.	349 800 83 115 817	6 7 40 1 18	12 40 1 37 37	4 12 1 5 5	7 21 2 47 10	354 819 81 105 442	17 35 8 6 39	344 122 91 824 232	36 92 9 14 63	36 62 9 12 2	15
Durham..... Elk Spur..... Elton College..... Gibsonville..... Graham-Prov.-Mem..	S. C. Harrell..... H. A. Gleason, Jr..... L. E. Smith..... Harold Loman..... D. J. Bowden.....	A. T. Crutchfield, 622 Club Blvd.. Miss Nannie D. Reitzel..... Miss Lucy Jones, Gibsonville..... Mrs. E. A. Holt, 403 N. Main St..  	Mrs. R. S. Smith, 2226 Cranford.. Dr. Merton French, Elton College.. Geo. Payne, R. 1, Gibsonville.....  	448 59 431 207 78	2 10 17 5 5	4 23 16 17 7	4 2 8 1 2	10 79 9 2 2	442 59 375 215 82	34 23 23 14 10	232 170 49 303 80	18 52 16 25 9	58 10 16 5 8	15
Greensboro, First..... Greensboro, Palm St.. Happy Home..... Haw River..... Hebron.....	W. E. Wiseman..... M. A. Pollard..... W. J. Andes..... Earl Farrell..... C. E. Newman.....	R. G. Moffitt, 218 Bragg St.. A. H. Hinshaw, 2215 Vine St.. Miss Clarence Gunn, R. 3, Reidsville.. Miss Fannie Byrd, Box 123..... Kent Rice, Nelson, Va.....	H. Rountree, 510 N. Mendenhall.. Max Fulk, Revolution Apts..... J. D. Carter, R. 2, Rufin..... Paul Bason, R. 1, Mebane..... Wilson Daniel, Nelson, Va.....	453 266 277 158 109	9 5 17 7 7	15 5 19 10 7	4 5 3 3 2	11 5 15 6 2	457 266 281 162 114	20 11 13 16 8	265 171 127 138 38	30 15 29 17 3	54 39 29 16 17	15
Hines Chapel..... Hopedale..... Howard's Chapel..... Ingram..... Ivy Hill.....	M. V. Welch..... Harold Loman.....  J. E. McCauley.....	L. V. Smith, R. 1, McLeansville..   Mrs. P. W. Farthing, Ingram, Va..  	J. W. Barker, R. 5, Greensboro..   J. K. Landrum, Vernon Hill, Va..  	218   210	10   3	10   3	2   4	4   4	224   209	8   10	110   80	27 12 3 24 2	29 10 17 17 2	10

Kallam's Grove.	M. T. Sorrell.	T. J. Earp, Milton.	85	1	85	9
Lebanon.	C. E. Newman.	C. S. Wilkins, Nathalie, Va.	133	4	132	6
Liberty.	C. E. Newman.	W. J. Fonville, R. 1, Burlington.	205	5	207	11
Long's Chapel.	E. N. Clark.	W. H. Lynch, Elon College.	157	8	148	9
Lynchburg.	J. H. Smith.	Miss Lillie Fowler, Mebane.	129	5	123	30
		Mrs. J. W. Kenode, Brn Summit.	31		24	7
Mebane.	E. N. Clark.	Mrs. F. W. Simpson, Stokesdale.	83	4	83	10
Monticello.	M. V. Welch.	Zeb H. Lynch, Elon College.	63	4	65	9
Mt. Bethel.	M. A. Pollard.	Miss Carrie Sharpe, Summerfield.	167	10	139	8
Mt. Zion.	W. W. Snyder.	C. E. Fulk, Pfafftown.	185	8	195	9
New Lebanon.	M. T. Sorrell.	Mrs. Eliz. Sipe, News Ferry, Va.	26		25	9
		Betty Fleming, R. 1, Guilford Col.	267	4	267	11
Pfafftown.	W. E. Burris, Sup.	Mrs. E. H. Abell, 231 Lawsonville.	53	1	68	5
Pleasant Grove.	J. E. McCauley.	Clarence Edwards, Fancy Gap, Va.	53	15	34	64
Pleasant Ridge.	W. E. Wiseman.	Selma Marshall, R. 2, Walnut Cove	83	2	83	9
Reidsville.	Joe A. French.	Ethel M. Barber, R. 2, Elon Col.	130	10	137	9
Rocky Ford.	H. A. Gleason, Jr.	Miss Julia Whitesey, Tryon.	199	10	209	16
		Mrs. Ed Hester, 410 Hall, Bigton	215	5	198	20
Salem Chapel.	J. H. Sunburn.	R. A. Dunkley, Virginia, Va.	320	17	323	103
Shallow Ford.	W. W. Hall.	Ruth Willis, 1180 N. Sunset Drive.	440	6	463	25
Tryon Erskin Mem.	F. W. Murfieldt.		38	2	38	7
Union (N. C.).	K. D. Register.					
Union (Va.).	C. E. Newman.					
Winston-Salem.	F. C. Lester, Sup.					
Totals.			9,593	249	390	723
				97	413	5,770
					9,570	11,000
						327





Kallam's Grove.....	14	13	28	.....	44	10	8	15	7	16	111	.....	111	.....	365	.....	111	.....	3,000					
Lebanon.....	40	33	63	44	12	12	10	30	11	18	226	.....	261	.....	300	365	.....	626	.....	2,500				
Liberty.....	28	28	39	44	13	9	9	30	16	19	226	.....	251	.....	250	772	.....	1,023	.....	7,500				
Long's Chapel.....	27	20	50	57	15	13	13	35	13	21	251	.....	370	.....	1,500	4,114	.....	4,484	.....	20,000				
Lynchburg.....	15	15	40	24	6	6	6	10	10	10	136	.....	241	.....	1,500	2,538	.....	2,779	.....	5,000				
Mebane.....	4	2	25	17	10	5	5	5	2	12	82	.....	139	.....	311	539	.....	678	.....	2,000				
Monticello.....	20	20	25	25	10	8	8	25	7	16	156	.....	196	.....	350	594	.....	790	.....	3,000				
Mt. Bethel.....	22	22	60	55	11	11	11	22	5	11	219	.....	269	.....	350	748	.....	1,017	.....	7,000				
Mt. Zion.....	24	18	52	52	15	13	13	40	13	19	246	.....	281	.....	542	774	.....	1,055	.....	3,000				
New Lebanon.....	43	58	146	80	20	18	18	40	.....	26	431	.....	1,196	.....	550	757	.....	1,953	.....	2,000				
Pfafftown.....	10	4	23	24	10	6	6	15	4	14	110	.....	114	.....	109	204	.....	318	.....	4,000				
Pleasant Grove.....	46	46	88	64	20	22	22	45	21	22	374	.....	468	.....	410	660	.....	1,128	.....	3,500				
Pleasant Ridge.....	28	59	20	34	14	18	18	40	4	16	233	.....	320	.....	250	985	.....	1,305	.....	55,000				
Reidsville.....	89	325	300	160	25	40	80	80	44	40	1,103	.....	1,963	.....	2,535	5,795	.....	7,758	.....	2,500				
Rocky Ford.....	5	3	6	9	5	2	2	12	2	12	56	.....	56	.....	.....	114	.....	170	.....	3,500				
Salem Chapel.....	17	11	45	30	10	6	6	30	10	16	175	.....	208	.....	360	577	.....	785	.....	3,000				
Shallow Ford.....	42	50	168	68	15	15	15	50	16	23	447	.....	689	.....	722	1,080	.....	1,769	.....	24,000				
Tryon Erskin-Mem.....	49	63	90	113	23	20	20	50	16	28	454	.....	696	.....	2,820	5,432	.....	6,128	.....	11,000				
Union (N. C.).....	35	27	69	80	25	17	17	56	26	50	358	.....	602	.....	1,295	2,109	.....	2,711	.....	1,500				
Union (Va.).....	40	34	122	94	25	24	24	50	35	28	452	.....	801	.....	600	958	.....	1,759	.....	15,500				
Winston-Salem.....	15	65	28	22	8	10	10	15	3	16	182	.....	212	.....	153	750	.....	962	.....	692,200				
Totals.....	\$1,762	\$2,752	\$7,121	\$3,847	\$	\$929	\$1,421	\$2,050	\$	705	\$	934	\$	\$5,330	\$	375	\$9,409	\$	36,635	\$	\$41,908	\$109,961	\$	\$140,596

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 7—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—VIRGINIA VALLEY CONFERENCE

CHURCH	Year Organized	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Young People's Societies	Christian Sun Goal	Christian Sun Subscribers
Antioch.....	1833	S. E. Madren.....	E. A. Showalter, R4, Harrisonburg	E. A. Showalter.....	100	.....	.....	1	2	98	13	71	23	20	14
Bethel.....	1898	D. M. Spence.....	Mrs. Lacy Monger, Elkton.....	Mrs. K. B. Dofflemeyer, Elkton.....	193	4	4	3	3	194	13	118	30	10	.....
Bethlehem.....	1850	G. H. Veazey.....	Miss Ella Pickering, R1, Broadway	Clarence Phillips, R. 2, Broadway.....	91	.....	.....	.....	5	86	15	113	.....	10	10
Beulah.....	1898	S. E. Madren.....	Mrs. R. L. Smith, Timberville.....	R. L. Smith, R. 1, Timberville.....	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	.....	.....	.....	5	.....
Concord.....	1891	G. H. Veazey.....	Mrs. R. L. Smith, Timberville.....	R. L. Smith, R. 1, Timberville.....	58	.....	.....	1	1	57	8	46	.....	5	2
Dry Run.....	1879	R. E. Newton.....	W. B. Burke, Seven Fountains.....	W. B. Burke.....	86	1	1	.....	.....	87	6	28	.....	8	.....
Loppa.....	1838	R. E. Newton.....	Miss E. Nicholson, Rd., Edinburg.....	(No Sunday School)	36	.....	.....	1	1	35	.....	.....	.....	5	.....
Leaksville.....	1880	R. E. Newton.....	R. O. Rothget, Luray.....	John D. Miller, Luray.....	182	4	5	.....	2	185	17	83	28	20	16
Linville.....	1871	S. E. Madren.....	Mrs. A. R. Hosadlook, R2, Hsonb'g	R. Roy Hosadlook, R. 1, Linville.....	188	7	11	.....	1	198	13	112	14	15	6
Mayland.....	1898	G. H. Veazey.....	Mrs. L. C. Litten, New Market.....	R. D. Crider, R. 1, Broadway.....	85	.....	.....	1	1	84	7	35	15	15	.....
Mt. Lebanon.....	1879	R. E. Newton.....	Mrs. Allene Kite, R1, Shenandoah.	Mrs. E. E. May, Shenandoah.....	109	.....	3	1	1	111	9	93	.....	8	1
Mt. Olivet (G).....	1895	D. M. Spence.....	Miss Thelma Morris, Dyke.....	Robert Collier, Dyke.....	124	4	5	.....	1	128	12	50	20	18	8
Mt. Olivet (R).....	1899	R. E. Newton.....	Miss Ethel V. Lam, R. 2, Elkton.....	T. J. Strickler, R. 2, Elkton.....	128	24	24	2	4	148	12	120	20	12	3
New Hope.....	1895	S. E. Madren.....	H. F. Liskey, R. 3, Harrisonburg.....	H. E. Liskey, R. 2, Harrisonburg.....	61	5	6	1	1	66	7	52	15	8	6
Newport.....	1867	R. E. Newton.....	C. W. Louderback, R1, Shenandoah	Miss Mabel Higgs, Shenandoah.....	169	3	3	2	3	169	13	103	.....	10	6
Palmyra.....	1885	G. H. Veazey.....	Mrs. Shirley Oliphant, Edinburg.....	Mrs. Eugene George, Edinburg.....	100	.....	.....	1	1	99	9	50	.....	5	2
Timber Mountain.....	1812	R. D. Coulter.....	Walton E. Brill, Lehigh, W. Va.....	Elray O. Seldon, Gore.....	232	2	2	3	3	231	15	84	.....	15	.....
Winchester.....	1911	R. A. Whitten.....	R. A. Larrick, 367 E. Piccadilly St.....	J. P. Sheets, R. 1, Winchester.....	282	8	14	2	4	292	22	149	56	20	.....
Wissler's Chapel.....	1906	G. H. Veazey.....	John C. Deane, R. 1, Mt. Jackson.....	George C. Deane, R. 1, Mt. Jackson.....	48	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	.....	.....	.....	5	.....
Woods' Chapel.....	1897	G. H. Veazey.....	Mrs. Austin Kippis, Quicksburg.....	George C. Hiden, New Market.....	92	3	3	.....	.....	95	6	41	.....	5	.....
Totals.....					2,386	65	81	22	34	2,433	197	1,348	221	219	74

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 8—FINANCE—VIRGINIA VALLEY CONFERENCE

CHURCH	Paid on Convention Home Missions	Paid on Convention Foreign Missions	Raised for Orphanage	Raised for Elton College	Raised for Christian Education	Raised for Supernatuation	Paid on Convention Fund	Paid on Per Capita	Paid on Conference Fund	Total Paid on Apportionment	Raised by Woman's Missionary Society	Raised for Christian Missionary Ass'n	Other Benevolences and Missions	Total Benevolences and Missions	Paid on Pastors' Salary	Paid on Current Expense by Church and Auxiliaries	Amount Paid on Indebtedness	GRAND TOTAL	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness on Church Property
Antioch.....	\$ 46	\$ 91	\$ 133	\$ 147	\$ 48	\$ 17	\$ 41	\$ 8	\$ 47	\$ 583	\$ 172	\$ 20	\$ 75	\$ 850	\$ 362	\$ 605	.....	\$ 1,455	\$ 3,600	.....
Bethel.....	21	21	34	34	11	11	25	.....	30	187	56	.....	59	302	196	291	.....	593	7,500	.....
Bethlehem.....	24	21	38	38	10	10	25	.....	7	213	30	15	190	448	310	518	.....	966	4,500	.....
Beulah.....	3	3	3	3	1	1	3	.....	2	23	.....	.....	14	37	.....	.....	.....	37	.....	.....
Concord.....	22	9	17	18	4	4	10	5	18	107	.....	.....	16	123	174	252	.....	375	2,000	.....
Dry Run.....	22	22	39	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	99	.....	.....	22	121	196	304	.....	425	5,000	.....
Joppa.....	4	4	6	9	2	2	5	3	6	41	.....	.....	41	108	41	140	.....	181	7,000	.....
Leaksville.....	35	35	67	63	16	16	36	.....	70	338	100	.....	48	486	549	891	.....	1,377	7,500	.....
Livville.....	64	63	165	69	22	22	52	.....	70	527	.....	5	.....	582	208	379	.....	911	7,100	300
Mayland.....	22	22	39	34	11	11	26	.....	43	208	.....	.....	.....	208	248	737	.....	945	2,000	.....
Mt. Lebanon.....	8	8	14	30	4	4	9	9	11	97	.....	.....	51	148	312	393	.....	541	1,100	.....
Mt. Olivet (G).....	33	18	48	28	8	8	21	.....	46	210	.....	68	.....	278	200	406	.....	684	3,500	.....
Mt. Olivet (R).....	9	9	19	15	5	5	12	.....	40	114	.....	.....	114	114	227	386	.....	500	4,000	.....
New Hope.....	29	29	48	30	9	9	20	.....	23	188	30	5	126	349	150	289	.....	638	3,000	.....
Newport.....	54	54	109	44	14	15	34	14	46	384	50	.....	42	476	496	527	.....	1,003	3,000	.....
Palmyra.....	7	7	18	22	9	6	9	8	12	98	.....	.....	3	101	190	314	.....	415	2,000	.....
Timber Mountain.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	254	300	916	.....	1,170	6,200	.....
Timber Ridge.....	26	26	46	42	24	13	31	.....	46	254	.....	.....	.....	711	1,800	4,771	.....	5,512	47,000	.....
Winchester.....	44	51	102	72	23	39	54	23	73	481	125	34	101	711	1,800	4,771	.....	5,512	47,000	.....
Wissler's Chapel.....	8	8	14	13	3	3	10	.....	12	72	.....	.....	.....	180	180	317	.....	389	500	.....
Woods' Chapel.....	9	9	12	12	3	3	8	.....	13	69	.....	.....	64	133	180	203	.....	336	800	.....
Totals.....	\$ 490	\$ 510	\$ 976	\$ 729	\$ 218	\$ 200	\$ 431	\$ 79	\$ 660	\$ 4,293	\$ 563	\$ 79	\$ 879	\$ 5,814	\$ 6,446	\$ 12,639	.....	\$ 18,453	\$ 111,000	\$ 300



STATISTICAL TABLE No. 9—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	Year Organized	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT										Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Young People's Societies	Christian Sun	Christian Sun Subscribers
Albemarle.....	1912	B. J. Earp.....	Frances Biles, R. 3, Albemarle.....	Roy Harper, 731 Watts St.....	239	17	22	3	8	253	19	176	16	20	6									
Antioch (C).....	1888	W. C. Farrell.....	Mrs. G. Lassiter, B. 43, Pittsboro.....	W. C. Thomas, R. 2, Bear Creek.....	106			1	3	103	8	84		9										
Antioch (R).....	1886		(No Report)																					
Asheboro.....	1898	C. C. Thomas.....	Mrs. Orva Brown, 967 Straight St.....	Leo. T. Brown, 833 Dixon Ave.....	52	2	5			57	9	91	14	5	12									
Bailey's Grove.....	1910	B. H. Lowdermilk.....	Pearl Alfred, R. 1, Asheboro.....	Fred Smith, R. 1, Asheboro.....	39					39	6	42		4										
Bennett.....	1917	H. V. Cox.....	L. M. Murray, Bennett.....	J. C. Phillips, Bennett.....	41					41	6	43		2	3									
Big Oak.....	1870		Maurine Morrison, Eagle Springs.....	Alton Richardson, Eagle Springs.....	66					66				14										
Biscoe.....	1924		(No Report)																					
Brown's Chapel.....	1843	J. Q. Pugh.....	Mrs. Iola S. McDuffie, Spies.....	J. W. H. Moore, R. 1, Robbins.....	218			2	2	216	6	70		23										
Ether.....	1910	H. V. Cox.....	Mrs. C. C. Phillips, Ether.....	Homer J. Cochrane, Ether.....	105			1	2	103	6	41		10										
Flint Hill (M).....	1932	H. V. Cox.....	Mrs. Quentin Britt, R. 1, Biscoe.....	Benton Britt, R. 1, Biscoe.....	51					51	6	70		4	2									
Flint Hill (R).....	1927	C. C. Thomas.....	Miss Lola Farlow, R. 1, Sophia.....	W. R. Lanier, R. 3, Asheboro.....	40					40	9	40		4										
Glendon.....			(No Report)																					
Grace's Chapel.....	1884	J. A. Denton.....	Mrs. Ralph Foushee, R. 1, Sanford.....	A. C. Craig, R. 3, Sanford.....	223	4	5	1	79	149	10	200		18										
Graham.....	1881		(Inactive)																					
Hank's Chapel.....	1835	R. E. Tally.....	Miss Lucille Farrell, Pittsboro.....	Dewitt Farrell, R. 1, Pittsboro.....	199	11	14	3	5	208	12	145		17										
High Point.....	1914	G. C. Crutchfield.....	Mrs. Irene Heath.....	B. P. Moffitt, 704 E. Commerce.....	77	3	5	2	2	80	11	130		11										
Liberty.....	1921	W. T. Madren.....	Mrs. Jack P. Shoffner, Liberty.....	Lester York, Liberty.....	82			7	7	75	9	57		4										
Mt. Pleasant.....	1886	E. C. Brady.....	Z. V. Brooks, R. 2, Cameron.....	L. D. Brooks, R. 2, Vass.....	103	12	12	1	2	113	7	104		8										
Needham's Grove.....	1917	L. M. Fresnell.....	Helen Comer, R. 1, Steeds.....	W. W. Ritter, R. 1, Steeds.....	130			1	1	129	10	125		9										
New Center.....	1872	J. Q. Pugh.....	A. J. Davis, R. 1, Seagrove.....	Dorothy Wilson, R. 1, Seagrove.....	90	2	2	1	3	80	10	56		9										
Parls Cross Roads.....	1849		(No Report)																					
Patterson's Grove.....	1868		(No Report)																					
Pleasant Cross.....	1877	J. U. Fogleman.....	Mrs. J. Q. Pugh, R. 1, Asheboro.....	Harry Smith, R. 1, Asheboro.....	90			47		43	5	30		10	2									
Pleasant Grove.....	1832	L. M. Fresnell.....	J. M. Brown, R. 1, Bennett.....	R. H. Brady, Bennett.....	323					323	12	162		30										

1823	Pleasant Hill.....	W. T. Madren.....	L. C. Fogleman, R. 2, Snow Camp	W. D. Hinshaw, R. 2, Liberty.....	216	15	15	1	2	229	12	201	65	20	4
1849	Pleasant Ridge.....	W. T. Madren.....	Miss Ollie Mae Beane, Ramseur...	Earl Lowdermilk, B. 135, Ramseur	144	2	5	1	5	144	6	102	...	16	12
1890	Pleasant Union.....	B. H. Lowdermilk...	Mrs. I. L. McDowell, R2, Asheboro	Lewis Trotter, Jackson Creek...	33	...	1	...	...	34	6	106	...	4	...
1908	Providence Chapel...	Park W. Fisher.....	H. B. J. Moore, R. 2, Robbins...	(No Sunday School)	20	...	...	...	1	19	...	...	...	4	...
1893	Ramseur.....	J. A. Denton.....	Jack White, Ramseur.....	E. A. Cox, Ramseur.....	125	2	5	...	1	129	16	135	...	12	...
1890	Randleman.....	T. J. Green.....	W. G. Lamb, Randleman.....	Vance Dorsett, Randleman.....	126	...	...	2	81	45	8	60	...	12	...
1915	Seagrove.....	L. M. Presnell.....	Mrs. Ralph Jordan, Seagrove...	R. J. Lawrence, Seagrove.....	63	9	10	...	1	72	6	92	...	5	...
1840	Shady Grove.....	H. V. Cox.....	Mrs. Charlie Singleton, Troy...	B. B. Martin, Troy.....	68	1	3	1	2	69	6	50	...	8	...
1843	Shiloh.....	W. C. Farrell.....	F. P. Stout, R. 1, Ramseur...	E. C. Beane, R. 1, Ramseur...	106	7	7	2	3	110	7	84	...	12	...
1878	Smithwood.....	W. T. Madren.....	Thos. B. Lowe, R. 1, Liberty	Thos B. Lowe, R. 1, Liberty	185	3	6	...	1	190	9	161	30	16	4
1910	Sophia.....	H. V. Cox.....	Mrs. Troy Hall, Sophia.....	Troy Hall, Sophia.....	63	...	...	1	2	60	8	50	...	6	...
1866	Spoon's Chapel...	R. G. Brady.....	Mrs. Ruth Maness, R. 1, Asheboro	Mrs. Ruth Maness, R. 1, Asheboro	32	...	...	...	...	32	9	40	...	3	...
...	Union Grove.....	J. Q. Pugh.....	H. S. Allen, Star Rt., Asheboro...	J. L. Lawson, Asheboro.....	105	2	2	1	5	102	14	61	...	10	...
...	Zion.....	R. E. Tally.....	...	J. T. Maris, R. 5, Sanford...	99	...	...	...	...	99	...	...	...	...	...
Totals.....		...	...	...	3,658	92	119	25	265	3,512	268	2,868	175	339	46



Pleasant Hill.....	60	153	65	20	20	40	16	65	499	73	54	625	569	3,394	4,019	5,000
Pleasant Ridge.....	86	168	65	20	20	40	..	65	550	45	85	680	678	1,100	1,780	3,000
Pleasant Union.....	..	86	..	..	..	..	..	5	91	..	..	91	321	534	625	..
Providence Chapel...	8	5	..	..	..	2	2	7	32	..	..	32	110	249	281	1,500
Ramseur.....	..	194	..	..	18	..	..	..	212	49	205	466	300	767	1,233	1,500
Randleman.....	30	74	50	10	10	30	10	20	264	12	..	276	200	825	1,101	5,000
Seagrove.....	30	40	30	10	10	30	..	30	210	..	..	210	476	729	939	6,000
Shady Grove.....	3	6	25	4	3	..	6	7	54	25	..	54	114	314	368	900
Shiloh.....	3	75	..	..	..	..	..	..	81	..	..	81	287	393	474	1,000
Smithwood.....	20	44	25	6	8	20	..	20	163	16	38	217	913	1,011	1,228	6,500
Sophia.....	5	20	10	2	3	7	..	13	65	..	..	65	340	801	866	2,000
Spoon's Chapel.....	10	30	25	5	5	20	3	15	123	..	..	123	198	198	321	1,000
Union Grove.....	19	12	37	6	5	10	..	10	103	..	..	103	104	481	584	1,500
Zion.....	..	88	..	..	..	..	..	..	88	..	..	88	..	..	88	..
Totals.....	\$ 627	\$ 631	\$1,898	\$ 616	\$ 192	\$ 258	\$ 405	\$ 526	\$ 5,233	\$ 485	\$ 13	\$ 936	\$ 6,607	\$ 11,859	\$ 36,698	\$ \$102,400



TABLE No. 11—SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE STATISTICS

NAME OF CONFERENCE.	Membership Reported Last Year.	Received by Confession.	Total Number Received.	Number Lost by Death.	Total Number Lost.	Present Membership.	Sunday School Officers and Teachers.	Total Enrollment in Sunday School.	Number Organized Young People.	Christian Sun Goal	Number Subscribing for Christian Sun.	Paid on Convention Home Missions.	Paid on Convention Foreign Missions.	Raised for Orphanage.	Raised for Elon College.	Raised for Christian Education	Raised for Superannuation.	Paid on Convention Fund.
Eastern North Carolina.....	5,366	136	211	36	116	5,461	352	2,916	175	356	150	\$ 701	\$ 665	\$ 3,083	\$ 1,133	\$ 259	\$ 310	\$ 536
Eastern Virginia.....	10,793	285	491	91	619	10,665	732	6,526	1,167	975	726	3,135	3,138	6,555	5,617	726	1,312	2,148
North Carolina and Virginia.....	9,593	252	330	97	413	9,570	520	5,770	723	1,100	327	1,762	2,752	7,121	3,847	929	1,421	2,050
Virginia Valley Central.....	2,386	65	81	22	34	2,433	197	1,348	221	219	74	490	510	976	739	218	200	431
Western North Carolina.....	3,658	92	119	25	265	3,512	268	2,808	125	339	46	627	631	1,898	616	182	258	405
Totals.....	31,796	830	1,292	271	1,447	31,641	2,069	19,368	2,411	2,989	1,223	\$6,715	\$7,696	\$19,633	\$11,942	\$2,874	\$3,501	\$5,570

## NAME OF CONFERENCE.

NAME OF CONFERENCE.	Raised for Per Capita	Paid on Conference Fund.	Paid on Conference Missions.	Total Amount Raised on Apportionment.	Raised by Woman's Society.	Raised for Christian Miss'y Association.	Other Benevolences and Missions.	Total Benevolences and Missions.	Paid on Pastor's Salary.	Paid on Current Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries.	Amount Paid on Indebtedness.	GRAND TOTAL.	Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness on Church Property.
Eastern North Carolina.....	\$ 258	\$ 291	\$ 1,449	\$ 71236	\$ 1,310	.....	\$ 2,030	\$ 10,576	\$ 16,881	\$ 40,973	\$ 8,838	\$ 60,387	\$ 343,930	\$ 17,291
Eastern Virginia.....	725	467	25,272	25,272	\$1,605	.....	9,596	44,050	51,649	170,831	8,883	223,764	1,367,942	16,900
North Carolina and Virginia.....	705	934	.....	21,521	5,330	375	9,409	36,635	41,908	109,961	.....	146,596	692,200	.....
Virginia Valley Central.....	79	660	.....	4,293	563	79	879	5,814	6,446	12,639	.....	18,453	111,000	300
Western North Carolina.....	80	526	.....	5,223	485	13	936	6,667	11,859	30,031	.....	36,698	102,400	.....
Totals.....	\$1,847	\$2,878	\$1,449	\$ 63,465	\$ 14,515	\$2,272	\$ 22,850	\$103,742	\$128,743	\$364,435	\$ 17,721	\$485,898	\$2,617,472	\$ 33,491

N. B.—In addition to the above, the Board of Christian Education received from Sunday School Conventions: Eastern N. C., \$195; Eastern Va., \$550; N. C. and Va., \$390; Valley, \$95; Western N. C., \$134. Total, \$1,274.

TABLE NO. 12—THE CONVENTION FUNDS

NAME OF FUND	CONFERENCE	Appt'd by Con- vention	Appt'd by Con- ference	Paid by Churches	Percent Conv A'pt Raised
Home Missions— \$6,000	Eastern N. C.....	\$ 800	\$ 797	\$ 701	88
	Eastern Virginia...	2,300	2,038	3,135	136
	N. C. & Va.....	1,800	1,773	1,762	98
	Va. Valley Cent....	500	377	490	98
	Western N. C.....	600	762	627	105
	Total.....	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,747	\$ 6,715	112
Foreign Missions— \$6,000	Eastern N. C.....	\$ 800	\$ 797	\$ 665	83
	Eastern Virginia...	2,300	2,042	3,138	136
	N. C. & Va.....	1,800	1,805	2,752	153
	Va. Valley Cent....	500	377	510	102
	Western N. C.....	600	762	631	105
	Total.....	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,783	\$ 7,696	128
Christian Orphanage— \$12,500	Eastern N. C.....	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,750	\$ 3,083	176
	Eastern Virginia...	4,000	3,128	6,555	164
	N. C. & Va.....	5,000	5,083	7,121	142
	Va. Valley Cent....	800	593	976	122
	Western N. C.....	950	1,234	1,898	200
	Total.....	\$ 12,500	\$ 11,788	\$ 19,633	157
Elon College— \$12,500	Eastern N. C.....	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,133	65
	Eastern Virginia...	5,000	5,025	5,617	112
	N. C. & Va.....	4,000	3,990	3,847	96
	Va. Valley Cent....	800	593	729	91
	Western N. C.....	950	1,112	616	65
	Total.....	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,370	\$ 11,942	96
Christian Education— \$3,000	Eastern N. C.....	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 259	65
	Eastern Virginia...	1,100	666	726	66
	N. C. & Va.....	1,000	968	929	93
	Va. Valley Cent....	250	186	218	87
	Western N. C.....	250	282	182	73
	Total.....	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,502	\$ 2,314	77
Superannuation— \$3,000	Eastern N. C.....	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 310	78
	Eastern Virginia...	1,100	1,019	1,312	119
	N. C. & Va.....	1,000	987	1,421	142
	Va. Valley Cent....	250	186	200	80
	Western N. C.....	250	327	258	103
	Total.....	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,919	\$ 3,501	117
Convention Fund— \$7,000	Eastern N. C.....	\$ 950	\$ 945	\$ 536	56
	Eastern Virginia...	2,500	2,050	2,148	86
	N. C. & Va.....	2,250	2,167	2,050	91
	Va. Valley Cent....	600	446	431	72
	Western N. C.....	700	642	405	58
	Total.....	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,250	\$ 5,570	80
Per Capita— 8 Cents per Member	Eastern N. C.....	\$ 430	\$ 467	\$ 258	60
	Eastern Virginia...	862	735	725	84
	N. C. & Va.....	765	764	705	92
	Va. Valley Cent....	191	193	79	41
	Western N. C.....	293	293	80	27
	Total.....	\$ 2,541	\$ 2,452	\$ 1,847	73

TABLE No. 13--TOTAL CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS

NAME OF CONFERENCE	Apportioned by Con- vention	Amount / Raised	Per Cent	Apportioned by Con- ference	Amount Raised	Per Cent	Apportioned by Women's Societies	Amount Raised	Per Cent
Eastern Virginia.....	\$ 19,162	\$ 23,356	122	\$ 16,703	\$ 23,356	140	\$ 4,669	\$ 7,996	171
Virginia Valley Central.....	3,891	3,633	93	2,951	3,633	123	634	746	118
Eastern North Carolina.....	7,280	6,945	95	7,306	6,945	95			
North Carolina and Virginia.....	17,615	20,587	117	17,537	20,587	117		7,524	164
Western North Carolina.....	4,593	4,697	102	5,314	4,697	82			
Totals.....	\$ 52,541	\$ 59,218	113	\$ 49,811	\$ 59,218	119	\$ 9,880	\$ 16,266	165

TABLE No. 14--MISSIONS

	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Total
Conference Apportionments.....	\$ 6,715	\$ 7,696	\$ 14,411
Conference Missions.....	1,449	.....	1,449
Woman's Convention.....	8,874	7,392	16,266
Christian Missionary Associations.....	3,134	.....	3,134
Totals.....	\$ 20,172	\$ 15,088	\$ 35,260

# Ministerial Directory.

## MINISTERS IN FULL STANDING.

Churches Served—1945-46 (or Other Status)

Name	Address	Churches Served—1945-46 (or Other Status)
Andes, William J.,	637 Sunset Drive, Winston Salem 7, N. C.	Winston-Salem; Pfafftown.
Andes, Mark W.,	Box 5397, Duke Univ., Durham, N. C.	Berea.
Apple, J. Frank,	427 Rowland St., Henderson, N. C.	Henderson; Mt. Carmel; Mt. Gilead.
Baggett, John W.,	1508 Elm Ave., Portsmouth, Va.	Barrett's; Burton's Grove; Wakefield.
Beale, Carroll,	Wakefield, Va.	Elon College Faculty.
Bowden, Daniel J.,	Elon College, N. C.	Chaplain, U. S. Army.
Bowers, Thurman F.,		Mt. Pleasant; Spoon's Chapel.
Brady, E. Carl,	Box 26, Robbins, N. C.	
Brickhouse, Ernest F.,	1811 Clairborn Ave., Norfolk 4, Va.	
Brittle, Richard E.,	R. 1, Suffolk, Va.	Bethlehem (N); Cypress Chapel; Union (So.)
Brooks, Arthur C.,	Ashville Boys School, Asheville, N. C.	Ashville Boys School Faculty.
Butler, Murdock W.,	Wakefield, Va.	Retired.
Carden, John S.,	906 Shepherd St., Durham, N. C.	Retired.
Carter, Emory M.,	Youngsville, N. C.	Fuller's Chapel; Good Hope; Mt. Auburn; Mt. Hermon; Youngsville.
Clark, Ellis N.,	Route 5, Burlington, N. C.	Long's Chapel; Morrisville; O'Kelley's Chapel.
Clem, H. Russell,	208 Maple Ave., Burlington, N. C.	Business.
Clem, William M.,		
Cornwell, Kenneth,	Hope, Kansas.	Fundamental Gospel Church.
Coulter, Roy D.,	New Market, Va.	Mt. Olivet (G); Mt. Olivet (R).
Cox, H. Vance,	Ramseur, N. C.	Bennett; Ether; Shady Grove; Sophia.
Crutchfield, Gaither C.,	R. 4, Burlington, N. C.	High Point.
Crutchfield, Henry E.,	Holland, Va.	Damascus; Holy Neck; Oak Grove.
Denton, James A.,	R. 3, Apex, N. C.	Ebenezer; Glendon; Grace's Chapel; Ramseur.
Dollar, C. Carl,	6 Third St., Sanford, N. C.	Sanford.
Dollar, Jesse H.,	2308 Roanoke Ave., Newport News, Va.	Newport News, First.
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Grisson, Raymond T.,	Jonesboro, N. C.	Amelia;	Plymouth; Shallow Well; Turner's Chapel.
Grisson, William A.,	Warrenton, N. C.		
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McCauley, Jerry F.,	R. 1, Henderson, N. C.	Centerville; Spring Hill; Waverly.
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 Harrell, Vivian B., Jr..... U. S. Marines.  
 Huber, L. E., Africa..... Missionary.  
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 Sunburn, John H., Elon College, N. C..... Student at Elon College; Belew Creek; Salem Chapel.  
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## MEMBERS OF THE BIBLICAL CLASS.

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## TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The thirty-seventh regular session of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches was called to order by the president, Rev. W. E. Wisseman, at 2:00 P. M., April 30, 1946, at Waverly Christian Church, Waverly, Virginia.

The worship service was conducted by Rev. Peter Young, chaplain for the Convention sessions.

Roll call showed thirty-six ministers, sixty-nine delegates and thirty-seven visitors present at the opening session, and a quorum was declared present.

Rev. John G. Truitt, chairman of the Program Committee, presented the printed program as his report and it was made the order of business, subject to such changes as may from time to time be necessary.

President Wisseman announced the appointment of the following committees:

### SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

*Program*—Revs. J. G. Truitt, W. T. Scott, S. C. Harrell, R. A. Whitten, B. J. Earp, J. E. McCauley, F. C. Lester, Ex Officio.

*Nominations*—Rev. Jesse H. Dollar, Rev. S. E. Madren, Mr. L. L. Vaughan, Mrs. O. H. Paris, Rev. H. S. Hardcastle.

*Business*—Revs. J. A. French, B. H. Watkins, Mr. A. H. McIver.

*Resolutions*—Rev. Will B. O'Neill, Mrs. J. D. Strader, Mrs. R. A. Whitten.

*Credentials*—Revs. I. W. Johnson, C. E. Newman, R. E. Newton.

*Press*—Revs. J. Everette Neese, A. P. Robinson, R. L. House, Mrs. J. G. Truitt.

Booklets containing the reports of the boards and committees were distributed.

The following were introduced by Supt. F. C. Lester: Rev. Peter Young, Rev. Andrew P. Slabey, Rev. Victor Murchison, Rev. C. Carl Dollar, Rev. Lawrence D. Graves, Rev. R. D. Coulter and Rev. H. E. Crutchfield.

The vice-president, Rev. Jesse H. Dollar, presided during the president's address, which was given by Rev. W. E. Wisseman.

The report of the Executive Board was read by Rev. R. A. Whitten, secretary. It was adopted as follows:

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

A preliminary meeting of the Executive Board of the Southern Convention was held at Elon College on May 22-23, 1944, to complete work of the Southern Convention session and to make plans for the future.



Present: Wisseman, Lightbourne, Harrell, Hardcastle and House of the 1942-44 Board; O'Neill, Scott and Shoffner of the 1944-46 Board; and Promotional Secretary F. C. Lester.

Rev. Arnold Slater was elected vice-president of the Convention in place of Rev. I. W. Johnson who had resigned. Mr. Charles D. Johnston was elected as a member of the Board of Superannuation.

The following were nominated as trustees of Elon College, in place of the list erroneously nominated at the Convention session: J. E. West, L. L. Vaughan, S. C. Harrell, C. D. Johnston, Luther E. Carlton, F. L. Fagley, W. J. Ballentine, and O. F. Smith.

Delegates to the General Council were elected.

It was decided to publish the report of the Revision Committee as "The Manual of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches."

A detailed set of regulations was made for handling the Convention monies and setting up the Convention Office.

The first regular meeting of the Executive Board was held at Elon College July 20-21, 1944.

The Board approved the plan for securing a special worker in the field of religious education, and referred details to the Board of Christian Education.

It was voted to refer the matter of financing scholarships at Duke to finance committee, and to provide \$100 work-scholarships for ministerial students at Elon College, the securing of funds for these to be referred to finance committee.

Upon the report of a special committee of which Rev. W. B. O'Neill was chairman, it was voted to approve the recommendation of the Board of Trustees of the Christian Orphanage for the erection of a chapel.

It was also agreed that the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage should, at their discretion, recommend to the Southern Convention the election to membership on the Board of Trustees three people not members of the Congregational Christian Church, but citizens of Alamance County, N. C.

It was voted that Per Capita should be increased from 7c to 8c per member.

It was voted that at each regular meeting of the Southern Convention the institutions of the Convention present certified public accountants complete financial reports showing all resources and expenditures during the biennium.

The finance committee was asked to apportion the \$12,500 Voluntary Offering for Elon College among the churches.

At the meeting on December 12, 1944, at Elon College the membership of the Executive Board was completed as follows:

*Conference Representatives—*

Virginia Valley Central—Rev. R. A. Whitten.

Eastern Virginia—Rev. L. E. Smith.

Western North Carolina—Rev. H. V. Cox.

North Carolina and Virginia—Rev. W. J. Andes.

Eastern North Carolina—Rev. S. E. Madren.

*Representatives of Boards and Institutions—*

Mission—Rev. H. S. Hardcastle.

Christian Education—Rev. W. T. Scott.

Superannuation—Mr. W. B. Truitt.

Publications—Rev. J. G. Truitt.

Elon College—Dr. W. H. Boone.

Christian Orphanage—Mr. V. R. Holt.

Woman's Mission—Mrs. W. E. Wisseman.

Funds designated for ministerial scholarship awards are to be sent to Convention Treasurer and deposited to Scholarship Account, to be paid on recommendation of Board of Christian Education.

The regular mid-year session of the Executive Board was held on February 8, 1945, at Elon College.

It was voted to pay one-half the Annuity Fund of Superintendent Lester; and also one-half the Annuity Fund for the Treasurer, Mrs. Mattie Cox Parker (she did not desire to take out membership).

The transfer of the Mebane Christian Church from the Eastern North Carolina Conference to the North Carolina and Virginia Conference was approved.

The following vacancies were filled: vice-president, Rev. J. H. Dollar; secretary, Rev. R. A. Whitten; assistant secretary, Rev. S. C. Harrell; member of Executive Committee of Board, Rev. W. J. Andes; Provincial Council Representative, Rev. W. M. Stevens; Stewardship Committee members, Rev. J. F. Apple, Rev. Joe A. French; Men's Work Committee chairman, Mr. W. B. Truitt.

A Committee on Strategy, composed of Scott, Hardcastle, O'Neill, Harrell, Andes, Madren, and, later, Mrs. Wisseman, was appointed to make a survey of the Convention giving a picture of its present status and needs. This committee was later allowed up to \$100 for expenses.

A committee composed of L. E. Smith, D. R. Fonville, and F. C. Lester was elected to confer with the Board of Ministerial Relief of the General Council, with the purpose of coordinating the funds of the Board of Superannuation with that of the National Board.

The regular session of the Executive Board was held at Henderson, N. C., on July 9-10, 1945. Rev. S. E. Madren was seated as an alternate member from the Virginia Valley Conference, and Rev. J. F. Apple as the regular member from the Eastern North Carolina Conference.

It was voted that the books of the Treasurer should be audited annually by a certified public accountant to be selected by finance committee of the Board.

The plan of the denomination for raising funds for the Postwar Emergency program was approved, and the Mission Board was designated to fix goals and methods for channeling funds for the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction and the Substantial and Courageous Increase, working with the Convention Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction and the Woman's Board.

The *Manuals* were presented by Superintendent Lester and the price was fixed by the Board at 35c per copy or three copies for \$1.00. A committee on revision of the *Manual* was appointed composed of Dollar, Hardcastle, and Harrell.

The \$100,000 campaign for Staley-Atkinson-Newman Endowment was again endorsed, and Elon College was asked to complete the campaign in 1945.

Scholarships for ministerial aid were to be granted on the following conditions:

1. *Duke*—\$100 from the Convention, providing Board of Home Missions gives \$100 and Duke \$200.
2. *Elon*—\$100 from the Convention providing Elon gives \$100.\*
3. *Qualification*—Recognized by Conference as ministerial student, and making passing grades.
4. *Work*—Service be rendered under appointment and guidance of Sup't.

January 15-16, 1946, the Board met in mid-year session at Henderson, N. C. Plans were made to hold the 1946 session of the Southern Convention at Waverly, Virginia. Program: J. G. Truitt, Scott, Harrell, Whitten, Earp; McCauley and Lester, ex officio. Nominating: Vaughan, Mrs. O. H. Paris,

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\*This item regarding scholarships at Elon College was referred to the Board of Christian Education with the request that they give the matter special study and report back at this session of the Convention.

Madren, Hardcastle, Dollar; Dollar to convene committee. Commissioning: Lester. Revision Committee asked to report at Convention.

Evangelism was chosen as a major emphasis and the month before Easter was designated as the beginning of an evangelistic effort to continue through the Conference Year.

The Finance Committee was authorized to recommend to the Convention that the Ministerial Loan Fund be turned over to the Convention Treasurer, and the committee was asked to suggest plans for administering this fund.

A call meeting of the Executive Board was held at South Hill, Va., on April 1, 1946, at which time the report of the Strategy Committee was considered at length. It was decided that the complete report should be presented to the Southern Convention.

A committee, composed of Harrell and Lester, was elected to investigate, and if possible, secure an option on, or a lease for at least one year, on the house where the Superintendent now lives.

Numerous other items of routine business were transacted by the Executive Board during the biennium. A complete record may be found in the secretary's minute book, which constitutes a permanent file for the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. WISSEMAN, *President.*

R. A. WHITTEN, *Secretary.*

The report of the Superintendent was given by Rev. F. C. Lester. It was voted to receive the report for record.

#### REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

This is the first report of the first Superintendent to the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches. It is not intended to set the pattern for future reports, but is a frank statement of what this Superintendent thinks the Convention should consider in this biennial session.

#### YOUR COMMISSION.

Two years ago you commissioned me to do specific things as listed in the *Manual* adopted at that time.

1. "Full-time paid worker." I have been on the job seven days to the week and as many hours per day as I could stand. Salary has been received as voted by the Convention. (\$2,340 plus \$360.00 house rental.)

2. "In cooperation with the Executive Board." The Board has held six meetings and all major plans for work have been presented for consideration, advice, or instructions.

3. "Become informed concerning every phase of the Convention and denominational work." I have attended Conferences, Conventions, rallies, committee and board meetings whenever possible, and have read printed materials. The college and orphanage trustees have not invited me to attend their meetings, but it would seem that the Superintendent should know the plans of these institutions as made by the trustees.

4. "Coordinate all the work of the Convention . . . so that each phase of the work may be duly emphasized . . . and done with efficiency and economy of time and money." Only a beginning has been made here. I have attempted to see that each phase of our work gets proper emphasis, and to help similar committees in Convention and Conference to work together. We have far too many boards, committees, treasurers, and paid secretaries for efficiency and economy of time and money. Example: Mission money given by a young people's society goes through six treasuries; money for Christian Education channeled through a Sunday school convention goes through five or six treasuries



before becoming available for use. Minutes for the ANNUAL can be prepared by the paid Convention Office workers more quickly and economically than by someone who has other work to do and is not a specialist in this field.

5. "Visit and assist with fraternal counsel both pastors and churches, but shall have no authority over either." Visiting during the war period was very difficult. I have done my best, especially when a church was seeking another pastor, or when there was trouble of any kind. Without such aid we probably would not have some of our churches, i. e., Big Oak, Pleasant Cross, Winston-Salem. Concerning "authority" the letter of the law has been observed, and should be forever.

6. "At the service of all boards and committees, . . . attend . . . when requested." This has been done. All boards have invited me, except trustees as stated above.

7. "Edit the ANNUAL and furnish materials for the *Year Book*. The latter has been done for two years. The ANNUAL was edited, printed and distributed the first year.

On July 10, 1945, the Executive Board voted: "That the Superintendent compile the material for the ANNUAL and that the Board of Publications assume responsibility of making the most advantageous contract for the printing and delivery of the ANNUAL." Although elected by the Convention to edit the ANNUAL, this vote made it impossible for me to do so.

8. "Represent the Convention in denominational and interdenominational meetings." This has been done as directed by the Executive Board and as time permitted. It is considered important.

9. "Report his work regularly to the Executive Board, and make full report to the Convention at each biennial session." Monthly statements of expenditures go to the Executive Board members, and a fuller report of activities is made to each Board meeting. This is my attempt to give a complete report to the Convention.

10. *The Convention Office*. We have taken seriously the matter of setting up the Convention Office as directed by the Constitution, and believe that it is on a sound basis.

Elon College furnishes three rooms in the Library building, and gives light and heat. One room is used for mimeographing and storage, one for study and conferences, and one for the library and office for the secretary and treasurer. We are deeply grateful to Elon College for this contribution.

"Shall have adequate personnel to do effective work." There is a Superintendent, a Treasurer, and until recently a college girl as secretary. There are eighty-three days of annual Conventions, Conferences, rallies, etc., in the Convention and denomination which the Superintendent is supposed to attend. The Convention has five boards and eight committees, either of which should rate a day's work. Add to this eight days for interdenominational work in our two states and the nation, and the Superintendent is "in session" four full months of the year. The conferences have sixty-five committees, and other groups many more. By the time the Superintendent has attended meetings four months and met with one hundred additional committees, there is not enough time left to prepare programs, visit the pastors and churches, organize pastorates, build new churches, direct leadership education, keep young people inspired and at work, develop stewardship methods and do the other hundreds of things that need to be done to aid our two hundred churches. We are not very effective, I fear.

"Serve the churches." That is our only excuse for being.

"Make effective the plans, programs, and ideals of the Convention." To the limit of our ability this has been done. Much more needs to be done, and can be with more help to do the work.



"Receive and disburse for the treasurer all moneys for the Convention and denominational enterprises other than for conference interests, give receipts for same, transfer them to the designated treasurer at stated intervals and keep accurate records." By Convention election the treasurer became part of the Convention Office personnel. She has received moneys as directed, given receipts, transferred weekly to the college and orphanage, monthly to Convention Boards, and at intervals to the denominational treasurers. Records are accurate and complete. At any time she can tell exactly how much has been received for each enterprise, and from what source the money came. Twice each year statements have gone to the churches telling how much has been received for each cause. This has seemed to please church treasurers. Mrs. Parker has done an excellent job as treasurer.

"Same relationship to the General Council and Boards of the denomination as other State Conferences." We are so recognized, and try to function that way although in several respects we do differently.

#### WE ARE GROWING.

Membership figures do not indicate much growth during the biennium, but there are other signs of growth.

The response of the churches to the Convention Office shows a new unity. Nearly all the treasurers send their money to the Convention Treasurer, and all the conferences have made it possible for the treasurer to have funds direct from the churches so she can tell exactly how much each church contributes. All boards and institutions have worked willingly with this plan of handling the money. This makes it possible for us to have more accurate records, and shows that our people are glad to cooperate when they understand what is expected.

Slowly but surely we are taking our part in the denominational program. We have our quota of people on boards and committees. We are increasing contributions for War Victims and Reconstruction. Ten per cent net of our Home Mission money goes to the Board of Home Missions. Most of our churches are paying the Per Capita for the General Council. Support of Shaowu, China, will bring our gifts for foreign missions about in line with the denominational level, which is far too low.

Most of the churches are looking to the Superintendent for information and help in securing a new minister. This can save them time, and may prevent trouble. It is always made clear that the Superintendent is only a friendly counsellor; that the church must make its own decision.

Financially the churches, boards and institutions are in good shape. Only one or two churches have debts of any consequence, several have made improvements, and many have plans for building or improving soon. There is likely to be a small debt on *The Christian Sun* this year. There are no other debts. The missionary and benevolence giving last year shows an increase of 11.7 per cent over the previous year. It appears that this year we will make another gain.

These and other indications of growth give hope for the future.

#### THE CHRISTIAN SUN.

High tribute is paid to Rev. Robert Lee House for the fine editorial leadership he is showing. He is doing a good job under difficult conditions.

We have collected on subscriptions and paid to the treasurer of the Board of Publications since July 1, 1944, the sum of \$5,802.67. This lacks \$1,197.33 of being the \$7,000 expected. There is good reason to expect \$800 during the three months of the biennium. This will leave a deficit of about \$400. With a goodly push by the churches the total amount can be raised. On March 31 there were 1,817 subscribers on the mailing list. Of these 1,625 were paid up, 52 on exchange, and 140 slightly in arrears.

Recommendations of the Board of Publications would give us a larger and more expensive paper.

It is the considered opinion of your Superintendent that the paper should reflect the mind of the church people, tell the news of what is being done, and be directly related to the work of the Convention. This seems to mean that the editor should travel among the churches. Further, it is my opinion that the editor should really edit the paper. This means that all materials should be read by him before being put into type, that grammatical errors should be eliminated, and that he should be responsible for whatever goes into the paper.

It is neither fair to the editor nor the Convention for the paper to be published without the editor knowing what is being printed.

All of this means, as I see it, that with our present organization *The Christian Sun* should be edited in the Convention Office. The workers must visit the churches. Information naturally comes to the office. The workers are constantly thinking about the promotion of the work throughout the Convention rather than the problems of a local parish. The office is set up to do secretarial work and can do it more economically than it can be done in two places. From every point of view it would seem to be wise for the editor to be part of the Convention Office personnel, and for him to really edit the paper. The proposed plan for the next biennium will make us pay more for printing a paper than we have been investing in the Convention Office, and will not give us the needed editor. Wisdom is needed here.

#### SINCE 1938.

My work with the Convention began September 1, 1938, as Promotional Secretary. At that time we reported 202 churches with 30,913 members. Since then we have added churches at Asheboro, Gibsonville, Hope Mills, Little Creek, and Pfafftown with a total membership of 379 members. We now report 197 churches with 32,696 members.

In 1938, 83 ministers received as salary \$81,543, or an average of \$982. Last year 82 ministers received \$133,755, or an average of \$1,631, which is a net increase of \$649 or 73 per cent. Last year the average pastor who gave full time to the ministry received \$2,018.

Eight years ago the churches contributed \$50,226 to benevolences and missions; last year they contributed \$103,742, or 106.5 per cent more. In the same period the total spent by the churches for all purposes increased from \$256,528 to \$485,898—a gain of \$229,370, or 90 per cent. The Convention Office costs 6.8 per cent of benevolences, or 1.4 per cent of the total giving.

In 1938 Elon College was struggling with a big debt. Today our college is free from that bondage and is well on the way towards a greatly increased endowment and a much-needed building program. Eight years ago our orphanage reported a balance on hand of \$15,010.30. This year the report says there is a balance of \$47,640.13, a gain of 217 per cent in liquid assets.

#### PROPOSED PROGRESS.

Political parties are making platforms, and churches are making plans for the future. Here are important matters that should claim our attention and for which definite plans should be made now.

I. *Increase Membership*.—"Fifty Thousand by 1950" is a slogan that I have suggested to stimulate an increase in our membership, which has become static while other denominations are growing. "One member per month for every 100 members" is another way of saying the same thing, and sets a goal • that each church can consider and many churches can reach.

Inactive members should be put back on the active list because they have been found and brought into the fellowship. This will add many hundreds of names to our rolls.

In every community there are people who are members of no church, and others who have lost fellowship with the church from which they departed years ago. They should be enlisted in the working program of our churches.

There are many new communities that have grown up during the war period, and many more will develop during the industrialization period just before us in this area. Into these communities we should go with the Gospel ministry and message. A suggested goal is *two new churches each year*.

With concerted plans and activities, these goals can be reached. To do less will mean for us to fail our Church, the people who need the Gospel, and the Christ who gave His life for us.

II. *Increase Giving*.—Notable progress has been made, but we have not yet reached the peak. Wisdom might determine a better division of gifts. If we could average one cent per day per church member for missions and benevolences, our work could make greater progress. That would mean only \$3.65 per year. Here is the way it might well be divided:

Conferences .....	\$ .15	\$ 4,900
Southern Convention:		
Office, Christian Education, <i>Sun</i> ...	.50	16,350
Elon College .....	.50	16,350
Orphanage .....	.50	16,350
Extension (Missions) .....	.50	16,350
	—	2.00
Board of Home Missions .....	.50	16,350
(Including Superannuation)		
Foreign Missions .....	1.00	32,700
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	\$ 3.65	\$ 119,350

Support of the Shaowu Mission will need to be planned so this will not interfere with other giving. Our people seem to be greatly interested and anxious to share in the work.

III. *Improve Present Churches*.—The recent war greatly disturbed our working forces in local churches. We need to give the new leaders proper training and assistance. This is especially true in Sunday schools and young people's departments.

Churches need to be grouped into pastorates with parsonages and resident pastors. It will take fifteen or twenty additional men to supply our churches as they should be. These cannot be secured until pastorates are arranged and salaries increased.

IV. *Strengthen Fellowship*.—Much time and thought should be given to strengthen the fellowship among our church people. Several churches are now served by men of other denominations, some of whom definitely work against us. Some of the ministers who hold membership with us do not enjoy our fellowship. Some churches have voted not to continue in our denomination, and there are cases in court to determine the ownership of church property. All of this means that we need to work definitely toward better understanding and mutual friendship.

It is not necessary for us to agree intellectually, but it is exceedingly important for us to be united in spirit. We cannot afford to continue to lose ministers and churches. A consciousness of Christian brotherhood will strengthen indi-



viduals and churches. In order to get this there must be careful planning and concerted effort.

#### NEEDED CHANGES.

1. *Fewer Boards.*—When the Convention had no workers to care for its interests, it was necessary to work through incorporated boards. That has changed, but the boards have remained. There appears to be no good reason why money to do religious educational work through the Convention personnel should be sent to the Convention treasurer, thence to the Board treasurer, and then back to the Convention treasurer. The same rule applies to the Convention sending money to the Board of Publications in order to pay for the printing of *The Christian Sun*, which is a publication not of the Board but of the Convention. Why not let the Convention pay its own bills?

MOVED: That the Board of Christian Education be instructed to cancel the charter of the Board of Religious Education, elect the Convention treasurer as treasurer of the Board, and otherwise plan for the Board to become a Committee on Christian Education at the next session of the Convention.

MOVED: That the Board of Publications be instructed to turn over its assets to the Convention treasurer, and that in the future the Convention treasurer pay for the printing of *The Christian Sun*.

MOVED: That the Board of Superannuation turn over to the Convention treasurer the assets of that Board, that \$1,000 of the reserve funds now on hand be given to the Annuity Fund of the Congregational Christian Church to be used on the Debt of Honor, or as otherwise agreed upon, that hereafter our funds for Superannuation be sent by the Convention treasurer to the Board of Ministerial Relief of our denomination, and that the Board of Superannuation become a committee of the Executive Board whose business it will be to stimulate giving for superannuation and to recommend persons for annuities.

2. *More Workers*—Article XII of the Constitution says that the Convention Office "shall have adequate personnel to do effective work." There has not been such. To be effective the Office should have these workers:

a. *Superintendent*, who will have general oversight of the work as suggested in the *Manual*, and who may edit *The Sun*.

b. *Associate Superintendent*, who will share in all the work and who will give special study to starting new churches.

c. *Director of Religious Education*, who will give primary attention to young people's work including camps and conferences and students; select, prepare and distribute literature for Sunday schools, missionary societies, and young people's groups; promote leadership training; and visit Sunday schools to help inspire to better service.

d. *Treasurer*, who will receive and disburse funds from churches, Sunday schools and individuals for Convention and denominational purposes; serve as treasurer for the Convention, the Mission Board, Board of Christian Education, Board of Superannuation, and Board of Publications (unless such boards are discontinued and funds are handled as suggested above); and keep books for the Office.

e. *Office Secretary*, who will welcome visitors to the office and see that they are properly cared for, do stenographic work for the Superintendent, Associate and Director; keep the library of books, pamphlets and materials; prepare copy for *The Christian Sun* and collect for subscriptions; send materials to the churches as directed by the above leaders; prepare copy for the *ANNUAL and Year Book*, and otherwise do the work of secretary for the Convention Office.

Anything less than this will not be adequate personnel. Excellent people in all these positions will pay good dividends. They can render real service to the churches, and can help our Convention to move forward. It will cost money



to pay these workers, but it will cost us more to do without them. I offer a schedule of payments that seems to me to be near what will be reasonable to all concerned:

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Proposed</i>
Superintendent .....	\$ 2340, annuity & house	\$ 2700, annuity & house
Associate .....		2500, & annuity
Director of Rel. Education ...		1800, & annuity
Treasurer .....	1500	1800, & annuity
Office Secretary .....	1000	1800, & annuity
Travel .....	900	2000
Office .....	1000	1500
Printing <i>Christian Sun</i> .....	5500	6000
Editor's Secretary .....	600	
Board of Christian Education	300	
Annuities .....	50	325
House Rental .....	350	400
<b>Totals</b> .....	<b>\$13540</b>	<b>\$20825</b>

Sources of income for this budget can be as follows:

Convention Fund.....	\$ 7500
Board of Christian Education .....	5000
<i>Sun</i> Subscriptions .....	3500
Mission Board .....	2500
Orphanage .....	800
College .....	600 & office
New Sources .....	925
<b>Total Income</b> .....	<b>\$20825</b>

3. *Better Financial System.*—We have too many ways of raising too little money. This makes the people feel that they are being called on for too much. If the churches were asked to make contributions for (a) Conference, (b) Convention, (c) National Work, and (d) Foreign Missions, and the types of work under each heading listed, it is my opinion that more money can be raised with less pressure, and there can be a much better type of churchmanship developed. Our present system encourages competition, and gives the most money to the enterprises that have the best money-getters.

#### MORE OR LESS PERSONAL.

Since 1928 this Convention has in part directed my life. By your vote I have been Chairman of the Board of Christian Education, director of leadership training, dean of young people's camps and conferences, counselor in organizing Conference and Convention Pilgrim Fellowship, editor of *The Christian Sun* and collector for it, the only Promotional Secretary and the first Superintendent of the Convention.

It should be known that through these years I have furnished my own desk, adding machine, typewriter, addressograph, mimeoscope, and mimeograph. There has never been a loss charged to the Office. Losses were all mine. We have lived within the budget set by the Convention. I have tried to save for the Convention so there could be additional workers. There is money enough in hand in the Convention and Board of Christian Education treasuries to run the Office on the present budget for more than a year.

Both day and night, through sunshine and rain, without trying to save either myself or family, I have worked for the Convention. Most of the time

it has been hard going, but I have rejoiced in the privilege of serving my Church in the name of Christ, my Lord.

In the summer of 1945, after thirty years in the ministry of the Convention and seven years as a Convention official servant, I became greatly discouraged about our ability to make progress. I had begged for additional help in the Office, stinted until there was money in hand to pay for another worker and pled for a program of Evangelism that would stir our churches during the year that other denominations are stressing evangelism. No agreement could be reached concerning help or program. Under such conditions there seemed to be nothing for me to do but to say that the Convention should look for another Superintendent.

Of course, I like my job. Otherwise, I would not have sacrificed for it as I have. The Convention owes me nothing. You have given me a job and paid all that you promised. I have done my best, and hand the job back to you to elect whomever you want to carry responsibilities for the Convention.

In the words of Tiny Tim: "God bless us every one."

F. C. LESTER, *Superintendent*.

The report of the Finance Committee was presented by Rev. S. C. Harrell, chairman, who read the new provisions in the report.

The report of the Historian, Major W. E. MacClenny, was read by Rev. W. B. O'Neill. It was voted to receive the report and send a message of appreciation to the retiring Historian, Major MacClenny.

#### REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN.

We are now at Waverly and we are within forty miles of the site of the first permanent settlement made in the United States—May 13 (23), 1607. We are the same distance from the place where the first legislative body of this country met—Jamestown, July 30, 1619. We are less distance from where tobacco was raised first for commercial use by John Rolfe on land given him by Powhatan, his father-in-law. We are within five miles from the spot where Dr. Matthew Harris first raised peanuts on a commercial scale in America. Thus we are near the place where two of the largest American crops had their beginning.

We are within about twenty-five miles from the site of the organization meeting of the Christians, which was held at Lebanon Church, Surry County, August 4, 1794. We are less than twenty miles from old Barrett's Church which was organized before 1800 and which has sent out more ministers than has any other church in the Southern Convention. We are near Spring Hill Church, which, with Waverly, has sent out some very prominent men in the State of Virginia, including one Lt.-Governor, one Judge of the Supreme Court, State Senators, etc.

Old Spring Hill Church was one of the churches on the outside limits of the Eastern Virginia Conference. It was built about 1826-27. It was called Spring Hill Church, succeeding Holloway's Church. It was organized around 1800. The deed given to the church site was made to "The Barrett's Society." Burwell Barrett was the first pastor.

Waverly Church appeared as a mission point in 1883, and it started from a Sunday school held on the farm of W. B. West. It was moved to the village that year (1883). M. J. W. White, John T. Harris and Rev. R. E. Barrett started the movement for a church at Waverly. It was admitted into Conference that year. At first the congregation worshipped in Temperance Hall. The

church building was completed in 1886 and dedicated that year by Dr. J. P. Barrett. It was modernized in 1908 and again in 1930. She is a daughter of Spring Hill Church and inherited her progressiveness.

Missions was an early interest of Spring Hill and Waverly Churches, the West family being largely instrumental in this movement. Colonel J. E. West, originally from Spring Hill, in 1902 became Chairman of the Missionary Committee of the Eastern Virginia Conference. He was chosen Chairman of the Mission Board, Inc., of the Southern Convention and served in that capacity for about thirty years. He was the power back of the Convention's mission program during that time.

The Southern Convention was organized in 1856 at Union Church, Alamance County, N. C. It met in its first regular session at Cypress Chapel in May, 1858. This organization succeeded the Southern Christian Association, which was organized at Good Hope Church in Granville County, N. C., May, 1847.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. E. MACCLENNY, *Historian*.

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*To the Members of the Southern Convention; Greetings—*

I was elected Historian by this body in session at Henderson, N. C., in 1922. It has been a pleasure to serve in this capacity since that date, but owing to physical disability—I prefer that the Convention elect someone else as Historian.

Sincerely,

W. E. MACCLENNY.

The report of the Treasurer was given by Mrs. Mattie Cox Parker as follows:

#### REPORT OF TREASURER.

JULY 1, 1944 - MARCH 31, 1946.

##### SUMMARY OF FUNDS.

	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Balance</i>
Home Missions .....	\$ 23,625.47	\$ 23,625.47	\$
Foreign Missions .....	25,615.10	25,615.10	
Christian Orphanage .....	36,536.72	36,536.72	
Elon College .....	20,897.50	20,897.50	
Christian Education .....	6,853.71	6,853.71	
Superannuation .....	6,063.72	6,063.72	
Convention Fund .....	19,748.43	16,333.75	3,414.68
War Victims and Reconstruction ....	6,205.41	6,205.41	
Per Capita .....	2,621.40	2,621.40	
Miscellaneous .....	1,200.75	1,050.75	150.00
Grand Totals .....	\$149,368.21	\$145,803.53	\$3,564.68

NOTE: The former Treasurer, L. L. Vaughan, reported a balance of \$2,230.62 on April 1, 1944. From April 1 to June 30, 1944, he received a total of \$329.20 and disbursed a total of \$1,173.48. This left a balance of \$1,386.34 in the Convention Fund, all other funds having been disbursed to the other boards and institutions.

## CONVENTION FUND.

	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Balance</i>
L. L. Vaughan, Former Treasurer ...	\$ 1,386.34	\$	\$
Churches and Sunday Schools .....	6,167.33		
Mission Board .....	2,449.94		
Board of Christian Education .....	5,000.00		
Conferences .....	4,020.67		
Individuals .....	2.00		
Bal. Conv. Deficit Fund (E. Va.) ...	27.90		
Annals .....	694.25		
<i>Salaries—</i>			
F. C. Lester			
Salary .....	\$4,335.00		
House Rent .....	390.00		
		4,725.00	
Mattie Cox Parker:			
Salary .....	\$2,478.30		
Tax .....	146.70		
		2,625.00	
Catherine Cooper:			
Salary .....	\$ 992.80		
Tax .....	82.20		
		1,075.00	
Mrs. Dorothy Woodson:			
Salary .....	\$ 408.60		
Tax .....	16.40		
		425.00	
Mrs. F. C. Lester:			
Salary .....	\$ 51.90		
Tax .....	10.60		
		62.50	
<i>Travel—</i>			
F. C. Lester, Superintendent .....		1,575.00	
<i>Christian Sun—</i>			
R. L. House, Editor .....	\$ 300.00		
J. H. Dollar, Treasurer ...	1,300.00		
		1,600.00	
Gen'l Council (by vote of 1944 Conv.)		500.00	
Office Working Fund .....		250.00	
Office Expense .....		1,742.80	
<i>General Expense—</i>			
Bonds, West and Withers .....		185.00	
Expense of Board Meetings .....		283.32	
Central Publishing Co.:			
Convention Minutes .....		133.77	
Convention Annals .....		682.50	
Convention Manuals .....		237.17	
Miscellaneous Office Help .....		147.50	
Annuity Fund (for Supt.) .....		57.80	
Bank Charges, Nat'l Bank of Burlington, North Carolina .....		26.39	
Totals .....	\$ 19,748.43	\$ 16,333.75	\$3,414.68



## MISCELLANEOUS FUND.

	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Balance</i>
Eastern N. C.—Conference Fund ....	\$ 28.00	\$	\$
W. J. Ballentine, Treasurer ....		28.00	
Eastern Va.—Conference Fund .....	75.00		
W. E. MacClenny, Treasurer ...		5.00	
G. C. White, Treasurer .....		70.00	
Eastern Va.—Conf. Miss. Fund .....	275.00		
W. E. MacClenny, Treasurer ...		25.00	
G. C. White, Treasurer .....		250.00	
N. C. & Va.—Conference Fund .....	197.00		
W. W. Boone, Treasurer .....		197.00	
Valley Va.—Conference Fund .....	50.00		
R. R. Hosaflook, Treasurer ....		40.00	
Amy Louderback, Treasurer ....		10.00	
Western N. C.—Conference Fund ...	73.00		
Cyrus Shoffner, Treasurer .....		73.00	
Elon College Endowment Fund .....	162.58	162.58	
Student Summer Service .....	42.80	42.80	
American Bible Society .....	47.37	47.37	
Ministerial Scholarship Fund .....	250.00	100.00	150.00
Totals .....	\$ 1,200.75	\$ 1,050.75	\$ 150.00

## SOURCES OF INCOME.

Received from L. L. Vaughan, Treasurer .....	\$ 1,386.34
Churches .....	63,999.09
Sunday Schools .....	31,155.58
*Miscellaneous and Individuals .....	27,788.70
Woman's Board .....	25,038.50

Total Receipts ..... \$149,368.21

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Receipts for Elon College and the Christian Orphanage were disbursed to these institutions weekly.

Receipts for Missions, Christian Education, Superannuation, War Victims and Reconstruction, and Miscellaneous (Conference Funds, etc.) were disbursed to the various boards monthly.

Receipts for Per Capita were disbursed quarterly.

Respectfully submitted,

MATTIE COX PARKER, *Treasurer.*

It was voted to receive the report and refer it to the Finance Committee.

The afternoon session was closed with a prayer by Rev. R. E. Newton.

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\*This includes \$2,449.94 from the Mission Board and \$5,000.00 from the Board of Christian Education which had previously been received from the churches and turned over to these Boards.

## TUESDAY—FELLOWSHIP SUPPER.

A fellowship supper was enjoyed by the delegates and visitors. Rev. W. M. Stevens acted as toastmaster, and special music was rendered by Rev. O. D. Poythress.

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## TUESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The evening session was called to order by the president, Rev. W. E. Wisseman, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. J. F. Morgan led the congregational singing. Rev. M. A. Pollard led in prayer.

The report of the Board of Christian Education was presented by Rev. W. T. Scott, chairman. It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted, action on the motion to be taken on Wednesday morning.

Special music was rendered by the Waverly Church choir.

Dr. H. Shelton Smith of the faculty of the Divinity School of Duke University gave an address on "Christian Education in a Changing South."

It was voted that the Wednesday evening session should be held at 8:00 P. M.

The report of the Committee on Memoirs was presented by Rev. J. F. Morgan. It was received with the understanding that other names of deceased deacons could be added later. The report in final form read as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

Since the last session of this Convention the following have passed to their eternal home:

Rev. J. L. Foster of Elon College, a member of the Eastern North Carolina Conference, died September 23, 1945. He served faithfully as pastor for several churches in North Carolina and Virginia, and at one time was superintendent of the Christian Orphanage at Elon College, N. C.

The following deacons have left us during the last biennium: M. J. W. White of the Christian Temple, Norfolk; J. M. Jones of First Church, Norfolk; of the Christian Temple, Norfolk; J. M. Jones of First Church, Norfolk; C. S. Anderson of Second, Norfolk; W. F. Hodges of Rosemont Church; Roy R. Hosaflook of Linville Church and S. P. Gort of First Portsmouth Church.

Let us continue to honor the memory of these by living more faithful lives ourselves.

J. F. MORGAN.

The Communion Service was conducted by Rev. W. J. Andes, assisted by Rev. C. Carl Dollar, Rev. Victor Murchison, Rev. C. Shannon Morgan and Rev. L. M. Presnell.

The evening session closed with the benediction by Rev. W. J. Andes.

## WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by President Wisseman at 9:00 A. M. After the singing of a hymn led by Rev. J. F. Morgan, prayer was led by Rev. Joe A. French.

Fraternal greetings were sent to the Southern Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in session at Landis, N. C., as follows:

Southern Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches  
c/o Rev. Joshua L. Levens, President  
Landis, North Carolina

The Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, now in session in Waverly, Virginia, sends greetings and best wishes for a great session of your Synod and our hope for a closer fellowship in Kingdom building.

R. A. WHITTEN, *Secretary*.

The following reply was received:

Rev. Robert A. Whitten, Secretary  
Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches  
Waverly, Virginia

Greetings from the Southern Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches to your Convention. Our desire is for a closer fellowship with you brethren and the whole Christian Church. God speed the day when the churches may be one in Christ.

JOSHUA L. LEVENS, *President*.

WILLIAM C. LYERLY, *Secretary*.

A continuation of the report of the Board of Christian Education was read by Rev. W. T. Scott. Pending the adoption of the report, President L. E. Smith presented the following data regarding Elon College:

## REPORT ON ELON COLLEGE.

In an effort to improve the quality of our military personnel for the war, the United States Government commandeered a number of our schools, colleges and universities to implement its training program. Practically every one of the millions inducted in the armed forces of our country received special training in one field or another to a limited or an extended degree.

To further improve the literacy of our people, the Government through legislative enactment is providing for the re-education or the education of all discharged veterans. As a result, all of our college campuses are being crowded with veterans and civilians. The Government through legal actions during and since the war has popularized education.

Elon College sought to do its share during the war and is seeking to do its share in the post-war period. During the war 250 Air Corps trainees were assigned Elon College for training. At present we have 208 veterans enrolled in our student body which gives the college a current enrollment of 536 and a total enrollment of 678 for the current year which is in excess of any annual enrollment for the past fifteen years.

## THE PLANT.

During the past biennium we have been unable to improve our physical equipment to an appreciable degree. Our dormitories are below standard. The power plant is almost beyond use. The dining room was burned and we have been unable to replace it. We must erect a new gymnasium if we are to meet State requirements.

## CAMPAIGNS.

To secure the necessary funds for improvement to our physical equipment and to provide additional funds for endowment to meet minimum requirements, the Million Dollar Campaign has been authorized. Prior to the authorization of this campaign, a campaign to raise \$100,000 for the Staley-Atkinson-Newman Memorial Foundation for Christian Education was authorized. The several conferences constituting this Convention approved this effort and voted requesting local churches to raise a definite amount for this purpose. The \$100,000 was allocated to the local churches on the basis of ten times their conference apportionments for the college as of 1943.

It is essential that we complete this campaign that our endowment may meet minimum requirements and that we may enlarge our Christian Education faculty and better serve our church constituency.

This \$100,000, when raised, is to be a part of the Million Dollar Campaign. Some of our pastors and laymen have assisted in this campaign and have helped to make these achievements possible.

Prices are mounting and indications are that they will continue to mount. It is evident that the million dollars now being raised will not meet our building and endowment requirements. Instead of \$1,000,000, we should be campaigning to raise at least \$3,000,000. We have delayed this necessary program for the stabilization and advancement of our college far too long. The immediate years ahead will offer inviting opportunities which we can ill-afford to neglect. There is a question, however, as to the eventual complete success of our undertaking with our present personnel, attitude and lack of organization. It sounds good to say that we will conduct the campaign ourselves but we just aren't doing it. I raise the question of the advisability of either employing adequate personnel or securing an expert agency to assist in the conduct of the campaign beginning in September.

## CURRENT NEEDS.

In our efforts to provide necessary equipment and sufficient endowment, we must not over-look immediate current needs. The records will show that prior to 1930 this Convention in biennial session provided for the raising of \$50,000 a year by the college that its current budget might be met. Since 1930 no such provision has been made or asked for. The college's only askings of the Convention have been to apportion a total of \$12,500 to our conferences for the current requirements of the college. This apportionment has been made certainly for the last fifteen years. Since that time the cost of operating the college has materially advanced. Apportionments for other Convention causes have been greatly increased either officially or voluntarily. Would it not be advisable for this Convention to add the modest sum of \$2,500 to the present apportionment for the college: that is, for the Convention by vote to apportion to the Conferences for the college \$15,000 instead of \$12,500? The college has received from Sunday schools and churches during the biennium \$20,897.50.

## FOR OUR VETERANS.

At present we have 208 discharged veterans enrolled in the college, all of whom have been approved by the Veterans Administration and are in college under the G. I. Bill of Rights. The Government pays tuition, fees, books and other necessary expenses not to exceed \$500 per student for any one college year. We are finding it difficult to provide room for all who want to come to Elon. In February the Government allotted Elon thirty units, prefabricated houses, for married veterans. These were reserved in a very short while. Accordingly, the college applied for additional units. We were informed Saturday, April 27, that Elon College had been awarded thirty-seven additional units for veterans. This sounds good, and it is good, but foundations for these houses



must be prepared, streets graded, and side-walks laid. In addition, they must be furnished. All of this will cost quite a sum. We shall need financial assistance. The college has been able to balance its budget but it does not have a sufficient surplus to meet these demands.

## FINANCES.

The following tabulations indicate the material assets of Elon College:

*Plant—*

Real Estate .....	\$102,779.30	
Buildings .....	816,044.04	
Equipment .....	298,676.37	
Farms (purch. price incl. improvements) .....	27,839.95	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,245,339.66

*Endowment—*

Bonds .....	\$ 31,296.00	
Stocks .....	153,244.78	
Notes .....	25,000.00	
Real Estate .....	100,509.63	
Cash Balance .....	7,679.33	
	<hr/>	317,729.74
Southern Convention Note .....		250,000.00

Total ..... \$ 567,729.74

*Campaigns—*

## Staley-Atkinson-Newman Memorial Foundation:

Cash .....	\$ 31,028.66
Bonds .....	4,750.00
Pledges (Individuals) .....	14,548.17
(Churches) .....	11,156.75

Total ..... \$ 61,519.58

## Million Dollar Campaign (Includes S-A-N Fund):

Cash .....	\$116,161.63
Money raised prior to campaign .....	28,500.00
Pledges (On file) .....	21,586.17
(Churches) .....	11,156.75
(Individuals) .....	45,000.00
Bonds .....	5,150.00

Total ..... \$227,554.55

L. E. SMITH, *President.*

Rev. Jesse H. Dollar delivered an address on the Staley-Atkinson-Newman Foundation. The report of the Board of Christian Education was adopted as follows, Item 12 of the recommendations having been referred to a committee to bring in a suggested plan for personnel for the Convention Office at this session of the Convention:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

## ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS.

By action of the Southern Convention session of 1938 at Portsmouth, Va., the Board of Christian Education became the authorized successor to the Convention's Board of Education, and the Board of Religious Education (which in

turn had taken over the function of the Convention's old Board of Christian Endeavor and Sunday Schools). The Board of Religious Education is an incorporated Board under the laws of North Carolina and that corporation is still in existence. Its charter needs revision or cancellation, so as to bring into existence a chartered Board of Christian Education. The Board has taken action during the biennium to bring this to pass, but its action will need the authorization of the Convention.

Another way of sponsoring and promoting the work of Christian Education would be for the Convention to authorize the work of the Board of Christian Education to be done by the Convention Office under the direction of the Executive Board of the Convention and a Convention Committee on Christian Education, thus eliminating the need for a corporate board for this purpose.

During the biennium the Board has organized its work under four divisions: *Church School, Young People's Work, Higher Education, Missionary Education*. The personnel of these divisions was composed of the elected members of the Board and associate members from the various Conferences of the Convention appointed because of their particular fitness. The four divisions of the Board and their field of activities are:

1. **DIVISION OF CHURCH SCHOOL.**—This Division's responsibility is in the areas of the Sunday School, Week-Day Religious Education, Vacation Bible Schools, and Adult Education. It is responsible for promoting Leadership Training and the encouragement of use of proper materials and methods in the work of Christian training in the local church.

2. **DIVISION OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.**—The function of this Division is to promote the ideals and program of the Pilgrim Fellowship (the denominational Youth Department); Young People's Departments, Classes, Societies, Summer Conferences and Student Groups.

3. **DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**—The function of this Division is to promote the Church and its Christian message through Education of college and university levels; Ministerial Education; Scholarships. Under this Division there is a committee on Elon College and this committee endeavors to promote the interests and needs of the college.

4. **DIVISION OF MISSIONARY EDUCATION.**—This Division sponsors and promotes Missionary Education through the Sunday Schools, Missionary Societies, Youth Organizations, and it is designed to work in cooperation with the Church School Division of the Board, the Woman's Board, and the Mission Board.

While this organization has been set up we regret to report that we have not accomplished what we are capable of doing in these areas, nor what the Divisions outline. The Board needs more assistance from the Convention Office than can be given with the present limited Convention personnel.

#### ACTIVITIES.

By arrangement of the Convention, the Convention Office is the center of the Board's activities, and the Superintendent is the Board's Field Secretary. For this work the Board appropriated \$3,000 annually during the biennium. The Superintendent has visited Sunday Schools and youth organizations, given counsel, inspiration, and assistance wherever and whenever possible. The Convention Office has provided programs for special days, literature on various phases of religious education, loaned numerous books from its Christian Education library, assisted in setting up vacation Bible schools and leadership training schools, furnished Student Summer Service workers wherever possible, and otherwise aided leaders of our churches, Sunday schools, young people's societies and missionary societies.

The Board has sponsored Summer Conferences for Young People each year of the biennium both in North Carolina and in Virginia. These Conferences have been largely attended despite travel and other war-time restrictions. It has promoted leadership training schools and Christian Education rallies where possible, cooperated with the Sunday School Conventions, from which the Board receives financial assistance, and it has promoted the Conference and Convention Pilgrim Fellowship organizations.

In cooperation with Elon College a Christian Workers' Conference was held at the college for five days in February, 1946. An excellent program and faculty of capable leaders inaugurated this promising Conference, though the attendance was not large. This opportunity for leadership training both for the ministry and laity ought to have the hearty support of the Convention. The Christian Workers' Conference is to be held annually.

Plans are in the making to send delegates to the National Pilgrim Fellowship meeting at Doane College in June. Some Student Summer Service workers will be available again this summer. Camps are being planned for North Carolina, Eastern Virginia, and the Valley of Virginia. It is our purpose to hold a summer conference at Elon College each summer for older young people, but no such conference will be held this year.

We invite calls for service in all of our Conferences and churches. If there is help you need in religious education, write to the Convention Office making known your desires and we shall be delighted to do our best for you.

#### ELON COLLEGE.

Elon College, like all colleges, suffered a considerable drop in enrollment during the war. This has consequently affected the college financially. Since the war's end there has been a substantial increase in enrollment and the promise for the future is bright. However, additional faculty needs, needs for new buildings and for repairs on present buildings must be met in order for Elon to serve our constituency as it should. Additional endowment which will insure the College's accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools is imperative. The raising of the Million Dollars as provided for in the present campaign for the college will put Elon in a position to multiply many times its present and past contributions to the Church in Christian leadership both in the pulpit and pew. The campaign includes \$100,000 for Christian Education (Staley-Atkinson-Newman Memorial Foundation) and the churches have obligated themselves to raise this Fund during this biennium. These funds will enable the college to establish a Department of Christian Education designed to render special and significant service to the churches.

When the Southern Convention founded Elon College, it recognized its responsibilities to provide for the youth of our church the privilege of Christian higher education. In founding the college the church sought to provide advanced opportunities in education under moral and religious influence. In recent years and today emphasis is placed on education out of proportion to any other period in the history of our country. In the selective service draft to secure manpower for the recent tragic but victorious struggle, the appalling degree of ignorance prevailing in our country became evident. Without hesitation or consideration of cost, our government sought to remedy this shameful condition by making the opportunities for education available to all. This is right and proper.

In placing due emphasis upon education we should remind ourselves that education in the generally accepted term today is not sufficient. Woodrow Wilson warned of the danger of educating the mind without educating the heart. This is still a dangerous procedure. To place the achievements of modern science in pagan hands could easily mean the destruction of the world.



Fortunately for us and for the world the atomic bomb came first into the hands of Christian America. If we had had the same kind of education that Germany and Japan had, "finis" for the human race might have been written months ago.

In view of the past, in deep concern for the present, and in high hopes for the future, it is very important that we see that education is offered under moral and religious influences, and that at the college level it receives definite Christian emphasis.

To this end the church must maintain its own college. Elon College is our church school. On its campus our laymen, ministers, missionaries and Christian workers are trained. We have supported our college through the years but our support has not increased in keeping with its needs. Elon College needs more generous support from the churches of our Convention both for current expenses and for the proposed expansion program. Accordingly increased support should be provided by official direction during this session of the Convention.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Board of Christian Education makes the following recommendations:

1. That the Convention re-affirm its vote to raise \$100,000.00 for Christian Education at Elon College by establishing "The Staley-Atkinson-Newman Memorial Foundation," and urge the Conferences and churches to complete their quotas at the earliest possible date.

2. That the Convention continue the apportionment of \$12,500.00 annually for Elon College and urge the churches to exceed this amount if possible.

3. That the Convention implement its vote at the 1944 session to approve the raising of One Million Dollars for the Expansion Program of Elon College (the \$100,000 Fund to be a part of the \$1,000,000 campaign) by lending greater assistance to the President and Trustees of the college in this significant effort on behalf of Elon College.

4. That the Convention intensify its efforts to secure larger numbers of its own young people to enroll as students at Elon College.

5. That we urge Congregational Christians to include Elon College in their wills.

6. That an intensive effort be made for the substantial increase of our Sunday school enrollment.

Since 1939 the Convention has had a steady decline in Sunday school membership. Though part of this is explained by the drop of the national birthrate, that is not the whole story. In relation to the number of church members, the number of Sunday school pupils has reduced each year. If the church is to depend upon the Sunday school as a recruiting ground, we need to take serious stock of this continued loss. More and better work needs to be done in Sunday school organizational, leadership training, and evangelism work.

7. That our churches observe annually *Decision Day*, *Children's Day*, *Christian Education* and *Christian Family Weeks*; the cooperation of our churches in the support of the program of *Week-Day Religious Education* in the public schools.

8. That our Congregational Christian parents, pastors, church and Sunday school leaders encourage the more promising young people of our churches to dedicate themselves to full time Christian service.

9. That Elon College grant tuition scholarships to young men and young women preparing for full-time Christian service within the church, provided they are recommended by their local church and by their Conference Committee on Education, and with the further provision that such student give a negotiable note which shall become due and payable with interest within five years, if such student does not continue in Christian service.



10. The strengthening of our Sunday School Conventions, Convention and Conference Pilgrim Fellowship, and the Congregational Christian Student Groups on College Campuses.

11. That local churches and groups of churches sponsor annual Leadership Training Courses for in-service and prospective Sunday school and church leaders.

12. We recommend that the Convention elect an associate for the Convention Office to serve in the field of Christian Education and Woman's Work. The Board is willing and able to appropriate its reasonable share of funds to make this associate possible.

13. Regarding scholarships for ministerial education in item 7 of the report of the Southern Provincial Council and item 11 of the Board of Christian Education reports of the 1944 session of the Convention: The Convention referred these matters of scholarship to the Executive Board which, in turn, referred them to the Board of Christian Education.

Because of the alarming shortage of Christian ministers and the need for new recruits, the Board of Christian Education was of the opinion that the Convention should and must do something more financially to encourage and assist students preparing for the Christian ministry. We voted that assistance in scholarships should go both to college and seminary students on a work or service basis as outlined in our report to the Executive Board as contained on page 8 of the *Blue Book*.

The matter of scholarships to college students preparing for the ministry must be guarded zealously, lest these students are over-encouraged to secure the financial considerations, yet it must be realized that most of the indebtedness to the Ministerial Loan Fund has been incurred by college students. The seminary student is better able to assist himself financially than is the college student. It is for this reason that we feel ministerial college students should be included in this scholarship arrangement.

We, therefore, recommend that item 11 of the Board of Christian Education and item 7 of the Southern Provincial Council report of the 1944 session be reaffirmed at this time, and the Finance Committee be instructed to apportion \$1,500.00 to the several Conferences.

14. It is recommended that items 8 and 9 of the Report of the Southern Provincial Council (referring to a Divinity House at Duke University) as adopted by the Southern Convention at its biennial session in 1944 at Reidsville, North Carolina, be referred with power to the Executive Board of the Convention, for such development as may appear advisable during the next biennium of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. SCOTT, *Chairman*,  
R. L. JACKSON,  
L. E. SMITH,  
W. R. SAVAGE,  
H. S. SMITH,  
E. W. BOSHART,  
MRS. T. W. CHANDLER,  
J. FRANK APPLE,  
K. B. HOOK,  
JOE A. FRENCH,

*Committee.*

## REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

APRIL 1, 1944 TO APRIL 1, 1946.

## RECEIPTS.

Oct. 1944—From Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, former treasurer .....	\$2,310.86
From Convention Office, Mrs. Mattie Cox Parker, Treas.:	
July, 1944 .....	476.03
August, 1944 .....	414.30
September, 1944 .....	42.60
October, 1944 .....	328.16
November, 1944 .....	857.12
December, 1944 .....	46.93
January, 1945 .....	216.12
February, 1945 .....	278.42
March, 1945 .....	22.10
April, 1945 .....	122.00
May, 1945 .....	14.00
June, 1945 .....	789.97
July, 1945 .....	697.56
August, 1945 .....	201.69
September, 1945 .....	66.15
October, 1945 .....	1,095.96
November, 1945 .....	939.09
December, 1945 .....	33.25
January, 1946 .....	163.11
February, 1946 .....	18.15
March, 1946 .....	31.00
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	\$9,164.57

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to Convention Office, Mrs. Mat- tie Cox Parker, Treasurer, on order of Dr. Wm. T. Scott:	
September 20, 1944 .....	\$ 400.00
November 4, 1944 .....	850.00
January 22, 1945 .....	500.00
April 10, 1945 .....	750.00
July 5, 1945 .....	750.00
December 10, 1945 .....	1,000.00
January 26, 1946 .....	750.00
March 29, 1946 .....	250.00
To Dr. L. E. Smith, Elon College .	100.00
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	5,350.00
Cash balance April 1, 1946 .....	\$3,814.57

JOE A. FRENCH, *Treasurer.*

NOTE: From April 1, 1944, through August, 1944, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, former treasurer, collected a total of \$655.63 and paid out, to complete the work of the biennium, a total of \$586.83, which left a difference of \$68.80 to be added to her balance of \$2,242.06 reported to the last session of the Convention. This accounts for the \$2,310.86 turned over to the present treasurer.

## THE BANK OF REIDSVILLE

REIDSVILLE, N. C.

APRIL 25, 1946

*To Whom It May Concern—*

We beg to advise that we have verified the biennial report of the Treasurer of the Board of Religious Education, Inc., Joe A. French, Treasurer, from April 1, 1944, to April 1, 1946, showing the receipts and disbursements which we find correct, and the cash balance of \$3,814.57 as of April 1, 1946, agrees with our books.

Yours very truly,

B. R. LIVELY,  
*Assistant Cashier.*

The report of the work of the Christian Orphanage was given by Superintendent Chas. D. Johnston and received for record as follows:

## REPORT ON THE CHRISTIAN ORPHANAGE.

The Christian Orphanage was established to care for, train, and educate, as far as possible, orphaned and dependent children. During the last forty years it has been carrying out the mission for which it was created. More than six hundred motherless, fatherless, and dependent children have come to its doors for help. They have received loving care, guidance, training and education.

Many of these children have gone out into the world where they are now filling their places in their respective vocations and are now useful and respected citizens of our great country. A large number of our girls have completed courses in nursing and are now holding good positions as registered nurses in large hospitals. Many others have completed courses in commercial education and are now holding positions as secretaries in some of the largest manufacturing plants in the South. Other girls are doing a splendid job as homemakers, having married and established their own homes.

The boys have taken employment in many cases with large manufacturing plants and have worked their way up until they are now holding good positions in their chosen fields. A number of our boys have established their own businesses and are doing well.

All of these children came to the Christian Orphanage when they were helpless and dependent and had a real need for help.

During the biennium the Lord has blessed us very liberally as our financial report will show. You will notice in our financial report that we have received more money from sources other than our church than we have received from our churches and Sunday schools.

We have added five acres of land to our farm. This was purchased from the late Rev. J. L. Foster. It was a small acreage that the Christian Orphanage very much needed. It was close in and joined our farm. Our good friend, Mr. Oscar F. Smith, made this purchase possible.

We also built a first class machinery shed which we had needed for a long time. We bought used lumber for part of it and cut timber from our forest for the rest, thus securing a first class machinery shed at the minimum of expense.

We repaired and painted two of our buildings in which the children live, and also painted the dairy barn. The two dormitories were painted both inside and outside.

## HEALTH OF CHILDREN.

The health of our orphanage family has been remarkable. The children have been well during the past two years. We had only forty-three sick children during the time, most of whom were in bed only one or two days. We attribute the good health of the children to their regular habits of eating, sleeping, working and recreation. There were no deaths among the children.

## THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCHES.

We must mention the women of our churches who have been so kind to us for a number of years. It has been the custom of the Missionary Societies, Ladies' Aids and Auxiliaries to make, or buy, and send to the children, many beautiful new Easter dresses for the girls to wear on Easter Sunday. These girls and the management appreciate these dresses very much indeed.

## HIGH PRICES.

We have had to contend with high prices like other folks. Anyone with a large family will know how to sympathize with us.

## HELP.

We have had trouble in keeping matrons. Other orphanages have had the same trouble. There have been many vacancies because salaries have been much more elsewhere than orphanages can afford to pay. It has been hard to keep help.

## DAIRY DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Garner Hilliard has charge of the Dairy Department. He is very much interested in the work there. In the past several years he has greatly increased his herd of cattle and is developing a fine herd of purebred Holstein cattle. He now has in his herd a number of cows giving five or six gallons of milk per day. If nothing unforeseen happens in the next five or six years he will have an entire pure bred herd.

During the biennium the dairy has furnished the orphanage children 14,400 gallons of milk and has sold the surplus which the orphanage did not need. The proceeds from the milk sold have gone a long way toward paying the cost of the dairy feed.

## THE FARM.

Mr. L. W. Wagoner has charge of the farm. He has developed it into a first class farm. He is a good farmer and studies his work and practices rotation of crops. Thirty years ago the orphanage had the poorest farm in the county. It has bought land from time to time and has had small acreages donated until now we have one of the best farms in the community. We have 255 acres of land, free from rocks and stumps and we can run machinery on every acre of it, now in cultivation. Land that produced five bushels of wheat per acre thirty years ago, last year produced thirty bushels per acre, and corn in the same proportion.

## THE PLANT.

The Christian Orphanage now has three beautiful brick buildings for children, one of the prettiest dairy barns in the county and a beautiful herd of cattle. It also has 225 acres of land, with all necessary farm buildings, machinery, etc. We have nearly one hundred little children in our care. The cry of the orphaned child has never been more serious than it has been during the last few years.

## DAYS OF CARE.

During the biennium the Christian Orphanage has given 54,438 days of care to orphaned and dependent children.



## AUDIT.

The books of the Christian Orphanage have been properly audited by a competent accountant and his certificate is hereto attached.\*

## TRUSTEES.

The terms of ten trustees expire at this time. The Convention will be expected to elect ten. A list of these names will be furnished the Nominating Committee.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

1944.

Income from Churches and Sunday Schools .....	\$ 17,710.00
Income from Sources other than our Churches .....	19,678.33
Total Income for 1944 .....	\$ 37,388.33

1945.

Income from Churches and Sunday Schools .....	\$ 20,049.33
Income from Sources other than our Churches .....	23,061.98
Total Income for 1945 .....	\$ 43,111.31

## RECAPITULATION.

Income for the Biennium .....	\$ 80,499.64
Plus adjustment at bank of outstanding checks during the biennium as recommended by auditors .....	234.30
Amount brought forward January 1, 1944 .....	25,700.86
Total .....	\$106,434.80
Less expenses for the biennium .....	58,749.67
Balance .....	\$ 47,640.13
Less emergency fund set aside from bequests of people outside our Church .....	15,000.00
Balance for running capital .....	\$ 32,640.13

Respectfully submitted,

V. R. HOLT, *President.*CHAS. D. JOHNSTON, *Supt.*


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\*This is to certify that acting upon the request of Mr. Charles D. Johnston and the Board of Trustees of the Christian Orphanage, I audited the books of the Christian Orphanage at Elon College for the years 1944 and 1945, and found the books in proper order and the accounts correctly stated.

CHARLES APEL, *Auditor.*

The Committee on Strategy reported as follows: Introduction, Rev. W. T. Scott; Summary of Facts, Rev. H. S. Hardcastle; Conclusions, Rev. W. B. O'Neill; Recommendations, Rev. W. T. Scott. It was voted to receive the report and the recommendations were referred to the business committee.

The president appointed the following committee to plan for personnel for the Convention Office: Rev. W. M. Stevens, Rev. W. J. Andes, Rev. J. E. Neese, Mr. Harry W. Lee, Mr. John T. Kernodle.

The following visitors were introduced: Rev. George Shepherd; Mr. James Darden, alumni secretary of Elon College; Rev. and Mrs. Charles L. Storrs; Mrs. John B. Jackson, mother of Rev. Richard Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Potter, parents of Mrs. Richard Jackson; and Miss Frances Whitaker.

Rev. Richard L. Jackson gave a challenging message regarding the opportunities and responsibility of Christians of the Southern Convention, especially with reference to the Shaowu Mission project.

Worship service was conducted by the chaplain, Rev. Peter Young. The benediction by Mr. Young closed the morning session.

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### WEDNESDAY—WOMAN'S LUNCHEON.

All women attending the Convention ate lunch together. Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, president of the Southern Convention women, presided. The invocation was given by Mrs. J. Monroe Harris. Special guests were introduced. Mrs. W. T. Scott sang a solo, accompanied by Mrs. I. W. Johnson. Mrs. Richard L. Jackson and Miss Frances Whitaker, candidates for foreign mission service, both spoke, using as their theme, "How Far is China?"

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### WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Wednesday afternoon session was called to order at 2:00 P. M. by President Wisseman. Rev. J. F. Morgan led the congregation in singing a hymn, and Rev. N. G. Newman led in prayer.

The secretary reported enrollment as follows: forty-three ministers and eighty-two church delegates, making a total of one hundred and twenty-five.

Rev. J. A. French, chairman of the Business Committee, announced that the special committee on personnel for the Convention Office would report following the Strategy Committee's report, and that, if possible, time will be given for a discussion of the merger with the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The chairman of the Finance Committee, Rev. S. C. Harrell, gave an additional report for that committee.

The recommendations of the Strategy Committee were presented by the chairman, Rev. W. T. Scott, and considered *seriatim*. The recommendations were adopted as follows:

### STRATEGY RECOMMENDATIONS.

#### *Program for the Next Two Bienniums—*

1. That a Committee on Spiritual Life be created:
  - (1) To promote private and family devotions, Bible reading, prayer, and personal Christian commitment.
  - (2) To promote Church Attendance and Church Worship.
  - (3) To attempt to lay upon the hearts of Church members the necessity for more active allegiance to Jesus Christ.
2. That the Committee on Evangelism, under the impetus and in the spirit of this New Spiritual Life Movement launch a program of Evangelism to intensify our growth in the present churches—through:
  - (1) A new effort and more effective methods in bringing larger numbers to personal commitment to Jesus Christ and His Church.
  - (2) Establishing definite Evangelism objectives in Conference and local churches. (For example: *one new member per month per church for each one hundred members*, would increase our membership to about 50,000 by 1950.)
3. That the Convention through the Mission Board and the Conferences enter upon a constructive plan for Church Extension in an effort to fill the gaps in the area with new churches where we are not now located.
  - (1) Undertake to establish two new churches each year within the Convention.
  - (2) Adopt and promote a plan to finance two new churches each year by raising an "OVER AND ABOVE" Fund for Church Extension. For example:

Raise \$5,000 in 1946; \$8,000 in 1947, and \$9,000 annually thereafter.

<i>Grants</i>	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
1946 ....	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,000						
1947 ....		5,000	3,000	\$ 1,000					
1948 ....			5,000	3,000	\$ 1,000				
1949 ....				5,000	3,000	\$ 1,000			
1950 ....					5,000	3,000	\$ 1,000		
1951 ....						5,000	3,000	\$ 1,000	
1952 ....							5,000	3,000	\$ 1,000
1953 ....								5,000	3,000
1954 ....									5,000

Raise \$ 5,000 \$ 8,000 \$ 9,000 and raise \$9,000 annually thereafter for Fund

Under this plan there could be appropriated from this Extension Fund to each new work: The First Year of its existence \$2,500 or more; Second Year \$1,500; Third Year \$500. If the field is really one of promise it could be expected that beginning with the second year it would pay a large share of the pastor's salary.

*Possibilities.*—There are now approximately 32,000 members in the Convention. A successful program to enlist one-half of that number (16,000) in giving *one cent per week* would net \$8,320. *Twenty-five cents per member "over and above"* would net \$8,000 a year.

4. That the Mission Board, Woman's Missionary Convention, and the Conferences intensify our missionary program through Education, Information, Promotion, Organization, and Giving—promoting:

- (1) Support of the Foreign Mission program through the American Board.
- (2) An *over and above* gift of \$10,000 per year for the Shaowu Mission in China.
- (3) An increased contribution to the national Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches, particularly for the Building Society and the Board of Ministerial Relief.
- (4) Through a closer correlation of the missionary agencies within the area of the Southern Convention and an increased emphasis:
  - a. The Re-inforcement of Churches in need of aid during periods of transition.
  - b. The stimulation and aid of rural and part-time ministry toward full-time and self-supporting churches and pastorates.
  - c. Through regular funds, and in cooperation with the Building Society, assist churches where needed with building aid.

5. For relief of the world devastated by war, that we maintain our level of giving to the Committee for Victims and Reconstruction, or approximately \$7,000 per year.

6. That the Board of Christian Education and the Conferences seek to increase Sunday School enrollment, strengthen the Sunday School Conventions, Young People's work (using Pilgrim Fellowship), Summer Conferences, and Leadership Training Schools.

7. Since the churches of the Convention are predominantly open country, we recommend that the Committee on Rural Church adopt the following program for strengthening these churches: Encouragement of better geographical grouping of churches, a ministry especially trained for rural work, more equitable salaries with parsonage, and a program integrated with rural life.

#### LEADERSHIP:

##### 1. *The Ministry:*

- (1) That a Convention Committee on the Ministry be created, composed of the Chairmen of each Conference Committee on Ministerial Education, and the President of Elon College, whose duty it shall be to promote a vigorous and continuous program of recruiting for the Christian Ministry, Missionary Services, and Christian Education workers.
- (2) That the Conferences of the Convention continue to strive toward Seminary graduation as the minimum educational standard for ordination.
- (3) That Elon College in its projected program of Christian Education and Ministerial training include special training in the work of the Rural Church; in Church Music and Worship.
- (4) That the churches provide an adequate salary with parsonage and payment of one-half on Annuity Fund dues for its ministry.

##### 2. *Laymen:*

That the Layman's Fellowship created at the last session of the Convention set in motion plans for organizing the men of the Convention and Conferences, in an effort and endeavor to enlist and use the men for larger work in the Church.



## STEWARDSHIP:

That the Stewardship Committee institute a new, challenging, and aggressive Stewardship Education Program, and a Program for Enlistment of Tithers.

## FINANCES:

1. That there be a voluntary *over and above* contribution of an amount equal to twenty-five (25c) cents per member per year for *establishing new churches*, and an amount equal to twenty-five (25c) cents per member per year for the *Shaowu Mission in China*.

2. That the Mission Board continue its efforts and support on behalf of the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction.

## ORGANIZATION:

1. That a Committee be appointed from the Mission Board, the Conferences and the Christian Missionary Associations to study the present set-up for Missions in Convention and Conferences, and recommend some plan whereby there may be achieved an integration of our mission work.

2. That the Executive Board strive to coordinate the work of Boards and Committees functioning from the Convention through the Conferences to the local church.

3. That there be created a permanent Committee on Strategy and Coordination to make a continuous study of our needs in this field, and to present its findings to each session of the Convention.

## STATISTICS:

That the Executive Board be instructed to study our needs in the field of Reports and Statistics for the Convention, Conferences and Churches, and to prepare new Report Blanks which will be comprehensive, can be relied upon for securing accurate information, and which can be used indefinitely.

## THE COMPLETION AND CIRCULATION OF THIS REPORT:

We recommend that the complete report of this Strategy Committee, including Statistical Tables, be put in final form, that it be printed or mimeographed, and circulated throughout the churches of the Convention for study and action by local churches, county groups, conferences, and ministers.

WM. T. SCOTT, *Chairman*,  
WILL B. O'NEILL,  
H. S. HARDCASTLE,  
*Committee.*

S. C. HARRELL,  
W. J. ANDES,  
B. J. EARP,  
H. V. COX,  
S. E. MADREN,  
R. A. WHITTEN,  
J. F. APPLE,  
E. M. CARTER,  
MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN,  
*Associates.*

F. C. LESTER,  
PHILIP M. WIDENHOUSE,  
*Counsellors.*

A rising vote of thanks was given the Strategy Committee. It was also voted that the Strategy Committee be continued and authorized to published and distribute its report at the Convention's expense.

The report of the Board of Publications was given by Rev. J. G. Truitt, chairman. Pending the adoption of the report, Rev. Robert Lee House, editor, gave an address which included his report, and Mr. John T. Kernodle made an oral report as managing editor and printer. The report was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS.

The Board of Publication has held frequent meetings during the biennium and has kept a secretarial record of the same; has received and disbursed funds for the publishing of *The Christian Sun*; has kept an account of funds and makes report as follows: Received for printing and posting *The Sun* \$13,683.90; paid out for same \$13,593.67; received on endowment for *The Sun* \$462.70; and has on hand total amount of endowment \$627.70, \$600.00 of which is invested in U. S. Bonds, Series G; total amount received during the biennium \$14,146.60; total balance in bank \$117.93. It has cleared *The Sun* of debt, and there is a present paid-up subscription list of 1,625. The Board has counselled with the editor, the managing editor and publisher, and the superintendent. It has worked with the subscription office at Elon College in an effort to increase the circulation of *The Sun*. It is the opinion of the Board that *The Sun* stands in a position of very good favor with those receiving it, and that its service is greatly needed, and that its circulation should be largely increased.

Since all departments and boards of the Convention receive its help, and use it in furthering their plans and work, it is recommended, *First*, That four per cent of all funds received by the boards and institutions through regular channels of Conferences and Convention be set aside by them for *The Christian Sun*.

The Board believes that a format 8½ x 11½, a size which has become standard for many magazines, with a color cover, would help to increase the attractiveness, worth, and circulation of *The Sun*; Therefore it is recommended, *Second*, That the Board of Publications use its discretion in making such changes in format as it deems advisable.

*Third*, That the subscription rate of \$2.00 per year be continued and that ten per cent commission on renewals and twenty per cent commission on new subscriptions be given to church organizations.

*Fourth*, That the Board of Publications, for the Convention, be authorized to make contract for printing and posting *The Christian Sun*, and to work in cooperation with the editor and managing editor in fashioning the general policies of *The Sun*.

JOHN G. TRUITT, *Chairman*,  
JESSE H. DOLLAR, *Treasurer*,  
WILL B. O'NEILL, *Secretary*,  
MRS. CLAUD E. ELEY,  
B. L. SAWYER,  
*Board of Publications.*

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was presented by Rev. J. E. McCauley. Pending the adoption of the report an address was given by Rev. J. A. French. The report was then adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

Your committee is not able to make a glowing report of personal commitments to Christ or large numbers of new members added to our churches. The 1944 and 1945 report shows a loss of 155. We had a slight gain in 1943 and 1944. This will probably balance our losses of the previous year and give us a total equal to the membership we had at our 1944 Convention. Our losses

in members have been due to the revising of church rolls and an occasional loss of a church, which so often comes after the merger of two denominations. However, the fact remains—we are not growing as we should. It is time for something to be done about the most important phase of our denominational program.

Evangelism is the essential business of the church. It is the duty of the minister and layman alike to impart the good news which we have received. The commission to preach, teach, and make disciples of all nations is from Christ. We dare not turn a deaf ear to it. In each of the five Conferences, composing this Convention, we have a Committee on Evangelism. These committees have presented plans and drawn up resolutions, trying to create a spirit and promote an interest in evangelism. Much interest has been shown in this direction. The fact remains that we need to be evangelized or revived, from the minister to every individual member of our Church. If our additions to the Church is an index, the fervor of the Church's spiritual power is at a low ebb. It is time for that power to be revamped. A new zeal for lost men in a lost world is needed and winning others to Christ must become a dominant passion with the Church again, if we are to show an increase at our next biennial session.

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That we set as a goal, as suggested by the Christian Workers' Conference, 50,000 members by 1950, and that the Convention Office be authorized to promote plans for this purpose.
2. That the Committee on Evangelism of each Conference ask each church to formulate a Committee on Evangelism within the local church to work with the pastor in every phase of soul winning.
3. That a few continue the Evangelistic Rallies, holding perhaps two per year, one prior to Easter and one at the beginning of the fall church program.
4. That we encourage Visitation Evangelism by the churches, thus keeping alive the evangelistic effort all during the year.
5. That we stress evangelism through the Sunday School, making the Sunday School a channel through which the church receives additional members.

JOS. E. McCAULEY, *Ch'm'n*,  
J. EVERETTE NEESE,  
R. E. BRITTLE,  
JOE W. STEPHENSON,  
D. M. SPENCE,  
P. H. RICKETTS,  
K. D. REGISTER,

*Committee.*

Rev. W. M. Stevens, chairman of the committee on personnel for the Convention Office, reported as follows:

It is recommended that the Executive Board be instructed to employ a field worker to assist in the promotion of Christian Education, young people's work, women's work, and the other interests of the Convention, working with and through the Convention Office. The salary and expense are provided in the report of the Finance Committee. (Miss Elizabeth Chicoine was elected Field Secretary as authorized by the Executive Board July 8, 1946, and began her services September 1, 1946.)

W. MILLARD STEVENS, *Ch'm'n*,  
W. J. ANDES,  
J. EVERETTE NEESE,  
H. W. LEE,  
JOHN T. KERNODLE,

*Committee.*

The above report was adopted.



The report on the Rural Church was given by Rev. S. E. Madren, chairman. Pending the adoption of the report Dr. D. J. Bowden of Elon College gave an address on the Rural Church. The report was then adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RURAL CHURCH.

In 1940 a committee was named to make a study of the Rural Church. This item received a place on the Convention program in 1942. Since that time more concern has been given to the work and importance of the church in rural areas. All the larger denominations are giving increased attention to the work of the rural church and the problems of rural life in general.

In the past four years, the rural church has suffered a decline in leadership. In many cases key workers were either drafted or moved to war industrial centers. Chaplains were needed for the armed forces, and churches were left without pastoral service.

Today, many rural churches have discovered that they cannot successfully survive without a minister and a better trained leadership. We must strengthen and promote the life of the rural church if the Convention is to advance. If this is not done our churches in urban centers will be weakened because they are not reproducing themselves. They depend upon rural churches for a great number of their recruits. At present it appears that the population movement is from the rural to urbanized centers. Nevertheless, because of the dependency of our country on agriculture, there will be a definite need for the church in the open country. Churches must learn to consolidate and cooperate for greater efficiency.

Since the lack of lay leadership is so keenly felt, it is necessary to have training classes for officers, teachers and leaders. The teaching force is constantly changing. Therefore, the church must make provision for a supply of new workers. Competent young people should be discovered and trained for the task. Each rural church should have a pastor or be grouped with other churches in a pastorate. This would enable the minister to help train young people as leaders in the church.

There are powers of leadership in most every community. Many doubt their own abilities. They need a tactful guide to show them the path of self-development. A carefully planned laymen's conference for the men of the church would be very profitable for rural sections.

It is just as important for the minister of the rural church to be on his job seven days each week as it is for the urban minister. He is dealing with a different situation. There are opportunities in the country that cannot be found in the city. There are fine young people who need to be encouraged to go to college, and others who need advice in regard to a vocation. There are numbers of other people who need personal counseling. Their lives are being stunned spiritually. Their visions are narrow. They must discover themselves and realize their possibilities. They must be given something to do for the church and for community development. A new day is at hand for the rural church.

We recommend:

1. That the churches group themselves so that a resident minister may be on the field, giving full time service to the community. In each case there should be a parsonage and a living salary provided.
2. That a systematic survey be made of the parish with a view to determine church relationships and religious needs of every family.
3. That the Board of Christian Education, through Elon College, make a more definite contribution to the rural church. The college now offers a course



in Rural Sociology, but in addition to this it could, through assistance from the Board of Christian Education, offer Christian Workers' Conferences, Lectures, and Seminars on Rural problems. Regional institutes on rural church work should be held within the bounds of each Conference.

We urge that rural ministers avail themselves of the opportunities which are offered. The Virginia Council of Churches and the North Carolina Council of Churches each sponsor worthwhile institutes in their respective states. Rural churches should pay the expense of their ministers to these institutes or convocations.

4. That a committee on the rural church be appointed in the local conference to work with the Convention committee in helping to keep the work of the rural church and rural life problems before the churches. A definite program setting goals for the year's work should be adopted annually by the church and held before the people. Training Classes, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, Mission Study Classes, and the like, should be conducted in each rural church. Community services should be a definite part of the church work.

5. That there be a close cooperation with state and county interdenominational religious agencies, welfare and agricultural agencies, 4-H clubs and Scouts for community development.

6. That "The Lord's Acre Plan" be commended as a method of securing additional financial aid for the church.

7. That ministers write for copies of *Rural Affairs News Letter*, issued by the Committee on Rural Affairs of North Carolina Council of Churches, Rev. Garland R. Stafford, Chairman, Box 35, Taylorsville, N. C.

8. That more stress be placed upon the architecture of the rural church. There is a great need for improvement of church building and for beautifying of church grounds. This is essential to the life of the church.

9. That the churches of the Convention, both city and rural, give some place in the church program to rural life on or near May 26, which is Rural Life Sunday.

S. E. MADREN, *Chairman*,  
R. E. NEWTON,  
W. J. ANDES,  
T. FRED WRIGHT,  
A. G. RITCHIE,  
*Committee.*

The report of the Mission Board was presented by Rev. H. S. Hardcastle, chairman, and was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON MISSION BOARD.

A report of this kind deals with two factors, the tangible and the intangible, the things that can be listed and the things that can only be imagined, statistics and unseen spiritual issues. Under the former we can list so many missionaries under appointment, so many churches aided, so much money raised and appropriated, and so forth. These are, of course, important. But the other factors cannot so easily be reduced to statistics—how many people have been reached by the gospel message, how many lives have been enriched and strengthened and redeemed, how much the social life of communities and nations has been leavened by the principles and spirit of Jesus Christ, how much more effective the life of the churches has become, both those who received and those who gave. Here is a realm that intrigues the imagination and quickens the

spirit. Eternity alone will reveal what has been done by our missionary program during the past two years.

During the past biennium receipts for mission work were as follows:

## HOME MISSIONS.

April 1, 1944 - March 31, 1945 .....	\$ 14,774.82
April 1, 1945 - March 31, 1946 .....	13,316.22
Total .....	<u>\$ 28,091.04</u>

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

April 1, 1944 - March 31, 1945 .....	\$ 13,957.05
April 1, 1945 - March 31, 1946 .....	16,613.26
Total .....	<u>\$ 30,570.31</u>

Grand Total for Biennium .....	<u>\$ 58,661.35</u>
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On April 1, 1946, there was a balance of \$4,723.44 in the Home Missions account and of \$654.57 in the Foreign Missions account. \$3,716.70 had been received for the Shaowu Mission as of April 1.

It should be noted that each year of the biennium we raised more for missions than any year since 1930-31. It should also be noted that the total for the biennium 1944-46 is an increase of \$13,113.46 over the amount received for missions during the previous biennium. We thank God and take courage. It is quite likely that some of the increase was due to the fact that money was a little more plentiful under a war economy, but it was also due to increased interest in missions and some effective work in missionary education, as well as by the work of the Convention Office. We hereby express our appreciation of the work of the members of the Convention Office as individuals and as a group.

Again we acknowledge with hearty thanks and due humility the great contribution which the women of the Convention are making to the cause of missions and the work of the Board. Again they have contributed about half of the total sum raised for missions during the past biennium. Without them the cause of missions would be tragically crippled.

In the Home Field, the Mission Board has aided Asheboro, Bay View, Berea (Norfolk), Carroll County, Chapel Hill, Hopewell, Lynchburg, Newport News, Richmond, Valley pastorates and Winston-Salem. The Copeland Park Church in Newport News which was organized and which ministered to a defense area population has been discontinued. A constructive and most promising step was taken in connection with the Carroll County Mountain Work when Reverend and Mrs. Allan Gleason, Jr., accepted an appointment from the Board as our missionaries there. These young people have rich native ability, sound training, and a spirit of consecration worthy of the missionary tradition at its best. Within a short time they had made their influence felt in many ways and in a wide area. They had long-range plans for the work. Alas! Mr. Gleason was stricken with serious, even critical illness and upon the urgent and insistent order of his physician, had to give up the work for several months. We are glad to report that he is much improved, and that he and Mrs. Gleason hope to return to the work at an early date. (Note: They arrived in Carroll County in time to conduct Easter services at Elk Spur and Rocky Ford.) Members of the Board feel that under the sound and consecrated leadership of these splendid young people, there will dawn a new era and epoch in the Carroll County work.

We have lost the services of Miss Angie Crew, who under a working agreement with the American Board, and at small cost to us, rendered very valuable service to the Convention, both in the office, in producing missionary literature, and in field work. She is now working under the American Board in Syria.

Even as the appointment of the Gleasons to our Home Work in Carroll County was an outstanding event in our Home Mission program, just so was the appointment of Reverend and Mrs. R. L. Jackson as missionaries to the Shaowu Project in China, an epoch-making event in our Foreign Mission program. Here again are two outstanding young people, well equipped, thoroughly trained, and deeply consecrated, who have offered themselves to Christ and the Convention for service in a field white unto harvest. Upon the completion of language study and special training at Yale, they will go to the Shaowu field, the vanguard of what we hope will be an adequate staff for that needy field. They will be commissioned at this session of the Convention. Furthermore, another candidate for work in this field, Miss Frances Whitaker, will be commissioned at this session and will go as our representative along with the Jacksons. Miss Whitaker is a registered graduate nurse with a pleasing personality, thorough training, and fine spirit.

This Shaowu Project, as it is called, has been adopted by the Convention as its responsibility. It will require eventually a budget of at least \$10,000 a year for its support. This will be over and above what we are already raising for missions. But the officials of the Missions Council have graciously accorded us the privilege of adopting the Shaowu Project as our part of the Postwar Emergency Plan, which is seeking to raise a minimum of at least \$4,500,000. It is the opinion of this Board that if the Woman's Board could raise at least \$2,500 per year over and above their regular budget, perhaps through an Annual Thankoffering, that the churches and individuals of the Convention could readily raise the remaining \$7,500. This Project offers a definite, worthy, challenging goal.

It would appear that something definite and challenging should also be done in the field of Church Extension, for as Reverend Philip Widenhouse strikingly puts it, it is a case of "extension or extinction." We approve the recommendation of the Strategy Committee that the Convention set itself to the task of establishing at least two new churches every year for the next biennium, indeed for the next few bienniums. This, too, would mean that funds for this work would have to be over and above our regular giving. All this adds up to a considerable sum, but it is not beyond our resources if our people give as God prospers them, and it is not at all adequate for the needs of a blasted, bleeding, broken world in need of Christ and His healing touch.

Contributions to the work of the Committee for War Victims and Services—now called Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction—also show a gain during the last biennium. The comparative figures are as follows:

November 1, 1942 - March 31, 1944 .....	\$4,145.01
April 1, 1944 - March 21, 1946 .....	6,686.32
Gain for this biennium .....	\$2,541.31

But this amount is far too small as representing our part in binding up the wounds of the world and helping to build the churches, schools and hospitals that were damaged or destroyed during the terrible war years. It is hoped that the churches will take seriously the recommendations of the Convention Committee for this work, and will greatly increase their contributions to this worthy cause.

All this means money, a great deal of money, a great deal of money over and above what we have been giving. But the need is great, greater than it has



ever been. The Church has come to the Kingdom for just such a time as this. In a sense, "This is her finest and greatest hour." Let us rise up and help to make her great.

Respectfully submitted,  
 H. S. HARDCASTLE, *Ch'm'n*,  
 MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN,  
 J. P. DALTON,  
 GEO. T. GUNTER,  
 L. L. VAUGHAN,  
 W. J. ANDES,  
 J. A. WILLIAMS,  
 MRS. RUSSELL POWELL,  
 O. D. POYTHRESS,  
 R. O. ROTHGEB,  
 A. H. MCIVER,  
*Committee.*

The report of the Woman's Mission Board was given by Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, president, as follows:

#### THE WOMAN'S CONVENTION.

The work of our Woman's Convention during the past biennium has been affected by the war and conditions brought on by the war. In 1945, because of travel restrictions, our Spring Rallies and our Woman's Convention were cancelled. We missed the fellowship and inspiration which these meetings bring and matters of business, including the election of officers, which were to come up at the Convention, were omitted. In place of our Convention our Board decided to have Stay-at-Home Conventions in every local society. Reports of the past biennium and plans for the coming biennium were presented in these Stay-at-Home Conventions which reached 1,321 women representing 57 societies. What we missed in the inspiration of meeting together as a unit was balanced by the number of women who were touched in these Conventions.

We were able to hold our 1945 annual meetings in all three of our conferences. It seemed in every way that these conferences were our very best. It was especially appropriate and inspiring to have Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Jackson as speakers for the Eastern Virginia and North Carolina Conferences since our 1945 Thankoffering goes to the Shaowu Mission where the Jacksons will be located. We women were drawn to the Jacksons and feel grateful that we will share in their support at Shaowu.

One of the most notable gains in our Woman's Work has been in our Thankofferings. Up to 1944 our Thankofferings had never exceeded \$1,000. In 1944 we took Elon College as the object of our Thankoffering, decided to set \$2,500 as our goal, and went to work to reach it. Our treasurer's report shows that our Thankoffering that year was approximately \$3,000—three times as much as we had ever given for a Thankoffering. This year the Shaowu Mission was the object of our Thankoffering and when final reports are in, it will again exceed \$3,000.

All departments of our work are progressing and we are entering two new fields of endeavor. Mrs. W. J. Andes has been appointed as Interdenominational Chairman in our Woman's Convention to help cooperate with women of other denominations. This department especially urges the participation of our women's groups in World Day of Prayer, the first Friday in Lent; May Fellowship Day, the first Friday in May; and World Community Day, the first Friday in November. We are also urging our women to cooperate with the Woman's Department of the North Carolina Council of Churches and the Virginia Council of Churches. The other new field of work is the department of Christian



Family Life. We will have a chairman for this department and cooperate with the National Commission on Family Life of our denomination and will seek to help our women in this important field of work.

Two years ago when I made my report to the Southern Convention, I told you that we had set our financial goal at \$22,500 for the coming biennium. I am happy to tell you today that we reached our goal—that we exceeded our goal. During the biennium our women gave \$28,109.15—the largest amount given in a biennium in our history. We feel grateful for the consecration of our women and for their sacrificial spirit.

It has been a real privilege and a joy to serve as president of the Woman's Convention and it is with a deep sense of gratitude that I make this report of our work.

MRS. WILLIAM E. WISEMAN,  
*President.*

It was voted to receive the report.

Miss Helen Cobb, student at Elon College who is preparing for work in the mission field, was introduced.

The session adjourned with prayer by Rev. G. H. Veazey.

### WEDNESDAY—PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP SUPPER.

Young people and their leaders met for a fellowship supper with C. Baxter Twiddy as toastmaster and Rev. Victor Murchison as song leader. Rev. and Mrs. Richard L. Jackson and Miss Frances Whitaker spoke. During the business session the following were elected as officers of the Southern Convention Pilgrim Fellowship Council: C. Baxter Twiddy, chairman; Catherine Cooper, vice-chairman; Alice Lee Davis, secretary; Isabelle Sheetz, treasurer.

### WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The evening session consisted of a commissioning service for Rev. and Mrs. Richard L. Jackson and Miss Frances Whitaker, who are being sent by the Southern Convention as missionaries to Shaowu, China. The order of service was as follows:

#### COMMISSIONING SERVICE

*for*

REV. AND MRS. RICHARD L. JACKSON

*and*

MISS FRANCES LOUISE WHITAKER, R. N.

Missionaries of the

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions  
to the Shaowu Mission, China

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PRESIDENT W. E. WISEMAN, Presiding

Prelude: "Largo" *Handel*

Processional Hymn: "Lead On, King Eternal."

Call to Worship.

Invocation and Lord's Prayer.

Choir Anthem: "The Blessed Gospel" - - - - - Hall

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:1-9; Matt. 5:14-16; 28:18-20—Rev. J. E. McCauley.

Evening Prayer—Rev. R. A. Whitten.

Hymn—"O Zion, Haste."

Offering and Prayer of Dedication.

(The offering amounted to \$762.66, making a grand total of \$10,037.20 received for Shaowu Project.)

Commissioning Sermon: "Go Ye and Teach All Nations"—Rev. George W. Shepherd.

Commissioning Hymn—"Christ for the World We Sing."

Responsive Reading (Leader, People, Candidates).

Godspeed from the Southern Convention:

"Waverly Pastorate Gives Its Pastor"—A. Paul Hartz.

"The Mission Board Sponsors"—Rev. H. S. Hardcastle.

"Youth Greets Youth"—C. Baxter Twiddy.

"Tell the Women of China"—Mrs. W. E. Wisseman.

Greetings from Miss Angie Crew, Aleppo, Syria.

Welcome to China—Rev. and Mrs. Charles L. Storrs.

Presentation of the Commission—Rev. F. C. Lester.

Prayer of Consecration.

Recessional Hymn—"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun."

Benediction.

Postlude.

## THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at 9:00 A. M. by President Wisseman. Rev. J. F. Morgan led the opening hymn and Rev. J. F. Apple led in prayer.

The minutes of the preceding sessions were read by Secretary Whitten and adopted as corrected.

It was voted that the address given by Rev. R. L. House on *The Christian Sun* be printed in *The Sun*.

Rev. J. A. French reported for the Business Committee, asking that the report of the Committee on Nominations be considered immediately, since President Wisseman had to leave to conduct a funeral. This was adopted as the order of business.

The president asked the Board of Superannuation to report at this time. Mrs. Mattie Cox Parker gave the report as follows:

### REPORT OF BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION.

The Board of Superannuation meets twice a year, December and June. Applications are received, considered and grants appropriated at the December meeting. The same appropriations are usually made for the June meeting.

During the last biennium \$5,549.00 was paid to the annuitants, and the board had a balance on hand April 1, 1946 of \$2,383.46.

In December, 1944, one new application was received and approved, Mrs. T. N. Lowe; one in December, 1945, Mrs. J. L. Foster. At the request of Mrs. A. W. Andes her grant was discontinued.

The present annuitants are: Rev. J. S. Carden, Mrs. J. L. Foster, Mrs. W. D. Harward, Mrs. J. W. Knight, Dr. G. O. Lankford, Rev. L. L. Lassiter, Mrs. T. N. Lowe, Mrs. Ebbie Moffitt, Dr. N. G. Newman, Mrs. C. H. Rowland, Mrs. T. E. White, Rev. R. L. Williamson and Mrs. L. L. Wyrick.

During the biennium four annuitants have passed away, Mrs. J. O. Atkinson, Mrs. G. R. Underwood, Rev. J. L. Foster and Mrs. J. U. Newman.

At the December, 1945, meeting two small gifts of money were given to disabled ministers, who are not regular annuitants, and the regular annuitants received a one year's subscription to *The Christian Sun* as a Christmas gift.

The Board has considered merging our superannuation with the denominational Board of Ministerial Relief. No vote has been taken but there seems to be no reason why this merger could not be effected. The Board would like instruction from the Convention.

D. R. FONVILLE, *Chairman*,  
C. D. JOHNSTON,  
W. B. TRUITT,  
ZEB H. LYNCH  
MATTIE COX PARKER,  
*Board of Superannuation.*

The report was adopted and the Board of Superannuation was instructed to effect a plan of union with our national Board of Ministerial Relief, with the understanding that permanent funds shall not be dissipated.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was given by Rev. Jesse H. Dollar, chairman, as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

We, the members of the Nominating Committee hereby submit the following persons as officers and members of Boards and Institutions of the Convention:

*President*—Dr. W. E. Wiseman.

*Vice-President*—Dr. Jesse H. Dollar.

*Secretary*—Rev. W. M. Stevens.

*Assistant Secretary*—Rev. W. J. Andes.

*Treasurer*—Geo. D. Colclough (elected by Executive Board July 8, 1946).

*Superintendent*—Dr. W. T. Scott.

*Editor of "The Christian Sun"*—Rev. R. L. House.

*Managing Editor*—Mr. John T. Kernodle.

*Historian*—Rev. C. E. Newman.

*Honorary Historian*—Major W. E. MacClenny.

*Executive Board*—W. B. O'Neill, L. L. Vaughan, R. A. Whitten, S. C. Harrell, B. J. Earp.

*Mission Board*—J. P. Dalton, L. L. Vaughan, W. J. Andes, W. B. O'Neill, F. C. Lester; J. A. Williams, Honorary.

*Superannuation*—D. R. Fonville, Mrs. M. C. Parker, D. J. Bowden, C. D. Johnston, John T. Kernodle (elected by Executive Committee of Executive Board to succeed C. E. Newman, resigned).

*Christian Education*—L. E. Smith, H. S. Smith, J. Frank Apple, Joe A. French, Robert Lee House, Mrs. J. D. Strader, A. Greig Ritchie, Jesse H. Dollar, Kenneth Register, Mrs. W. J. Andes (elected by Executive Committee of Executive Board to succeed Mrs. W. E. Wiseman, resigned).

*Board of Publications*—Joe A. French, W. J. Andes, S. C. Harrell, Mrs. O. H. Paris, George D. Colclough.



*Provincial Council*—W. M. Stevens, F. C. Lester, W. E. Wisseman, C. Carl Dollar, R. E. Newton, Aubrey Todd, B. J. Earp.

*Associate Editors of "The Christian Sun"*—Peter Young, H. S. Smith, D. J. Bowden, S. C. Harrell, F. C. Lester.

*Contributing Editors of "The Christian Sun"*—L. E. Smith, J. G. Truitt, E. M. Carter, Mrs. Claude Eley, R. A. Whitten, W. T. Scott, B. J. Earp.

*Trustees of the Christian Orphanage*—Vitus R. Holt, Mrs. S. C. Harrell, C. D. West, W. B. Truitt, H. C. Simpson, Mrs. L. E. Carlton, L. P. Waldo, Jr., L. R. Jones, Clyde W. Gordon, Mrs. Walter R. Sellars.

*Trustees of Elon College* (Nominations, one-half to be elected by Trustees)—Richard Fagley, Dr. J. E. Rawles, Jr., Shirley T. Holland, L. O. Truitt, J. A. May, Cyrus Shoffner, John R. Scotford Mrs. J. D. Strader, Mrs. Cecil Wilkins, C. L. Walker, Floyd Turner, John T. Kernodle, R. A. Larrick, A. H. McIver, W. H. Boone, J. A. Kimball, Thad Eure, Russell J. Clinchy, Clyde W. Gordon, C. W. McPherson, W. B. Truitt, B. D. Jones, Jr., J. A. Vaughan, Mrs. T. W. Chandler, B. E. Jordan.

*Trustees of Franklinton Center*—H. S. Smith, R. L. House.

*Delegates to the General Council:*

Virginia Valley—R. A. Whitten, E. A. Showalter, S. E. Madren.

Western N. C.—M. A. Pollard, Miss Ollie Mae Beane.

Eastern N. C.—A. Greig Ritchie, J. F. Apple, Miss Margaret Alston, Miss Josephine Evans, A. H. McIver.

N. C. & Va.—J. H. Smith, J. D. Carter, W. E. Wisseman, Mrs. W. J. Andes, Mrs. L. E. Smith, S. C. Harrell, Mrs. J. D. Strader, Joe A. French, K. D. Register.

Eastern Va.—W. B. O'Neill, Miss Mary Lee Folk, H. E. Crutchfield, B. H. Watkins, N. T. Barron, Randall C. Mason, Jesse H. Dollar, Mrs. W. V. Leathers, T. Fred Wright, J. T. Kernodle.

At Large—Aubrey C. Todd, E. M. Carter, C. Carl Dollar, R. L. House, W. M. Stevens, L. L. Vaughan.

*Respectfully submitted,*

JESSE H. DOLLAR, *Ch'm'n,*

S. E. MADREN,

H. S. HARDCASTLE,

*Committee.*

There being no further nominations, the secretary was asked to cast a unanimous ballot for the above slate of officers. The secretary did so.

The vice-president, Rev. Jesse H. Dollar, took the chair when the president, Rev. W. E. Wisseman, was excused to conduct a funeral.

It was voted that all treasurers of boards and committees responsible to the Convention submit accounts for audit as of June 30, 1946.

The report of the Committee on Social Action was presented by Rev. A. C. Todd and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION.

The Southern Convention meets this year at a time of mingled hope and despair. Although we rejoice at the ending of one of the cruellest wars in history and are deeply grateful for the opportunities which our victory has granted us, we know that the ending of the war has not brought peace. Daily we are made aware of the conflict and division among us, the suspicion, distrust, fear and hatred that stalk the earth in the wake of war and hunger. We rejoice in the beginning of a new international spirit as expressed in the cre-



ation of the United Nations Organization, yet while we would support this organization wholeheartedly we have a growing sense that it is not enough, that we must find ways of creating a world government that will bring a new sense of security to the distraught peoples of the earth. As Christians we have a sense that we are "bound in one bundle of life." We know ourselves as members one of another, children of one Father, whatever our race or creed or nation. In the light of our Christian concern for the welfare of our fellow-men, and with a sense of urgency that comes as we know ourselves to be possessors of incredible physical power while we are yet conscious of our spiritual immaturity, we would offer the following recommendations:

1. That the churches encourage continuing study of international relations, doing all in their power to counteract the feeling that our job is done because we have succeeded in creating a United Nations Organization; that by means of study groups and by programs in our church organizations the activities of the United Nations Organization be followed with sympathetic concern, recognizing that it is important for us to have a realistic understanding of the problems involved in order that our international idealism may be practically expressed and not become a means of frustrating the best possible because it is not the best.

2. Although we pray that eventually the atomic bomb may be completely outlawed, and we would believe that eventually we ought to abolish the present veto power of any one nation in the Security Council, nevertheless, while working under the present arrangement we would urge the following agreement: that the atomic bomb as a military sanction will not be used unless all of the big five powers agree, and that under no circumstances will the bomb ever be used except in accordance with the provisions of the United Nations Charter.

3. That the Southern Convention join with the Federal Council of Churches and other organizations in urging that "ultimate control (of atomic energy) should be assigned to civilian, not military agencies." Following the lead of our own International Relations Committee of the Council for Social Action, we should also urge that legislation should be enacted "for domestic controls that will be of such a nature as to anticipate and to assist rather than hinder the exchange of scientific information and the eventual establishment of international inspection of the production of atomic energy and fissional material."

Recognizing the fact that widespread economic security would be one of the most vital contributions to a peaceful world, we would recommend the appropriation of as much money as is necessary to further research in the development of peacetime uses of atomic energy for the common good of all.

4. Because we believe that the creation of the atomic bomb has made universal peacetime conscription utterly useless as a measure for military security; because as Christians we abhor the creation of a military mind destructive of our democratic life which such conscription might so easily foster; because both political realism and our Christian conscience lead us to believe in international cooperation as the only true source of security, we would declare ourselves in hearty opposition to the enactment of peacetime conscription legislation, and we hereby call upon our senators and congressmen to support the Martin Resolution which would seek the international abolition of conscription. We would express to our congressional leaders our strong belief that the enactment of peacetime conscription, or the extension of the present draft law, instead of being steps toward security would represent a threat to international cooperation and an additional hurdle for the United Nations Organization.

5. Recognizing the fact that the building of peace begins at home and that only as we create a spirit of goodwill among the people in our own land and provide justice for all groups within our midst can we hope for peace in the

world, we urge that full support be given to our Race Relations Committee and that during the coming biennium the churches of the Southern Convention, as a practical expression of this insight, seek new ways of fellowship with the Negro members and churches of our denomination. As a further practical demonstration of our concern, we urge that churches make a donation to Franklinton Center, whose program is developing increasing effectiveness.

6. In a world where men are hungry, the church of Christ can never be complacent; in a world where men and women and little children die unnecessarily, the church must be troubled to the point of action. We, of the Congregational Christian Church, are grateful for our Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction. We appreciate the ministry which it brings to suffering millions in our name. We pledge ourselves anew to its support, and we will seek by every means within our power to raise the seven thousand dollar goal which has been set for the Southern Convention for the current year.

We urge the formation in each local church of a strong War Victims and Reconstruction Committee, the names of the chairmen to be sent to the Committee Chairman, Mr. Allyn P. Robinson, Box 1532, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Because we recognize the magnitude of the job to be done, because as citizens we recognize we will make a mockery of the ideals of freedom and justice for which we fought, because we understand that the work of our private agencies will never be enough, we urge that our government assume its full responsibility through the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Association. Unless we accept this responsibility with utter seriousness and with a willingness to sacrifice through the acceptance of rationing and whatever other controls may be necessary, we know that we not only will imperil the peace but that we would be utterly unworthy of peace.

As Christians we should be prepared to accept cheerfully the resumption of rationing and other demands that may be made upon us in order that we may meet the needs of devastated lands. In the name of Him who came that all men might live more abundantly, we would give ourselves to this ministry.

7. Because full employment at a living wage is so essential not only to the welfare of our own people, but to the peace of the world, we would urge our constituency to support every move of our Congress to further this end.

8. We would urge the participation of our churches in the observance of National Family Week and in the various programs for Youth Conservation being sponsored by the Federation of Women's Clubs and the state councils of churches. In view of the problems created as a part of the aftermath of war, we urge that the churches examine their own programs to see that they adequately meet the needs of the young people in our churches socially as well as spiritually, and we would further urge that courses for parents be set up to give them practical aid in dealing with the problems and opportunities of modern home life.

9. We would strongly urge the formation of Social Action Committees within each local church. Suggestions for the work of these committees during the coming biennium will be supplied by the Convention's Social Action Committee. The names of local chairmen should be sent to the Convention Committee.

ALLYN P. ROBINSON, *Ch'm'n*,  
H. SHELTON SMITH,  
D. J. BOWDEN,  
T. G. HUMPHRIES,  
A. C. TODD,  
ANNA LOU SHOWALTER,  
DOROTHY COX,  
*Committee.*

The report of the Committee on Race Relations was presented by the chairman, Rev. A. C. Todd, and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RACE RELATIONS.

The subject of Race Relations has been dealt with in past years by the Committee on Social Relations, and although that committee has devoted a large portion of its report to that subject, the Convention, in its last regular session, decided that the importance of race relations had reached such a magnitude as to require the attention of a special committee, and accordingly appointed this new committee. This action was prompted in part by the realization of our own complicity in the encouragement of segregation and discrimination by the practices of our own churches, and in part by the fact that we are lagging behind other denominations and organizations in this section in seeking a solution. Your committee hesitates to make recommendations to the Convention which might seem extreme, yet we realize that this committee would not have been created if the Convention had not expected it to present a definite plan of action in advance of anything yet attempted. Realizing our unworthiness in attempting to meet the urgency of this problem, your committee humbly submits the following recommendations:

1. That the Convention express its hearty commendation to the ministers and churches of the Convention who have been active in the field of race relations and through study and fellowship have encouraged mutual understanding and cooperation.

2. That we express our appreciation for the general observance of Race Relations Sunday by the churches, and the increasing use of literature supplied by the Department of Race Relations of the Federal Council and our own Department of Social Action.

3. Since it is generally conceded that segregation does not enhance goodwill or understanding, and since there is such an appalling ignorance on the part of our white churches regarding our Negro work, we seek to encourage the exchange of fraternal delegates between the Negro conferences and the Southern Convention, and to make them feel welcome.

4. We note with gratitude that our ministers have been active in organizing community organizations, such as community-planning boards, clinics, ministeriums, and such like, that have encouraged interracial participation; and we suggest that more of our ministers and laymen participate in such organizations when they are in existence or help in the organization of such.

5. We express our appreciation for the Interracial Ministers' Retreat that has been held at Franklinton Institute, and urge the continued support of our ministers.

6. We recommend that, whenever possible, more organizations of our fellowship become interracial. We are far behind the other denominations of this region in this respect. The Methodist and Presbyterian churches have set admirable examples by experiments in young people's and women's organizations. The State Councils in both North Carolina and Virginia have shown the churches what can be done in the way of stimulating and helpful fellowship between the two races. The Methodist Students' Assembly of North Carolina is interracial and is entertained in white as well as Negro churches. The Student Legislative Assembly of North Carolina is interracial. An increasing number of community groups are being organized along interracial lines. While it pleases us to see other denominations and other organizations leading in this work, we feel that we have a responsibility and opportunity ourselves which we cannot afford to shirk.

7. We express our gratitude for the large number of colleges in North Carolina and Virginia that have invited interracial groups to use their buildings.



Interracial Student Assemblies, meetings of the State Council of Churches, Ministerial Associations, the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen, and many other interracial organizations, have been entertained by colleges throughout these two states.

8. We commend the editor of *The Christian Sun* for the helpful articles on race relations that have appeared in that paper, and we suggest that more articles by Negro leaders and about the work of our Negro churches be published in the future.

9. We would encourage our churches to practice the teachings of the Church regarding brotherhood by participating in local and specific projects, such as the support of Franklinton Institute.

Respectfully submitted,

AUBREY C. TODD, *Chairman*,  
THELMA MORRIS,  
MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS,  
R. L. JACKSON,  
C. C. THOMAS,  
*Committee.*

It was voted that the story of the commissioning service of Wednesday night be prepared by the press committee in collaboration with the Convention Office and sent to the press—both secular and religious—and mailed in quantities to the local churches of the Convention.

The following resolution was presented by Rev. L. E. Smith and was adopted:

It is brought to the Convention's attention that our Reidsville Church, under the inspiring leadership of its pastor, Rev. Joe A. French, has commissioned and is preparing to send to our Angola Mission in West Africa three missionaries: Rev. and Mrs. Preston Hinderks and Miss Harriet Summerville.

The Reidsville Church is undertaking the entire support of these missionaries and has in hand \$6,000 for this purpose.

In view of this unusual contribution to the missionary cause of the church, it is moved that we express to Rev. Joe A. French, and through him, to the Reidsville Church, the Convention's great appreciation of this missionary effort, and to assure the pastor and the church of the Convention's spiritual support in such an effort.

Rev. Jesse H. Dollar asked Rev. N. G. Newman to preside during the presentation of the report of the Commission on Stewardship which was given by Mr. Dollar. Pending the adoption of the report Mr. Dollar addressed the Conference on Stewardship. The report was then adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON STEWARDSHIP.

The progress of Stewardship Education, as with any other phase of education, is slow. While our efforts have spread over the last six years the results are not satisfactory.

We have made seasonal use of the pages of *The Christian Sun* as a medium of information to the pastors and churches concerning the stewardship needs, and have offered suggestions and given information which we deemed helpful both in arousing a wider interest in stewardship and in introducing it in all types of local churches.



Stewardship Committees have been formed in each of the five Conferences of the Convention and the chairman of each conference committee has been made a member of the Convention Commission on Stewardship. Scattered stewardship studies have been instituted; some in local churches and others in summer camps and schools.

We confess, however, that we do not yet have a satisfactory program of Stewardship Education anywhere in the Convention. Good work is being done in a number of local churches. The Valley Conference has had a Stewardship Institute this spring in which all the ministers and churches shared, but the total picture is far from adequate if the message and methods of Christian Stewardship are to take adequate hold upon the church life in general.

We believe the primal weaknesses to be:

1. Lack of proper interest on the part of our pastors. Many pastors have never seen the necessity of planning a well-rounded stewardship program for the churches and situations they serve. This is particularly true of our rural pastors, and since seventy-five per cent of all churches in the Convention are rural, we can never show a strong and aggressive stewardship movement until these pastors and churches are enlisted in a Convention-wide program to lift the level of living and giving up to our potential strength.

2. The projection of a stewardship program, both from the efforts of your commission and the churches that have made some effort to initiate a program, has been too much on the side of raising money. Let us recognize this weakness and point toward raising the level of *living, serving, and giving*.

WHEREAS, Stewardship is one of the four major emphases in a Christian church program, along with Evangelism, Christian Education, and Missions, and

WHEREAS, Thirty-two denominations of this continent are engaged in a great United Stewardship Enlistment from October, 1946, through 1947, and

WHEREAS, The world situation of suffering, destruction and want calls for Christian service and action,

BE IT RESOLVED: That this session of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches urge all pastors, churches and conferences of the Convention to engage in a Convention-wide program of Stewardship Education during 1946 and 1947. While the Convention Commission on Stewardship stands by and is anxious to assist any pastor, church or conference,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That each Conference Committee on Stewardship be asked to take the responsibility of setting up in each such conference a program which will be applicable to each church situation and adequate in scope to cover the total needs and produce the desired results in our total effort.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. DOLLAR, *Chairman*,  
G. H. VEAZEY,  
BEN JOE EARP,  
THOMAS SUTTON,  
W. E. WISEMAN,  
JOE A. FRENCH,  
J. FRANK APPLE,  
*Committee.*

The Business Committee suggested that the morning session continue until the business of the Convention is completed. This was adopted as the order of business.

The final report of the Finance Committee was presented by Rev. S. C. Harrell and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

1. Since it is the policy of this Convention to make certain Apportionments to the several Conferences, with the request that the Conference apportion these amounts to the local churches, we recommend as follows:

Home Missions Fund .....	\$ 12,000.00
Foreign Missions Fund .....	12,000.00
Christian Orphanage Fund .....	12,500.00
Elon College Fund .....	12,500.00
Christian Education Fund .....	3,000.00
Superannuation Fund .....	3,000.00
Convention Fund .....	7,000.00
Scholarship Fund .....	1,500.00
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	\$ 63,500.00

The Woman's Missionary Convention is requested to assume responsibility for the raising of \$6,000.00 of the Home Mission Fund, and for \$6,000.00 of the Foreign Mission Fund, which leaves \$51,500.00 to be raised through Conference Apportionments.

This \$51,500.00 is distributed to the several Conferences as follows:

	E. Va.	Valley	E. N. C.	N. C. & Va.	W. N. C.
Home Missions .....	\$ 2300	\$ 500	\$ 800	\$ 1800	\$ 600
Foreign Missions .....	2300	500	800	1800	600
Christian Orphanage .....	4000	800	1750	5000	950
Elon College .....	5000	800	1750	4000	950
Christian Education .....	1100	250	400	1000	250
Superannuation .....	1100	250	400	1000	250
Convention .....	2500	600	950	2250	700
Scholarships .....	500	125	225	500	150
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	\$18800	\$ 3825	\$ 7075	\$17350	\$ 4450

The consensus of opinion within the Conferences was canvassed relative to increasing the apportionments to the Conferences. It seemed to be the unanimous agreement that there should be no substantial increases. It is recommended, however, that the Conferences be requested to raise \$1,500.00 annually to cover the Convention's part of scholarships for seminary students as voted by the Convention.

2. We recommend the following Budget for the Convention Office:

Superintendent's Salary .....	\$ 3,000.00
Superintendent's House (Rent) .....	400.00
Field Worker's Salary .....	2,000.00
Office Secretary-Treasurer's Salary .....	1,600.00
Extra Office Assistance .....	600.00
Travel of Superintendent & Field Worker .	1,800.00
Office Expenses (Stationery, etc.) .....	1,200.00
Annuity for Superintendent, Field Worker & Secretary-Treasurer .....	200.00
Office (time-saving) Equipment .....	500.00
Miscellaneous Items .....	200.00
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	\$ 11,500.00

## Suggested Sources of Income for Convention Office:

Mission Board .....	\$ 3,000.00
Board of Christian Education .....	4,500.00
Convention Fund .....	4,000.00
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	\$ 11,500.00

This Budget is based upon the assumption that the Convention Office shall be the medium through which the Board of Christian Education shall project its program; that the clerical and secretarial work of the Mission Board shall be a part of the work of the Convention Office; and that the collection and handling of *The Christian Sun* subscription list shall be done in the Convention Office.

3. We recommend the following Budget for *The Christian Sun*:

For Printing <i>The Christian Sun</i> .....	\$ 6,500.00
For Secretarial Assistance to Editor .....	600.00
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	\$ 7,100.00

Anticipated Resources for *The Christian Sun*:

Subscription List .....	\$ 3,500.00
Mission Board .....	1,000.00
Orphanage .....	800.00
Elon College .....	675.00
Christian Education .....	200.00
Superannuation .....	125.00
Convention Fund .....	800.00
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	\$ 7,100.00

We recommend that boards and institutions pay the amounts specified in monthly installments.

4. We recommend that the Mission Board of the Convention transmit ten per cent of the net income for Home Missions to the Home Boards of the General Council for the support of the work being carried on by said Boards, and that the Executive Board of the Southern Convention be authorized to effect a plan with the National Board of Home Missions whereby our parallel agencies may be correlated as far as possible and that funds contributed for these purposes by the churches of the Convention may be given credit by the Board of Home Missions.

5. We recommend that all churches be urged to raise their Mission and Benevolent Funds by securing subscriptions for their entire Conference Apportionments. Churches which are unable to raise their entire apportionments by means of subscriptions should receive a Special Offering at Easter for Missions, a Special Thanksgiving Offering for the Orphanage, a Special Christmas Offering for Superannuation, and a Special Offering for Elon College during the college period. Churches which raise their entire apportionment by Every Member Canvass should upon the special days named, take the special offerings; these to be extra apportionment gifts, that all may know about and share in these enterprises. These offerings to be the only Special Offerings for these purposes; and said offerings shall be credited by the local churches on their respective apportionments.

6. We recommend that the present plan of regular monthly offerings for Missions and the Orphanage, and the Fifth Sunday Offering for Elon College to be taken by the Sunday Schools be continued; said funds to be forwarded through designated channels and credited on the respective Conference Apportionments.

7. We recommend that the Orphanage, the Mission Board and Elon College be authorized to make appeals for contributions, each during the period herein designated, as follows: Elon College—January, February, September and at



Commencement; Missions—March, April, May and June; Orphanage—October, November and December; and that Communion Service Offerings may be received for Superannuation.

8. We recommend that the Board of Christian Education be authorized to appeal for offerings on Children's Day and Rally Day from Sunday Schools, and from individuals during July and August.

9. We recommend that all funds contributed by churches, or by individuals who request their gifts to be credited to their churches, shall be reported by the Convention Office to the Secretary of the Conference in which the local church holds membership; and each local church secretary shall be furnished with a report of all funds sent from his church for Convention enterprises, together with the balance due, said report to be sent in ample time for churches to complete their reports to Conference.

10. That all monies raised by churches, missionary societies, Sunday schools, Christian Endeavor Societies, and all other agencies of the church, shall be included in the annual reports of the churches to their respective Conferences and tabulated by the Secretary of each Conference for record in the Statistical Tables.

11. That no board or institution of the Convention, incorporated or unincorporated, shall increase its budget, or launch special projects which will call for financial support from the churches of the Convention without first submitting the same to the Convention, or to the Executive Board of the Convention, for approval.

12. We recommend that the Conferences of the Convention adopt and recommend to the local churches the annual payment of the eight cents Per Capita Fund, based upon the total membership enrolled.

13. We recommend that scholarships to college and seminary students be granted only to ministerial students who are properly certified and recommended by the Conferences of which they are members; and that the Board of Christian Education make report annually either to the Executive Board of the Convention or to the Convention itself relative to the status of the Scholarship Fund and the scholastic attainments of the holders of said scholarships.

14. We recommend that the Mission Board be charged with the responsibility of raising the "Over and Above" gifts for the Shaowu Mission and for establishing new churches, the Mission Board working with and through the Convention Office; and said Board shall be responsible for raising the fund for War Victims and Reconstruction, working with and through the Convention Office and the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction.

15. We recommend that all boards and committees making recommendations relative to financial appropriations by the Convention submit same to a meeting of the Committee on Finance to be held at least thirty days before the Convention sessions, that such recommendations may be considered as a part of the total financial program of the Convention.

15. We recommend that all bills and expenses incidental to and necessary to this session of the Convention be paid.

S. C. HARRELL, *Chairman*,  
L. L. VAUGHAN,  
H. S. HARDCASTLE,  
E. C. BRADY,  
E. L. BEALE,  
E. B. RASCOE,  
L. H. HOOK,

*Committee.*

NOTE: Items 13, 14, 15 of the original report, referring to the Convention Ministerial Loan Fund were referred to the Finance Committee to be reported on again at the 1948 session.



Rev. T. Fred Wright was excused to conduct a funeral.

Mrs. Mattie Cox Parker stated that she could not accept the position as Office Secretary and Treasurer for the next biennium.

The Honorable Mills E. Godwin, Jr., addressed the Convention on Men's Work.

It was voted to refer the election of a Treasurer to the Executive Committee of the Executive Board. Executive Board elected George D. Colclough treasurer, July 8, 1946.

It was voted to rescind the previous motion regarding adjournment and to adjourn for lunch at this time. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. G. H. Veazey.

### THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:40 P. M. by Vice-President Dollar. Following a song led by Rev. J. F. Morgan, Rev. F. H. Lewis led in prayer.

It was voted that the Executive Board be authorized to make such adjustments of the budget for operating expenses as may be necessary.

It was voted to give our retiring Superintendent a gift equal to one month's salary.

Superintendent Lester thanked the Convention for the generous offer, but stated that he could not accept the gratuity.

The report of the Revision Committee was presented by Rev. H. S. Hardcastle and considered seriatim. It was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVISION.

Changes in the Principles, Government, and Official Forms and Ceremonies as embodied in the *Manual*.

2. Chapter V, Article III to be amended to read as follows:

The purpose of the Convention is to build the Kingdom of God, and to that end it shall have general supervision of all the enterprises of the denomination within the bounds of the conferences of which it is composed.

3. Article IV, *Powers*, to be amended, and added to as follows:

Section 1. The Convention shall have the power to do all that is necessary to carry out the purpose of the organization as outlined in Article III, and as provided for in its charter.

Sections 7, 8, 9 under Article IX to be transferred to this Article and to be numbered 2, 3, 4.

4. Article V, *Memberships*, to be amended as follows:

All ordained ministers in regular standing in any of the constituent conferences, and all members of Boards and Standing Committees of the Convention, shall be members of the Convention and entitled to vote.

The President and Secretary of each constituent conference shall be members of the Convention, and entitled to vote.

Presidents of Convention Institutions and Boards, and the Superintendent of the Christian Orphanage shall be members of the Convention, and entitled to vote.

Churches within the Convention are requested to nominate lay delegates to the Convention. These delegates shall be elected by the Conferences. Each church is entitled to one delegate. Churches which have more than two hundred members are entitled to one delegate for each additional two hundred members, or major fraction thereof, provided that no church shall have more than four delegates. Members of the Convention shall serve for the biennium for which they are elected, or until their successors are elected.

5. Article VIII, *Officers*, Section 1 to be amended to read as follows:

*Designation.* The officers of the Convention shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Superintendent, and the Editor of *The Christian Sun*.

Section 3 to be amended as follows:

*Election.* At least three months before each biennial session, the Executive Board shall elect a Nominating Committee. This Committee shall nominate all officers of the Convention, except the Superintendent, who shall be nominated by the Executive Board, and the Editor of *The Christian Sun* who shall be nominated by the Board of Publications.

Section 4, *Duties*, to be amended as follows:

a. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Convention, and shall perform all duties generally incumbent upon the president of a corporation. He shall be ex-officio member of the Executive Board.

b. The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, preside at the meetings of the Convention and the Executive Board.

c. The Secretary shall faithfully keep all records of the Convention and of the Executive Board, and shall perform all the duties that usually pertain to that office.

d. The Treasurer (change rejected).

e. The Superintendent shall be a full-time paid worker of the Convention, and shall work under the supervision of the Executive Board. It shall be his duty to become informed concerning every phase of the work of the Convention and denomination. He shall seek to coordinate the work of the Convention at the discretion of the Executive Board, so that each phase of the work may be duly emphasized, and that all the work may be done with efficiency of time and money. He shall visit, and assist with fraternal counsel, both pastors and churches, but shall have no authority over either. He shall be at the service of all Boards and Committees of the Convention. He shall compile materials for the ANNUAL, prepare same for publication, and shall supervise the printing. He shall furnish materials for the *Year Book*. He shall represent the Convention in denominational and interdenominational meetings. He shall report his work regularly to the Executive Board, and shall make a full report of his administration to the Convention at each biennial session.

6. Article IX, *Boards*, to be amended as follows:

Section 1. The Executive Board shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the Convention, two representatives from each constituent conference, nominated by the Conference; and one member nominated by each Board and Institution.

It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to make effective the plans and programs of the Convention. It shall consider the plans of Boards and Institutions when such plans anticipate calling upon the churches for money during the ad interim. The Board shall have authority in matters dealing with the personnel of the Convention Office.

Section 3. (Typographical error lists it as Section 8 in *Manual*).

*Board of Christian Education* to be amended as follows: This Board shall work according to the purpose of its charter, and shall be the Educational Division of the Convention. It shall promote Christian Education in the homes, churches, colleges, universities and divinity schools connected with, or related to the Convention. The Board shall be composed of ten members, five of whom shall be elected biennially.

Section 4. *Board of Superannuation*, to be amended as follows:

This Board shall survey the needs, and administer the funds for the relief of aged ministers and their dependents. It shall endeavor to enroll all ministers of the Convention in the Annuity Fund of the denomination. The Board shall be composed of five members to be elected biennially.

Section 5. *Board of Publications*, to be amended as follows:

This Board shall have charge of the publication of *The Christian Sun*, and such other publications as the Convention may direct, and shall make contracts for printing and distributing the same. It shall be composed of five members, elected biennially.

Section 6 to be amended as follows: The word "recognized" in line 2 shall be deleted.

This to be added under Article IX, as Section 7:

The Boards named in Sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in Article IX shall make a biennial report to the Convention, showing the assets, liabilities, resources, income, expenses and the activities of the Boards and Institutions.

7. Article X, *Committees*, Section 1, to be amended as follows: The word "suggests" to replace the word "make" in line 5.

Section 2 to be amended so that the last sentence in the section will read as follows: "The Committee shall make nominations for all officers of the Convention, and members of Boards, except those otherwise provided for."

Section 4 to be amended by striking out the words "Race Relations" and adding the words "Place of Meeting."

Section 5 amended to read as follows:

Historian. The Convention shall elect a historian who shall report at each biennial session of the Convention.

8. Article XII. *Convention Office* (change rejected).

9. Article XIII. *Institutions*. To be amended as follows:

Section 1. *Elon College* (Articles of Incorporation).

Section 2. *The Christian Orphanage* (Articles of Incorporation).

Section 3. Other institutions may be recognized as constituent parts of the Convention by a two-thirds vote of the Convention at any regular session.

10. Article XIV. *Auxiliary Organizations* (a new article).

Section 1. *Women's Work.* The Woman's Missionary Convention shall be recognized as an auxiliary of the Southern Convention. The work shall be encouraged and supported. Biennial reports shall become part of the records of the Convention.

Section 2. *Men's Work.* The work of men in the Convention shall be recognized, encouraged, and supported.

Section 3. *Young People's Work.* The work of young people in the Convention shall be recognized, encouraged, and promoted. The Pilgrim Fellowship Council shall be recognized as an auxiliary of the Convention, and its biennial report shall become part of the records of the Convention. The Council shall work in close cooperation with the Board of Christian Education.

Section 4. *Other Auxiliaries* may be recognized as constituent parts of the Convention, by two-third's vote of the Convention at any regular session.

## 11. Article XIV to become Article XV (other changes rejected).

## BY-LAWS.

Section 2 to be amended as follows:

The place of meeting shall be determined by vote of the Convention or the Executive Board, due regard being given to various areas of the Convention.

Section 3. *Convention Biennium.* To be amended as follows:

The fiscal year of the Convention shall be April 1 to March 31. Financial reports shall be of this date. The President, Vice-President, and all other officers, except paid personnel, shall take office at the beginning of the biennium for which they are elected, and shall serve for two years, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

All paid personnel of the Convention shall take office July 1, following the meeting of the Convention.

Section 6. *Executive Board.* The word "regularly" appearing in the second line of this section is to be deleted.

Section 7. *Finances.* To be amended as follows:

The Finance Committee after a careful survey of the needs of the Convention, Conferences, and Convention enterprises, shall submit a report to the Convention of the amount needed to carry forward the complete program, which when adopted by the Convention, shall be apportioned to the Conferences, and the Conferences requested to apportion the respective amounts to the churches.

The second paragraph of Section 7 beginning with the words, "The Convention," and ending with the words, "Christian Stewardship," shall be deleted.

The third paragraph is to be amended as follows: The churches, Sunday schools, and other organizations shall be requested to send all money for Convention apportionments, and denominational enterprises, to the Convention Office, with a statement as to the purpose for which it is sent.

Section 8. *General Council.* To be amended to read as follows:

The Convention shall maintain membership in the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches by electing proper delegates according to the rules of the Council, and by fulfilling the other requests of the Council.

Section 10 (change rejected).



CHANGES IN FORMS.

The words in the middle of page 78 under Chapter XI, The Marriage Ceremony, beginning "With this ring," and ending with the word, "so long as we both do live," shall be changed to read as follows: "With this ring I thee wed, I give thee my love, and plight thee my troth, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

The same change to be made in the woman's part of the ring ceremony.

JESSE H. DOLLAR,  
STANLEY C. HARRELL,  
H. S. HARDCASTLE,  
*Committee.*

Newport News, Va.  
January 25, 1946.

It was voted to print the Constitution and By-Laws, as amended, in the ANNUAL with the Minutes of this Convention session.

The report of the Credentials Committee was read by Secretary Whitten and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

	<i>Ministers</i>	<i>Lay Delegates</i>	<i>Officials</i>
Eastern Virginia .....	19	46	2
Western North Carolina .....	3	4	0
North Carolina & Virginia .....	11	22	2
Eastern North Carolina .....	5	16	2
Virginia Valley .....	5	18	1
	43	106	7
Convention Officers .....			6
Trustees of Elon College .....			5
Trustees of Christian Orphanage .....			2
			13
Number of Officials, Ministers and Lay Delegates .....			169
Less number of Conference Officials who are Ministers .....			7
Less number of Convention Officials who are Ministers .....			5
			12
Total Number of Delegates .....			157

C. E. NEWMAN,  
R. E. NEWTON,  
*Committee.*

A report from the committee to find a house for the Superintendent was given by Rev. F. C. Lester, who read a letter from Dr. T. C. Amick. It was voted that the committee be continued and that the matter of a decision be referred to the Executive Board with power to act.

The summary of the report on the Ministerial Loan Fund was read by Secretary Whitten and the report was admitted to record. The complete report is as follows:

## MINISTERIAL LOAN FUND.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Date of Last Payment or Date of Note</i>
W. H. Bremer .....	\$ 100.00	1924
G. C. Crutchfield .....	900.00	1924
Orville A. Elmore .....	221.00	1938
Earl Farrell .....	300.00	1944
H. J. Fleming .....	230.00	1926
J. U. Fogleman .....	173.89	1926
W. B. Fuller .....	125.00	1923
H. T. Gray .....	100.00	1923
Martin Grissom .....	90.00	1942
Raymond T. Grissom .....	270.00	1932
H. C. Hilliard .....	400.00	1931
W. J. B. Hines .....	125.00	1925
A. H. Hook .....	100.00	1923
G. S. Hunt .....	200.00	1927
J. V. Knight .....	175.00	1913
S. D. Lankford .....	250.00	1924
Miss Siddie Latham .....	100.00	1923
S. M. Lynam .....	700.00	1923
Joseph E. McCauley .....	200.00	1940
J. Everette Neese .....	200.00	1939
M. A. Pollard .....	600.00	1924
Kenneth D. Register .....	96.56	1940
C. B. Riddle .....	49.00	1946
D. W. Shepherd .....	207.15	1930
W. B. Terrell .....	450.00	1925
Gardner D. Underhill .....	200.00	1929
L. T. Underwood .....	50.00	1945
G. H. Veazey .....	450.00	1928
Duane Vore .....	200.00	1940
Duane Vore .....	75.00	1939
Duane Vore .....	150.00	1938
Duane Vore .....	49.75	1940
R. A. Whitten, Jr. ....	250.00	1934
Sam B. Wilson .....	150.00	1931
William W. Hall .....	275.00	1945
C. Shannon Morgan .....	200.00	1945

Total Balance of Notes .....	\$ 8,412.35
Due from General Fund .....	1,165.92
Cash on Hand and in Bank .....	1,448.99

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\$11,027.26

Cash on hand January 31, 1945 (last report) ....	\$1,355.49
Amount collected 1-31-45 to 4-29-46 .....	93.50

Total cash on hand and in bank .....	\$1,448.99
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Due from General Fund, January 31, 1945 .....	\$1,518.42
Loans 1-31-45 to 4-29-46 .....	352.50

Balance due from General Fund .....	\$1,165.92
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CHARLES APEL,  
*Business Manager.*

It was voted that the minutes of the Convention be printed in pamphlet form and that five hundred copies be distributed among the officials of the Convention and the churches.

It was voted to omit the reading of the minutes and authorize the president and secretary to complete them.

Liberty (Vance) Church, through Miss Margaret Alston, extended an invitation to the Convention for the 1948 session. It was voted that this invitation be received with thanks and referred to the Executive Board.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was presented by Rev. W. B. O'Neill and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLVED that we express our deep appreciation to the entertaining church and pastor for the thorough and efficient way in which the details providing for our entertainment has been set up and executed, for the gracious hospitality of Christian homes where our delegates have been so delightfully entertained, for the splendid quality and beautiful rendering of the special music provided by the choir and organist of the Waverly Church;

RESOLVED that we extend our heartiest thanks to Dr. George W. Shepherd, Hon. Mills E. Godwin, Rev. Charles L. Storrs, Mrs. C. L. Storrs, Dr. H. Shelton Smith, Rev. Peter Young, Dr. D. J. Bowden for the interesting, constructive, and inspiring contributions which they have made to the program, and to all leaders and speakers who have helped to make this thirty-seventh regular session of our Convention outstanding;

RESOLVED that we record our grateful appreciation of the faithful and sacrificial services of our retiring Superintendent, Dr. F. C. Lester, during the eight years of his ministry throughout the Convention.

Coming into a newly-created office he brought a consecrated spirit, high intelligence and an unusual capacity for hard work. His constant and consistent labors on behalf of the missionary undertakings of our denomination reached a fitting culmination on Wednesday evening in the commissioning of three well-trained young people as our representatives at Shaowu, China.

By the wise and devoted leadership given to our churches and his friendly and fraternal counsel to our ministers he has not only laid foundations for the growing importance and service of the Convention Office, but has added immeasurably to the ongoing of the Kingdom of God.

At the side of Dr. Lester has been his lovely and talented help-meet, Mrs. Lester. She has not only given of her time and talent toward the efficiency of the Convention office but has rendered an invaluable service in the preparation of literature and in countless other ways, for all of which we offer profound gratitude;

RESOLVED that we accept with deep regret the retirement of Dr. I. W. Johnson as a contributing editor of *The Christian Sun* and that we express our grateful thanks for his long and faithful service, and for his valued contributions to the life of the Convention and its churches through the medium of the "Suffolk Letter";

RESOLVED that we acknowledge the efficient and faithful service of the Convention Treasurer, Mrs. Mattie Cox Parker, and that we extend to her our gratitude for the diligent and careful manner in which she has administered the finances of the Convention;

RESOLVED, that we regret the physical disability which necessitates the resignation of our historian, Mr. W. E. MacClenny, who by his careful research and historical record has rendered signal service to our denomination over a period of years; and that we express to him our profound gratitude for the long and distinguished service he has so willingly given to the Southern Convention, with the added wish that he may be granted a return to his former vigor and be spared for many years of continued usefulness.

MRS. J. D. STRADER,  
MRS. R. A. WHITTEN,  
WILL B. O'NEILL,  
*Committee.*

It was voted that the resolutions be printed in *The Christian Sun*.  
The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Andrew P. Slabey.  
The Convention adjourned.

W. E. WISSEMAN, *President*.  
R. A. WHITTEN, *Secretary*.

### STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SOUTHERN CONVENTION—1946-1948.

- Finance*—S. C. Harrell, A. H. McIver, L. L. Vaughan, H. S. Hardcastle, S. E. Madren.
- Evangelism*—C. Carl Dollar, Frank H. Lewis, J. E. Neese, Joe A. French. (John G. Truitt appointed by President Wisseman to succeed F. C. Lester, resigned.)
- Social Action*—D. J. Bowden, Mrs. John G. Truitt, A. Greig Ritchie, R. A. Whitten, Miss Ollie Mae Beane, H. Shelton Smith.
- Memoirs*—J. F. Morgan, R. O. Rothgeb, E. M. Carter, J. Frank Apple, G. O. Lankford.
- Stewardship*—W. M. Stevens, J. H. Dollar, B. J. Earp, W. E. Wisseman, Thomas D. Sutton, G. H. Veazey.
- Rural Church*—H. E. Crutchfield, Kenneth Register, T. Fred Wright, R. E. Newton, E. C. Brady.
- Ministry*—S. C. Harrell, L. E. Smith, E. Carl Brady, R. T. Grissom, I. W. Johnson, R. A. Whitten.
- Men's Work*—A. H. McIver, Harry W. Lee, George Colclough, Roy A. Larrick, Cyrus Shoffner.
- Spiritual Life*—John G. Truitt, Mrs. O. H. Paris, Robert Lee House, Mrs. J. D. Strader, H. S. Hardcastle, L. E. Smith, M. T. Sorrell, C. Baxter Twiddy, S. E. Madren, Mrs. Orva Brown.
- Strategy*—W. B. O'Neill, H. S. Hardcastle, H. A. Gleason, Jr., S. C. Harrell, W. J. Andes, B. J. Earp, H. V. Cox, S. E. Madren, R. A. Whitten, J. F. Apple, E. M. Carter, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman.
- Counsellors*—Philip M. Widenhouse, W. T. Scott.



## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE SOUTHERN CONVENTION.

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### CONSTITUTION.

#### Article I—*Name.*

The name of this organization shall be the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Incorporated.

#### Article II—*Area.*

The area of the Convention shall be the territory served by the constituent Conferences, namely: Virginia Valley Central, Eastern Virginia, Eastern North Carolina, Western North Carolina, and North Carolina and Virginia.

#### Article III—*Purpose.*

The purpose of the Convention is to build the Kingdom of God, and to that end it shall have general supervision of all the enterprises of the denomination within the bounds of the Conferences of which it is composed.

#### Article IV—*Powers.*

Section 1. The Convention shall have the power to do all that is necessary to carry out the purpose of the organization as outlined in Article III, and as provided for in its charter.

Section 2. All difficulties arising in the local Conferences may be carried, by appeal, to the Convention, whose decision shall be final.

Section 3. The Convention shall determine the bounds of the local Conferences.

Section 4. For the division of existing Conferences or the formation of new ones, application shall be made to the Convention, and when the good of the cause demands the division of an old Conference, a division may be ordered or a new Conference may be formed.

#### Article V—*Membership.*

All ordained ministers in regular standing in any of the constituent Conferences, and all members of Boards and Standing Committees of the Convention, shall be members of the Convention and entitled to vote.

The President and Secretary of each constituent Conference shall be members of the Convention, and entitled to vote.

Presidents of Convention Institutions and Boards, and the Superintendent of the Christian Orphanage shall be members of the Convention, and entitled to vote.

Churches within the Convention are requested to nominate lay delegates to the Convention. These delegates shall be elected by the Conferences. Each church is entitled to one delegate. Churches which have more than two hundred members are entitled to one delegate for each additional two hundred members, or major fraction thereof, provided that no church shall have more than four delegates. Members of the Convention shall serve for the biennium for which they are elected, or until their successors are elected.

#### Article VI—*Meetings.*

The Convention shall meet biennially for the transaction of business and for religious services at such time and place as may be designated by the By-Laws or by vote of the Convention. Special meetings may be called at any time as stated in the By-Laws.

Article VII—*Quorum*.

Forty regular members shall constitute a quorum.

Article VIII—*Officers*.

Section 1. *Designation*. The officers of the Convention shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Superintendent, and the Editor of *The Christian Sun*.

Section 2. *Eligibility*. Any member of any church in any of the constituent Conferences shall be eligible to hold office in the Convention.

Section 3. *Election*. At least three months before each biennial session, the Executive Board shall elect a Nominating Committee. This Committee shall nominate all officers of the Convention, except the Superintendent, who shall be nominated by the Executive Board, and the Editor of *The Christian Sun* who shall be nominated by the Board of Publications.

Section 4. *Duties*.

a. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Convention, and shall perform all duties generally incumbent upon the president of a corporation. He shall be ex-officio member of the Executive Board.

b. The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, preside at the meetings of the Convention and the Executive Board.

c. The Secretary shall faithfully keep all records of the Convention and of the Executive Board, and shall perform all the duties that usually pertain to that office.

d. The Treasurer shall receive all funds for the Convention through the Convention Office, shall be bonded, keep an accurate record of same, pay out on order of the president of the Convention, and make a report at each biennial session of the Convention.

e. The Superintendent shall be a full-time paid worker of the Convention, and shall work under the supervision of the Executive Board. It shall be his duty to become informed concerning every phase of the work of the Convention and denomination. He shall seek to coordinate the work of the Convention at the discretion of the Executive Board, so that each phase of the work may be duly emphasized, and that all the work may be done with efficiency of time and money. He shall visit, and assist with fraternal counsel, both pastors and churches, but shall have no authority over either. He shall be at the service of all Boards and Committees of the Convention. He shall compile materials for the ANNUAL, prepare the same for publication, and shall supervise the printing. He shall furnish materials for the *Year Book*. He shall represent the Convention in denominational and interdenominational meetings. He shall report his work regularly to the Executive Board, and shall make a full report of his administration to the Convention at each biennial session.

Article IX—*Boards*.

Section 1. *Executive Board*. The Executive Board shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the Convention, two representatives from each constituent Conference, nominated by the Conference; and one member nominated by each Board and Institution.

It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to make effective the plans and programs of the Convention. It shall consider the plans of Boards and Institutions when such plans anticipate calling upon the churches for money during the ad interim. The Board shall have authority in matters dealing with the personnel of the Convention Office.

Section 2. *Mission Board*. This Board shall work according to the purposes of its charter for the promotion of missionary activity among the

churches, and shall serve as the Extension Division of the Convention. This Board shall be composed of eleven members, ten members elected by the Convention, five of whom shall be elected biennially for a term of four years, and one of whom shall be the president of the Woman's Board. This Board shall have representatives from all constituent Conferences.

Section 3. *Board of Christian Education.* This Board shall work according to the purpose of its charter, and shall be the Educational Division of the Convention. It shall promote Christian Education in the homes, churches, colleges, universities and divinity schools connected with, or related to the Convention. The Board shall be composed of ten members, five of whom shall be elected biennially.

Section 4. *Board of Superannuation.* This Board shall survey the needs and administer the funds for the relief of aged ministers and their dependents. It shall endeavor to enroll all ministers of the Convention in the Annuity Fund of the denomination. The Board shall be composed of five members to be elected biennially.

Section 5. *Board of Publications.* This Board shall have charge of the publication of *The Christian Sun* and such other publications as the Convention may direct, and shall make contracts for printing and distributing the same. It shall be composed of five members, elected biennially.

Section 6. *The Christian Orphanage* and *Elon College*, located at Elon College, North Carolina, are institutions under the control of the Convention according to the provisions of their charters of incorporation, and shall report biennially to the Convention.

Section 7. The Boards named in Sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in Article IX shall make a biennial report to the Convention, showing the assets, liabilities, resources, income, expenses and the activities of the Boards or Institutions.

#### Article X—Committees.

Section 1. A *Business Committee*, composed of three shall be appointed at the opening of each session of the Convention. All matters of business not on the program shall be referred to the Business Committee which will decide if it is pertinent, and if so, suggest a place on the program for its consideration. The committee will endeavor to see that no conflicting motions are adopted.

Section 2. A *Nominating Committee* composed of five shall be elected by the Executive Board at least three months before the regular sessions of the Convention. The Committee shall make nominations for all officers of the Convention, and members of Boards, except those otherwise provided for.

Section 3. A *Finance Committee* composed of five shall be appointed by the president to serve for the ensuing biennium. It shall study the financial interests of the Convention and submit a proposed budget at each biennial session.

Section 4. *Other Committees.* The Convention may appoint such other committees as may be needed, including committees on Evangelism, Stewardship, Social Action, Rural Church, Program, Memoirs, and Place of Meeting. In the interest of uniformity, the Conferences are requested to conform to the organization of the Convention.

Section 5. *Historian.* The Convention shall elect a historian who shall report at each biennial session of the Convention.

#### Article XI—Vacancies.

Any vacancies in offices and standing committees shall be filled by the Executive Board to serve until the next session of the Convention.



Article XII—*Convention Office.*

There shall be a Convention Office under the supervision of the Superintendent and the Executive Board. This office should be centrally located; shall have adequate personnel to do effective work; shall seek in every possible way to serve the churches, boards and institutions of the Convention; shall endeavor to make effective the plans, programs, and ideals of the Convention. The Convention Office shall receive and disburse for the treasurer all moneys for the Convention and denominational enterprises other than for Conference interests, give receipts for same, transfer them to the designated treasurer at stated intervals and keep accurate records. The Convention Office shall have the same relationship to the General Council and Boards of the denominations as other State Conference offices.

Article XIII—*Institutions.*

Section 1. *Elon College* (Articles of Incorporation).

Section 2. *The Christian Orphanage* (Articles of Incorporation).

Section 3. *Other Institutions.* Other institutions may be recognized as constituent parts of the Convention by a two-thirds vote of the Convention at any regular session.

Article XIV—*Auxiliary Organizations.*

Section 1. *Women's Work.* The Women's Missionary Convention shall be recognized as an auxiliary of the Southern Convention. The work shall be encouraged and supported. Biennial reports shall become part of the records of the Convention.

Section 2. *Men's Work.* The work of men in the Convention shall be recognized, encouraged, and supported.

Section 3. *Young People's Work.* The work of young people in the Convention shall be recognized, encouraged, and promoted. The Pilgrim Fellowship Council shall be recognized as an auxiliary of the Convention, and its biennial report shall become part of the records of the Convention. The Council shall work in close cooperation with the Board of Christian Education.

Section 4. *Other Auxiliaries* may be recognized as constituent parts of the Convention, by two-thirds vote of the Convention at any regular session.

Article XV—*Amendments.*

All amendments or changes in the Principles, Government, or Official Forms and Ceremonies, shall be authorized by the Convention; and all motions and resolutions for this purpose shall be published in the church paper three months before the session at which the subject is to be considered, and all changes may be determined by a two-thirds vote of the Convention.

## BY-LAWS.

Section 1. *Time of Meeting.* The Convention shall meet biennially on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before the first Sunday in May.

Section 2. *Place of Meeting.* The place of meeting shall be determined by vote of the Convention or the Executive Board, due regard being given to various areas of the Convention.

Section 3. *Convention Biennium.* The fiscal year of the Convention shall be April 1 to March 31. Financial reports shall be of this date. The President, Vice-President, and all other officers, except paid personnel, shall take office at the beginning of the biennium for which they are elected, and shall serve for two years, or until their successors are elected and qualified.



All paid personnel of the Convention shall take office July 1, following the meeting of the Convention.

Section 4. *Conduct of Business.* Each session of the Convention shall be opened and closed with religious services, the president or his alternate presiding. Business shall be conducted in the usual way for such organizations. When no rule of the Convention applies, Roberts' Rules of Order shall be final authority.

Section 5. *Special Meetings.* Special meetings may be called by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board, or by petition signed by twenty-five members of the Convention. Announcement of such call shall be made public at least one month in advance and all delegates notified in writing at least ten days before the meeting. Only such matters shall be voted as are stated in the call.

Section 6. *Executive Board.* The Executive Board shall meet twice annually, and more often if needed. Special meetings, time, place, and duration of such meetings shall be determined by the Board.

Section 7. *Finances.* The Finance Committee after a careful survey of the needs of the Convention, Conferences, and Convention enterprises, shall submit a report to the Convention of the amount needed to carry forward the complete program, which when adopted by the Convention shall be apportioned to the Conferences, and the Conferences requested to apportion the respective amounts to the churches.

The churches, Sunday schools, and other organizations shall be requested to send all money for Convention apportionments, and denominational enterprises, to the Convention Office, with a statement as to the purpose for which it is sent.

Section 8. *General Council.* The Convention shall maintain membership in the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches by electing proper delegates according to the rules of the Council, and by fulfilling the other requests of the Council.

Section 9. *Fraternal Delegates.* Friendship with other religious bodies shall be maintained through the exchange of fraternal delegates.

Section 10. These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote at any regular meeting. By a two-thirds vote the rules may be suspended temporarily.

# Proceedings of the Sixteenth Mid-Year Session of the Virginia Valley Central Congre- gational Christian Conference.

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BETHLEHEM CHURCH, TENTH LEGION, VA.  
MARCH 28, 1946.

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THEME: "*The Mission of the Church.*"

SCRIPTURE: "*As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you.*"—John 20:21.

"*We cannot believe in God for ourselves without believing in Him for the world.*"—Phillips Brooks.

## MORNING SESSION.

The morning session was called to order by the President, Roy A. Larrick, at 10:00 o'clock.

The opening hymn was: "Come, Thou Almighty King."

The Worship Service was led by Rev. G. H. Veazey, pastor of Bethlehem Church, using the theme of the Conference.

Dr. F. C. Lester, Superintendent of the Southern Convention, led the prayer.

The Roll of pastors, conference officers, committees and churches was called and those present were recorded as follows:

*Pastors*—Mark Andes, Roy D. Coulter, S. E. Madren, R. E. Newton, D. M. Spence, Guy H. Veazey, R. A. Whitten, R. L. Williamson.

*Officers*—Roy A. Larrick, President; Robert A. Whitten, Vice-President; R. E. Newton, Secretary; Miss Amy Louderback, Treasurer; J. M. Lohr, Assistant Treasurer; Mark Andes, Director of Religious Education; R. O. Rothgeb, Secretary of Missions; R. O. Rothgeb, member of Convention Board of Missions; S. E. Madren, Convention Executive Board; R. A. Whitten, Convention Executive Board.

*Trustees*—Samuel Earman, C. W. Louderback.

## Church Enrollment.

*Antioch*—O. W. Andes, Leon Frank.

*Bethel*—Mrs. Carol Monger, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dofflemyer, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Comer.

*Bethlehem*—Mrs. R. R. Sellers, Shirley White.

*Beulah*—Mrs. Anna V. Michael, Mrs. Virginia Michael.

*Concord*—Vada Golliday, Mrs. Julian Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Russell L. Smith.

*Dry Run*—Miss Mildred Ritenour, Miss Louise Bowman, Mrs. Wesley Ritenour, Mrs. Roy Rinker.

*Joppa*—Mrs. Enoch Duncan.

*Leaksville*—Mrs. O. J. Sours, Mrs. R. E. Newton, Mrs. E. Lena Rothgeb, R. O. Rothgeb.

*Linville*—Samuel Earman, Mrs. Warner Stern, Mrs. Harold Rodes, Mrs. Mary Davis.

*Mayland*—Rev. G. H. Veazey, D. C. Golliday, J. M. Lohr.

*Mt. Olivet (G)*—Mrs. B. G. Snow, Robert Collier, John T. Collier.

*Mt. Olivet (G)*—Mrs. Joseph Frazier, Mrs. Warren Good.

*Mt. Lebanon*—Mr. and Mrs. Hoover Supples.

*New Hope*—M. A. Liskey, Claude Liskey.

*Newport*—Mr. and Mrs. James Sullivan, C. W. Louderback.

*Palmyra*—Mrs. Mae Carper, Mrs. Margie Baker, C. L. Rush.

*Timber Mountain*—No report.

*Timber Ridge*—Mrs. A. C. Oates, Mrs. C. A. Nelson.

*Winchester*—Mrs. Roy Larrick, Mrs. Edgar Nelson, Mrs. Virginia Mason, Mrs. William L. Cooper.

*Wissler's Chapel*—No Delegates.

*Wood's Chapel*—Mrs. Catherine Seekford, Mrs. Bertha Sharp.

Following the roll call, Rev. Roy D. Coulter introduced Rev. O. B. Michael, pastor of the Timberville-Mount Jackson charge of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches, who was seated as a deliberative member.

Rev. S. E. Madren presented Rev. F. C. Lester, D. D., Superintendent of the Southern Convention. Dr. Lester was seated as a deliberative member.

Mr. Larrick gave a brief talk praising the work of R. O. Rothgeb while he was president of the Pilgrim Fellowship and Sunday School Convention.

Brief verbal reports were heard from the delegates of the several churches.

Dr. F. C. Lester spoke on the theme, "The Task for Our Time."

The Conference engaged in prayer for the recovery of Mrs. G. H. Veazey, seriously ill in Rockingham Memorial Hospital, Harrisonburg. The prayer was led by Rev. R. A. Whitten.

The Conference adjourned for the noon hour.

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### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Worship Service was led by Rev. O. B. Michael, guest minister from the Evangelical and Reformed Church. His theme was: "In Union There Is Strength."

The following hymns were sung: "The Church's One Foundation" and "Lead On, O King, Eternal."

The following delegates and alternates to the General Council at Grinnell, Iowa, were elected as follows: Rev. R. A. Whitten, delegate; Mrs. Virginia Mason, alternate; Mr. E. A. Showalter, delegate; Mr. Robert M. Collins, alternate.

Rev. S. E. Madren spoke on "The Work of the Christian Missionary Association."

Talks by lay members of our churches were made by the following persons: Mrs. Robert Collier, Mrs. Warren Good, Mrs. Fred L. Oates, Loy H. Hook, K. T. Rothgeb and Mrs. B. G. Snow.

Upon a motion by Rev. R. E. Newton and seconded by Rev. Roy D. Coulter, it was voted to pay \$25.00 out of the Conference treasury to each of the delegates to the General Council for expenses.

Miscellaneous announcements were made by President Larrick and others.

The closing address was given by Rev. R. E. Newton. The theme was: "The Two-Fold Mission of the Church."

The Conference adjourned.

ROY A. LARRICK, *President.*

R. E. NEWTON, *Secretary.*

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## EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING.

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WINCHESTER CHURCH,  
JANUARY 22, 1946.

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A joint session of the Executive and Home Missions Committees was called by President Roy A. Larrick for the purpose of appropriating funds for the Expenses of Dr. Warren H. Denison who is conducting a meeting on Stewardship at the above named church, and to transact such other business as seemed necessary.

It was stated by Mr. Larrick that the amount of \$21.00 had been collected at the Stewardship meeting. It seemed to be the general opinion that we pay Dr. Denison \$50.00.

It was moved by Rev. Roy D. Coulter and seconded by Rev. S. E. Madren that the sum of \$29.00 be paid Dr. Denison from the Conference Treasury to be added to the \$21.00 collected at the meeting. This would make a total of \$50.00 paid to Dr. Denison.

The motion carried.

Following a discussion of the matter, it was moved by Rev. Roy D. Coulter and seconded by Rev. S. E. Madren that we invite Dr. Denison to visit the Valley a year from now. It was so voted. It was understood that Dr. Denison would be asked to spend a week among the churches.

The meeting then adjourned.

Members present were: R. A. Larrick.

Ministers: R. D. Coulter, S. E. Madren, R. E. Newton, G. H. Veazey and R. A. Whitten.

ROY A. LARRICK, *President.*

R. E. NEWTON, *Secretary.*



# Proceedings of Ninety-Eighth Annual Session of the Virginia Valley Central Congre- gational Christian Conference.

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NEW HOPE CHURCH,  
AUGUST 7-8, 1946.

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THEME: "*The Outreach of the Church.*"

*"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."*—Mark 16:15.

## FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The ninety-eighth annual session of the Virginia Valley Central Congregational Christian Conference met at New Hope Church, near Harrisonburg, Virginia, Wednesday and Thursday, August 7 and 8, 1946.

The opening session was called to order at ten o'clock by the president, Roy A. Larrick of Winchester. The congregation joined in the singing of the hymn, "Come, Thou Almighty King." Rev. S. E. Madren, pastor of the host church, led the devotional service using as his scripture, Mark 7:9-20. Rev. Mr. Madren welcomed the Conference, and the president of the Conference responded.

## ENROLLMENT.

*Conference Officers*—President, Roy A. Larrick; Vice-President, Rev. R. A. Whitten; Secretary, Rev. R. E. Newton; Assistant Secretary, Miss Thelma Morris; Treasurer, Miss Amy V. Louderback; Assistant Treasurer, J. M. Lohr; Director of Religious Education, Rev. Mark W. Andes; Conference Missions Secretary, R. O. Rothgeb; Conference Representative on the Executive Board of the Southern Convention, Rev. S. E. Madren; Representative on the Executive Board of the Southern Convention, appointed by that body from this Conference, Rev. R. A. Whitten.

*Ordained Ministers*—Mark W. Andes, Roy D. Coulter, W. B. Fuller, S. E. Madren, R. E. Newton, D. M. Spence, G. H. Veazey, M. L. Weekley, and R. A. Whitten. Absent, R. L. Williamson.

*Conference Trustees*—G. W. Rothgeb, Samuel Earman, C. W. Loud-  
erback. Absent, J. C. Bradford.

*Representatives to Virginia Council of Churches, Inc.*—Rev. S. E. Madren, E. A. Showalter.

## *Delegates from Churches.*

*Antioch*—O. W. Andes, A. E. Showalter.

*Bethel*—M. A. Dofflemeyer, K. B. Dofflemeyer, Mrs. Eula Bloxom.

*Bethlehem*—Clarence Phillips, Miss Ella Pickering.

*Beulah*—Mrs. Everette Tibbins, Mrs. Virginia Michael.

*Concord*—Russell Smith, Vernon Higgs.

*Dry Run*—A. C. Boyce, Mrs. Wesley Ritenour.

*Joppa*—Mrs. Fannie Duncan.

*Leaksville*—Miss Dorothy Foltz, Mrs. R. O. Rothgeb, Mrs. E. Lena Rothgeb.

*Linville*—A. R. Hosaflook, Mrs. Grace Smith.

*Mayland*—J. M. Lohr, J. M. Spitzer.

*Mt. Lebanon*—Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Comer.

*Mt. Olivet (G)*—Norman W. Morris.

*Mt. Olivet (R)*—Julia Frye, Mrs. Laura Lam, Mrs. Joseph Frazier.

*New Hope*—H. E. Liskey, Mrs. Virginia Long.

*Newport*—Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Foltz, Mrs. Mary Higgs.

*Palmyra*—Mrs. Mae Carper, Mrs. Margie Baker.

*Timber Mountain*—No Delegate.

*Timber Ridge*—Mrs. Fred L. Oates, Mrs. Herbert Kump, Mrs. C. A. Nelson, Mrs. W. J. Muse.

*Winchester*—O. A. Bazzle, Mrs. Roy A. Larrick, Mrs. Orville Hoover, Mrs. H. F. Nelson.

*Wissler's Chapel*—J. C. Dean.

*Wood's Chapel*—Mrs. Florence Day, Mrs. Austin Kipps.

Rev. R. A. Whitten presented the following visitors, who were seated as deliberative members: Dr. F. C. Lester, Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kernodle, Supt. C. D. Johnston, Rev. and Mrs. H. Russell Clem, Dr. V. T. Crawford. Brief remarks were made by each visitor.

#### REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Program, have prepared a program for the ninety-eighth annual session of the Conference at New Hope Church, Wednesday and Thursday, August 7-8, 1946, and submit same to Conference.

ROY A. LARRICK,

R. A. WHITTEN,

R. E. NEWTON,

Committee.

The report was adopted subject to necessary changes.

The President announced the time and places of meeting of the church groups for the purpose of submitting nominations for certain committees to function during this session.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was presented and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."—I Corinthians 4:2.

We should not confuse stewardship with tithing. Tithing is an ancient Jewish law which is a very fine beginning for Christians. According to Judaism when a man had given the tithe, he was free from the law of tithing for he had fulfilled the law of tithing, and the other nine-tenths were his to use as he pleased. A steward has a far greater responsibility, and opportunity than

a tither has. A steward is a manager of an estate, or something that belongs to another. A just steward honors the owner and strives to manage in a way that will please the owner.

The church is the great estate of our Lord, and you and I are the stewards. He has entrusted it to our care and has gone away, and as sure as he has gone away he will return. Are we faithful? As sure as he returns we will have "to give an account of our stewardship." It will be too late then to begin making excuses by saying, "I was afraid." We are stewards of "the gospel of Christ which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

When we think of the vast amount of wealth entrusted to our care and the small amount we give to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth, we should bow down in shame and pray for forgiveness for this sin of omission. Dr. Warren H. Dennison told us in our Stewardship Institute last January 22 at the Winchester Church, that "the reason we give so little is, because we consider giving an expense instead on an investment, and, of course we want to make our expenses as small as possible."

If the members of this Conference would practice stewardship, we would not remain at the bottom of the list in this Convention in per capita giving, and we certainly would not ask the Convention Mission Board to supplement the meager salaries of our ministers.

At the one-day session of the Stewardship Institute last January in Winchester, about fifty of our laymen and all of our ministers were present and became so greatly inspired with the thought of stewardship that we are anxious for another institute of more than one day.

We recommend: (1) That we teach stewardship in the Sunday School and pulpit more systematically. (2) That arrangements be made as early as possible for another Stewardship Institute to be held within the bounds of this Conference.

G. H. VEAZEY,  
S. E. MADREN,  
*Committee.*

Rev. R. D. Coulter delivered the Annual Sermon. The text: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."—Psalm 33:12.

Rev. V. T. Crawford, D. D., who had been invited by the program committee to deliver four Bible lectures during the Conference sessions, announced that he had chosen the book of Philippians for his lectures. Dr. Crawford gave his first lecture at 11:30 o'clock, using the first chapter of Philippians.

Announcements were made and Dr. I. W. Johnson offered prayer as the morning session adjourned.

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### FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:30 o'clock by the president.

The congregation joined in the singing of the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

The second Bible Lecture, continuing the study of Philippians, was given by Dr. V. T. Crawford.

Dr. Wm. T. Scott, Superintendent of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches was at this time introduced to the Conference by Rev. R. A. Whitten. Dr. Scott spoke briefly

expressing his appreciation of being able to be in the Valley Conference and pledged his willingness to be of any service to the Conference. He was seated as a deliberative member.

Motion was made and carried that the Conference adjourn for the meeting of the Christian Missionary Association.

The Christian Missionary Association convened with Rev. S. E. Madren, president, leading, and Miss Isabelle Sheetz, secretary.

After the meeting of the Christian Missionary Association the Conference program was resumed.

Rev. R. A. Whitten, Rev. S. E. Madren and Mr. E. A. Showalter, delegates elected by the Southern Convention from this Conference to the General Council Sessions at Grinnell College, Iowa, June 18-26, 1946, gave very enlightening and inspiring reports of the General Council Sessions which they were privileged to attend.

The president appointed the following committees:

*Place*—Miss Mabel Higgs, Mrs. Virginia Michael, Mrs. Bertha Boyce, Mrs. Mae Carper, Mrs. Laura Lam.

*Resolutions*—Mrs. R. A. Whitten, Mrs. N. F. Painter, E. A. Showalter, C. A. Phillips, M. A. Dofflemeyer.

*Finance*—E. F. Showalter, W. B. Burke, A. C. Oates, J. M. Lohr, Wilbert Morris.

*Nominations*—H. E. Liskey, Mrs. W. J. Neese (appointed by president); Russell L. Smith, Mrs. Lena Rothgeb, Mrs. Joseph Frazier (elected by conference).

Following miscellaneous announcements, the Conference adjourned with prayer led by Rev. D. M. Spence.

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### FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The evening session was called to order by Vice-President Rev. Robert A. Whitten. The young people of the Mt. Olivet (R) Church had charge of the devotional service under the direction of Mrs. Joseph Frazier. The service consisted of devotional readings, recitations and music, and was based on the subject, "The Challenge of Youth." An interesting program was presented.

Rev. J. Frank Apple, President of the Eastern North Carolina Conference, was introduced by Rev. Roy D. Coulter and seated as a deliberative member. Rev. Mr. Apple expressed his pleasure in being able to be present for this session of the Valley Conference.

Miss Isabelle Sheetz, president of Pilgrim Fellowship of the Valley Conference, was recognized by Vice-President Robert A. Whitten. Miss Sheetz presided during the session of the Pilgrim Fellowship.

The speaker of the evening, Rev. F. C. Lester, D. D., spoke on the subject: "Beyond Prejudice."

The nominating committee made its report and the following officers were elected:



## PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP OFFICERS.

*President*—Miss Isabelle Sheetz.

*Vice-President*—Nelson Liskey.

*Secretary-Treasurer*—Miss Jean Fahnestock.

*Assistant Secretary-Treasurer*—Miss Irma Foltz.

*Superintendent of Devotional Life*—Miss Erlene Andes.

*Superintendent of Missions*—Miss Amy Louderback.

*Superintendent of Social Action*—Randolph Sours.

*Reporters*—Page Painter, Wayne Spaid, Miss Betty Showalter.

*Pastor Counsellors*—Rev. R. A. Whitten, Rev. R. E. Newton.

*Lay Counsellors*—R. A. Larrick, B. F. McDaniel.

Following the singing of "Blest Be the Tie," the closing prayer was led by Rev. J. Frank Apple.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The morning session was called to order by the president.

Rev. Robert A. Whitten led the opening worship service using as his scripture reading the Twenty-third Psalm.

The report of the Committee on Ministry was read by Rev. Robert A. Whitten and adopted as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY.

Your committee has not been called upon for any official business during the past year.

Since there is an alarming shortage of ministers, and such an urgent need for new recruits, we would lay it upon the hearts of our people, both ministers and lay members of Conference, to "pray the Lord to send forth laborers into his vineyard." This matter should be kept before us at all times and we should seek to encourage all those who manifest an interest in doing personal work, laying the matter of doing kingdom service on their hearts.

We would call attention of our young people graduating from high school to Elon College. Elon is our very own institution of which we may well feel proud. Elon has been training ministers, missionaries, teachers, and other professional men and women, preparing them for a life of useful service for many years. We urge parents and young people to pray for Elon College in the great task she is doing. We further ask for financial support that our College may maintain her distinguished place in the field of Christian education.

We recommend that James M. Madren, son of Rev. S. E. Madren, be placed in the Biblical Class at Elon College. Brother Madren is a student at Elon. He felt called to the ministry of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Early last October he committed his life to that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. WHITTEN, *Chairman*,

R. E. NEWTON,

R. D. COULTER,

S. E. MADREN,

G. H. VEAZEY,

*Committee.*

The report of the Conference Missions Secretary was read by R. O. Rothgeb and adopted as follows:

## REPORT OF CONFERENCE MISSIONS SECRETARY.

Through the love and blessings of Almighty God, we are again assembled in annual Conference. If during the year just ended, we have made some progress in our churches—then to Him be the praise and the glory.

We do feel, however, that we have made some progress (and we say it with humility), but the signs are very obvious. First—There seems to be a greater evangelistic zeal in our ministry. Second—The laity of our churches—the men as well as the women—are becoming more missionary-minded. Third—We know the mission fields better. I think we have a greater conception of what Jesus meant when he said, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."—Matt. 28:19-20.

Our Conference along with other Conferences of the Southern Convention has gone into China is a small way through the Shaowu project, and to other parts of the world through our denominational Mission Board.

Through the past ten years our missionary giving has shown a steady increase—but the conference year just ended has shown the greatest of all. Through the regular offerings the churches and Sunday schools of the Conference contributed for Home and Foreign missions the sum of \$851.53. This was \$97.53 above our apportionment for missions.

Our special offerings to the Shaowu project amounted to \$991.09. The missionary societies of the Conference contributed \$813.72. The total amount given for missions during the Conference year of 1945-1946 by the various organizations of the Conference, not including the Christian Missionary Association, amounted to the sum of \$2,656.24.

There have been one or more new missionary societies organized and we have much to encourage us and to inspire us to undertake greater things for Christ and His Church in the conference year ahead of us.

Making Christ known to the world is the work of the church. So let us, therefore, faithfully fulfill the mission of the church.

R. O. ROTHGEB, *Secretary*.

Mr. Charles D. Johnston, Superintendent, spoke concerning the Orphanage.

Dr. Wm. T. Scott addressed the Conference, using for his topic: "That Men May Live."

The third Bible lecture, continuing the study of Philippians, was given by Dr. V. T. Crawford.

A special offering was received to apply on the expenses for this session of the Conference. The amount of the offering was \$35.00.

After miscellaneous announcements, Dr. I. W. Johnson dismissed the Conference with prayer.

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SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was called to order by the President.

Hymn: "Take Your Burden to the Lord and Leave It There."

The fourth and final Bible lecture concluding the study of Philippians was given by Dr. V. T. Crawford. The church was filled to capacity for this final Bible lecture.

The report of the Committee on Social Action was read by Rev. S. E. Madren for Mrs. S. E. Madren, who was absent on account of illness in her home. The report was adopted as submitted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION.

The message of Christ cannot be understood apart from its social application. He taught men to love God, but this love was void of meaning unless they loved each other. Love for each other has a social application. The church must not only save individuals, but it must redeem society. The principles of Christ must be applied in all social contacts. In the Scripture we read: "None of us liveth unto himself." And again, "We are members one of another. Whether one member suffer, all members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it." If one class of people suffers, all suffer. If one race of people receive social injustice and racial discrimination, other races have greater social problems.

We recommend:

1. That our churches be called upon to lead the way in seeing that justice and discrimination are not practiced between races.
2. That more support be given war-torn areas which are without food, clothing and shelter.
3. That church members take a more definite stand against the liquor traffic, and endeavor to practice total abstinence and to teach temperance more earnestly.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. S. E. MADREN, *Chairman*.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. S. E. Madren and was adopted as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The theme of this Conference, "The Outreach of the Church," is timely and fitting. It is fitting because a greater emphasis needs to be placed on the work of the Church beyond community bounds. It is because there has never been a day when the command of Christ, "Go ye into all the world," needs a more universal acceptance; and when the world was more ready for the Gospel message.

The war has not only disrupted the mission work on the foreign field, but hundreds of churches have been destroyed, and congregations scattered. The churches of America cannot look on, become idle and say, "Let the natives rebuild, then we will send missionaries." Workers must be on the field to preach, heal and teach as the work of reconstruction goes on.

The American Board of Foreign Missions has 358 active missionaries—190 more are urgently needed. Around 60 are to go shortly. Some are returning to their former work; others are new recruits in preparation.

The average giving per member of our denomination is three dollars. If we would meet the need, we should raise five dollars per member, or one million dollars over and above the amount we now give. The church that seeks only to perpetuate itself is not worthy of its name.

We recommend:

1. That pastors give more emphasis to missions in their sermons.
2. That Sunday school classes and young people's groups give a greater place in the programs to missionary education.
3. That Shaowu Mission receive a greater emphasis in the entire Conference.
4. That pastors select and counsel with young people who may offer themselves as volunteers for foreign mission services.
5. That our churches support the work of the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction through regular offerings.

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. MADREN, *Chairman*.



The report of the Director of Religious Education was read by Roy A. Larrick and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

The undersigned, because of his absence from the bounds of this Conference, had written asking that he be relieved of the obligation attached to the office of Director of Religious Education. Not knowing that he was not relieved he did nothing in this capacity in this Conference.

However, through the efforts of others, the Valley Conference is having its summer training camp at Powell's Fort Camp, Woodstock, Va., August 26-September 2.

The short instruction class during Sunday School hour once a week is insufficient training. Be it resolved, that every church endeavor to have a Daily Vacation Bible School, at least once a year. Here, instruction in the Christian life can be conducted. And also, wholesome Christian Fellowship. The Convention Office at Elon College, N. C., will be glad to furnish information and suggestions concerning the school.

I would urge all parents to make certain that their children take the Bible classes offered in the public schools of our counties. The teachers are well equipped and will help you maintain and start the Christian attitude in the minds of the children.

Religious education cannot be effected without literature. So I must say a little concerning it. The people of our Sunday schools are using literature from all sources, some of which teaches things our Congregational Christian Churches do not support. A wise move to make in this area is to secure literature from our own publishing houses. These are able to supply your needs.

I would urge the work of the church to include all ages—not just the youngest groups nor the oldest, but also those in between.

MARK W. ANDES, *Director*.

The report of the Committee on Christian Union was read by Rev. Roy D. Coulter and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN UNION.

How does the Christian public of today stand on the question of Christian union? We cannot plead that it is not a matter of importance or interest. The men who see far have a moral duty which they may not shirk. Those of us whose prejudices are easily aroused have no less a moral obligation. Are we being engineered and propagandized into a ferment of restless racial and religious prejudice?

We who pride ourselves in the right of our position as a near-perfect denominational set-up, may find the situation not nearly so exalted and uplifting if we consider how it was attained. "What hast thou that thou didst not receive? Now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory as if thou didst not receive it?" Together with the counsel of the Blessed Apostle that no one of you be puffed up one against another. This ought to come home to us as Congregational Christians more than any other people.

Being aware of the need of better understanding and fellowship between denominations to match our gospel, and being persuaded that the Gospel of Jesus Christ can be solvent of our problems, we hereby report:

That we set aside denominational emphasis, stressing cooperation with all denominational emphasis, stressing cooperation with all denominational bodies in leading the world to Christ, and hastening the bringing in of the Kingdom of God on earth.

That we face the world's need for great spiritual union.

That Christian men and women must come to see that only through the



fullest cooperation and the setting aside of the emphasis on non-essentials, can the branches of the Christian Church hope for victory.

Realizing that the lack of unity and cooperation between denominational bodies has hurt Protestantism, and at the same time, caused many to turn to the Roman Catholic Church for unity of purpose—this giving them a great advantage in progress made.

In view of the proposed union of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Churches, we recommend that this Conference endorse the movement and urge the ministers of the Conference and lay members meet with the ministers and laymen of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches of this area for a study of the suggested merger, this meeting to take place when suitable arrangements can be made for both groups.

ROY D. COULTER, *Chairman*,  
MRS. W. J. MUSE,  
MRS. JOSEPH FRAZIER,  
*Committee.*

The report of the Woman's Board was read by Mrs. R. A. Whitten and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

"Forward Together With Christ" was the theme and the spirit which seemed to characterize the most helpful and inspiring Women's Conference held in Bethel Church on July 25, 1946.

We were very fortunate to have as guest sepeaker Mrs. Guy Thelin. She, with their two sons, plans to join her husband who has returned to the job of helping rebuild our work at Foochow, China. Mrs. Thelin, using as her theme, "China Looks to the Future," brought a most inspiring message in which she said, "A great door and effectual is open unto me and there are many adversaries." The adversaries are the language, disease, poverty, the ravages of war, but China and her friends, the American missionaries, are determined by God's help to overcome the adversaries and grasp the opportunities which are theirs today. As we caught the contagion of her devotion we felt ourselves fortunate to be represented in a foreign land by such Christians as the Thelins.

The recent conference was marked by the attendance and encouraging reports of young people's groups and their enthusiasm was an inspiration. Mrs. F. C. Lester brought greetings from the Women's Convention Board and made helpful suggestions about literature. Dr. F. C. Lester installed the officers for the new year.

Our Conference has shared, as has our whole Convention, the joy of knowing the Jacksons and we follow with our prayers and means as they blaze new trails in Shaowu. The women of the Valley, in line with Convention women, have made Shaowu the object of their Thank Offering for next year as last year.

The work of your Women's Conference for the year closed was gratifying. Reports show more than \$800.00 raised and the organization of some new societies.

Interest in Missions is growing in the Valley and we are praying that the year just ahead may be a fruitful one in sharing the gospel with our brothers around the world.

Dr. Frank Laubach made the statement at the General Council sessions at Grinnell College, "Never in the history of the world has there been a country as rich as America. Never in the history of the world has there been so much destitution." Said he, "Man's extremity is God's opportunity. *This is God's opportunity.* We must save the world by service."

America may be an instrument in God's hand to help save the world. May we realize our part of this responsibility as we strive this year to go "Forward Together With Christ."

MRS. R. A. WHITTEN, *Chmn.*,  
MRS. J. E. BRYANT,  
MRS. A. W. ANDES,  
*Committee.*

The report of the Apportionment Committee was read by Mrs. Roy A. Larrick and was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Apportionments, recommend that the Executive and Apportionment Committees be empowered to adjust the apportionments and that approval of each church be had for any increase in same. We recommend that the per capita be included in the apportionment. Your committee feels that we should meet the askings of the Southern Convention as nearly as possible.

MRS. ROY A. LARRICK,  
O. W. ANDES,  
E. A. SHOWALTER,  
*Committee.*

#### SCHEDULE OF APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1946-47.

	Convention	Home Missions	Convention	Foreign Missions	Christian	Orphanage	Elon College	Christian	Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Conference Fund	Per Capita	Total
Antioch .....	\$ 35	\$ 35	\$ 54	\$ 54	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 41	\$ 71	\$ 8	\$ 332				
Bethel .....	21	21	34	34	11	11	25	45	15	217				
Bethlehem .....	21	21	34	34	10	10	25	60	7	222				
Beulah .....	3	3	3	3	1	1	3	6	2	25				
Concord .....	9	9	13	13	4	4	10	27	5	94				
Dry Run .....	13	13	20	20	7	7	15	35	7	137				
Joppa .....	4	4	6	6	2	2	5	9	3	41				
Leaksville .....	31	31	50	50	16	16	36	105	15	350				
Linville .....	44	44	69	69	22	22	52	105	15	442				
Mayland .....	22	22	34	34	11	11	26	65	7	232				
Mt. Lebanon .....	8	8	11	11	4	4	9	17	9	81				
Mt. Olivet (G) .....	18	18	28	28	8	8	21	69	10	208				
Mt. Olivet (R) .....	9	9	15	15	5	5	12	60	10	140				
New Hope .....	17	17	28	28	9	9	20	35	5	168				
Newport .....	28	28	44	44	14	14	34	69	14	289				
Palmyra .....	7	7	11	11	3	3	9	18	8	77				
Timber Ridge .....	26	26	42	42	13	13	31	69	19	281				
Winchester .....	54	54	86	86	28	28	65	110	23	534				
Wissler's Chapel .....	8	8	13	13	3	3	10	18	4	80				
Wood's Chapel .....	8	8	12	12	3	3	8	20	7	81				
Totals .....	\$386	\$386	\$607	\$607	\$191	\$191	\$457	\$1013	\$193	\$4031				

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was read by Clarence A. Phillips and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

We are often narrow-minded in our conception of the scope and work of evangelism. Too frequently we consider the only channel through which the work of evangelism can be executed is that series of services commonly called the "revival meeting." For many of our churches, after the revival, evangelism takes a vacation for the next twelve months. As a result our churches here in the Valley Conference have a tendency to become as insipid as a human's body on the point of starvation. A church cannot expect to remain alive, much less grow and develop, when evangelism is confined to the revival alone. The committee would not for one moment discourage the accentuation of revival meetings, but it would renounce with great fervor the stupidity of associating evangelism only with the revival meeting. This practice is, in the opinion of your committee, one reason why our churches are practically stagnant.

During the conference year of 1944-45, the people of our churches must have been sound asleep. Why such an accusation? For the simple reason that only sixty-five people joined the churches of our conference on confession of their faith. A whole year for more than two thousand members to bring only sixty-five people into the Kingdom! We ought to be ashamed of our perpetual laziness in building our churches. Hear these statistics which substantiate the fact of our laziness. In our Conference it took approximately thirty-seven people twelve months to bring into the Kingdom of God one single person. We marvel at God's patience with His lazy children!

Evangelism is the securing of a commitment to the Christ-way of living. The revival meeting is one way of promoting this, but it is not the only way to evangelize the community. If our churches hope to strengthen the Kingdom, evangelism must be the work of the Sunday school, also. Here in the Sunday school the teachers must help bring the pupils into a Christian experience and work to bring about a commitment to the Christ-way the members of his or her class. A strong evangelistic Sunday school is a great asset to the church and to the Kingdom of God.

Not only should the Sunday school, which is a part of the church, seek commitments to the Christ-way, but all the other organizations of the church should have the same aim. When we find in our churches the Sunday school and other organizations of the church filled with the spirit of evangelism, it will not then take thirty-seven people a whole year to make one addition to the Kingdom.

We have too long confined our evangelistic efforts only to mass evangelism. We must have a more personal evangelism, and this type is profitably carried out by every Christian layman in the homes of the community.

As you have sensed, evangelism is the task of every Christian. Often our thoughts, if expressed verbally, would say that evangelism is only the task of the minister. If such were the case no individual in the whole church, except the minister, would feel any responsibility to lead another within the fold. However, it would seem that here in our conference most of our people have done nothing in the realm of evangelism. It is the responsibility of every Christian to help evangelize his community. Your pastor is willing to help you get started in this great task, but without every Christian individual becoming a personal evangelist the work of God's Kingdom will continue slow.

Your committee would make the following suggestions:

1. That every pastor make a special effort to have a pastor's class for the candidates who seek membership in the church through their confession of faith.
2. That every pastor through available means—such as sermons, training classes, appropriate literature, etc.—trains every church member to feel his responsibility of evangelizing the community.



3. That mass evangelism be continued, but that more personal evangelism be instituted than has been practiced in the past.

4. That every church do its proportionate share to build the slogan of our Southern Convention—"50,000 by 1950." This would require, as a minimum, 100 members to bring a new one in the Kingdom every month, then instead of sixty-five additions by profession of faith in a year, we would have approximately 280 or 300 additions—one a month for every one hundred members.

MARK W. ANDES, *Chairman*,  
DOROTH FOLTZ,  
ELLA PICKERING,  
*Committee.*

The following report of the Sunday School and Pilgrim Fellowship Convention held at the Leaksville Church, Thursday, June 6, 1946, was given by R. O. Rothgeb and H. E. Liskey as follows:

# REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP CONVENTION.

The following report of the Sunday School and Pilgrim Fellowship Convention held at the Leaksville Church, Thursday, June 6, 1946, was given by R. O. Rothgeb and H. E. Liskey:

The Valley of Virginia Sunday School and Pilgrim Fellowship Convention was held at the Leaksville Church, Thursday, June 6, 1946, with a good attendance of delegates and visitors. The host pastor, Rev. R. E. Newton, led the opening devotional service. The guest speaker was Rev. A. Kurts Brubaker.

The major part of the morning was taken up with reports from various departments of the Sunday School. Most of the afternoon was given to the Pilgrim Fellowship with Mrs. Carrol Monger presiding. Roy A. Larrick gave the address of the afternoon using as his subject: "Dynamic Christian Living." Dr. F. C. Lester, Superintendent of the Southern Convention, spoke in appreciation of the cooperation given him by the churches of the Valley Conference during his term of office.

Information was given on the summer camp which is to be held at Powell's Fort Camp, August 26-September 2, 1946. Rev. R. A. Whitten reported on the National Youth Pilgrim Fellowship. Rev. S. E. Madren spoke on the Pilgrim Fellowship of the Southern Convention. The three following young people's groups reported—Bethlehem, Mt. Lebanon and Newport.

An offering was taken to help defray the expenses of Miss Isabelle Sheetz as a delegate to the National Pilgrim Fellowship meeting.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

*President*—H. E. Liskey.

*Vice-President*—C. A. Phillips.

*Secretary*—Miss Jean Fahnestock.

*Treasurer*—E. A. Showalter.

*Superintendent of Teacher Training*—Miss Winona Morris.

*Superintendent of Home Department*—Mrs. Jacob Coffman.

*Superintendent of Missions*—Mrs. Carrol Monger.

*Superintendent of Classes*—Miss Dorothy Foltz.

*Superintendent of Cradle Roll*—Mrs. Josephine Frazier.

It is suggested that the Valley Conference make a special effort to increase attendance at our services and that the enrollment in our Sunday schools be made larger next year.

The convention will meet next year at Mayland Church, Thursday, June 5, 1947.



The report of the Committee on Temperance was read by Rev. D. M. Spence and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Strong drink has been a growing problem in our country in recent years. As more and more individuals become drinkers, its demoralizing influence becomes more apparent.

##### I. *Notice the Cost to the Home—*

1. Americans spend close to five billion dollars a year for drink.
2. The Anti-Saloon League of America estimates the per capita expenditure at about \$35.00. For the average family that would mean \$150.00 per year. But since many families take no part in the drinking, it would mean a much higher figure for the average drinking family.

##### II. *Notice the Cost in Disease and Crime—*

1. One noted specialist says strong drink causes more illness and deaths than any other cause.
2. One hospital admitted 1,240 patients in one year for alcoholic poisoning—121 of this number died. This was the highest death rate of any type of poisoning.
3. It is said that a million Americans were unable to take part in the war because of alcoholism and alcoholic mental disease.
4. Two-thirds of the crime committed in America is closely tied up to alcohol indulgence.
5. The Judge Baker Foundation in Boston has this to say of juvenile delinquency—forty-one per cent of the fathers of delinquent children and seven per cent of the mothers are alcoholics.

##### III. *What About the Liquor Tax?—*

1. The taxes received by the government on strong drink is not enough to pay police and court costs of drunkenness.
2. The budget bureau of Los Angeles reported actual expense in handling all drunken cases over a period of four years was nearly nine million dollars. This was seven million dollars more than Los Angeles received as their part of the tax.
3. In 1942 seven times more money was spent for strong drink in America than was spent for churches and religious purposes.
4. Strong drink is a deceiver and a curse to the world. Yet the promoters of the traffic seek in many ways to lure new drinkers into it.
5. We, as a church, need to hold up the ideal of abstinence in word and deed.

D. M. SPENCE, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee on Place was read and adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

We have received two invitations for places to meet next year, one from Mt. Olivet (R), and one from Antioch. As Antioch has entertained the Conference since Mt. Olivet (R), we recommend that the invitation from Mt. Olivet (R) be accepted.

MRS. MAE CARPER,  
MRS. VIRGINIA MICHAEL,  
MRS. LAURA LAM,  
MISS MABEL HIGGS,  
MRS. BERTHA BOYCE,  
*Committee.*

The following report of the Auditing Committee elected by the Executive Committee to audit the books of R. Roy Hosaflook, treasurer, deceased, was adopted.

#### REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, your auditing committee, elected by the Executive Committee in a business session at the Bethlehem Church, Monday night, October 1, 1945, have audited the books of the treasurer, verified the cash balance in the bank and found this amount to be correct, and all receipts and disbursements accounted for. The amount in the treasury as of October 1, 1945, was \$1,950.28. Of this amount \$1,916.55 was on deposit in the National Bank of Harrisonburg, Virginia, which balance we have authorized to be transferred to Miss Amy V. Louderback, who was elected treasurer by the Executive Committee, October 1, 1945, to succeed R. Roy Hosaflook, deceased, and a note for \$33.73, dated June 1, 1944, payable at the National Bank of Harrisonburg, Virginia, five years after date, with interest at six per cent, which loan was authorized by the trustees. We have placed this note in charge of the president, Roy A. Larrick, to hold for the Conference.

ROBERT A. WHITTEN,

LOY H. HOOK,

ROY A. LARRICK,

*Committee.*

The report of the Treasurer was presented by Miss Amy V. Louderback. On motion it was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF TREASURER.

##### RECEIPTS.

Amount received from the National Bank of Harrisonburg, Va., as per order of the Auditing Committee .....	\$1,916.55
Received from Dry Run Church .....	10.00
Received from offering at Stewardship Institute at Winchester, January 22, 1946 .....	21.00
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	\$1,947.55

##### DISBURSEMENTS.

Rev. S. E. Madren .....	\$200.00
Rev. G. H. Veazey .....	200.00
Mrs. Mattie Cox Parker, Treasurer, Conference Collections	
Dr. Warren H. Denison, Stewardship Institute .....	50.00
Mrs. Mattie Cov Parker, Treasurer, Conference Collections 1945 .....	451.83
Virginia Council of Churches, Inc. ....	25.00
To apply on expenses of delegates to General Council:	
Rev. S. E. Madren .....	\$ 25.00
E. A. Showalter .....	25.00
Rev. R. A. Whitten .....	25.00
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	1,076.83
Balance in the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Stanley Va., August 1, 1946 .....	\$ 871.72
August 8, 1946 Received from Conference Collections .....	650.00
August 8, 1946 Received from Christian Missionary Association ..	285.81
August 8, 1946 Received from Conference Offering .....	35.00
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Balance in Treasury .....	\$1,842.53

AMY V. LOUDERBACK, *Treasurer.*

The report of the Finance Committee was read by E. F. Showalter and adopted, and the president authorized to draw orders on the Treasurer for the payment of these amounts.

#### REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We recommend the payment of the following items:

Rev. S. E. Madren, printing registration cards .....	\$ 2.00
R. A. Larrick, Conference programs .....	4.00
Rev. R. E. Newton, secretary, salary and postage .....	23.00
Miss Amy V. Louderback, treasurer, salary .....	10.00
Dr. F. C. Lester (Honorarium) .....	40.00
Dr. V. T. Crawford (Honorarium) .....	40.00
Total .....	\$ 119.00

E. F. SHOWALTER,  
A. C. OATES,  
J. M. LOHR,

*Committee.*

The following financial report of the Sunday School and Pilgrim Fellowship Convention was given by H. E. Liskey.

Balance in treasury from 1945 Convention .....	\$ 40.00
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#### FINANCIAL REPORT OF S. S. AND P. F. CONVENTION.

##### RECEIPTS.

Received from Sunday Schools .....	\$107.40
Received from Pilgrim Fellowship Societies .....	11.00
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	118.40
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	\$ 158.40

##### DISBURSEMENTS.

Expenses—1946 Convention .....	\$ 2.95
Paid to Christian Missionary Association .....	10.00
Paid to Board of Christian Education .....	105.45
Contributions to Powell's Fort Summer Camp .....	35.00
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	153.40
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Balance in treasury .....	\$ 5.00

H. E. LISKEY, *President.*

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was read by C. W. Louderback and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Home Missions, realizing more than ever that we have an unlimited field open before us and that we need to redouble our energies in Home Mission work. If America is to lead in saving the world a strong home base is essential, and the Home Mission work of the Conference must be developed to its fullest possibilities.

Hence, we should realize our responsibility in this matter, and we believe that if we would check up on ourselves we will find that we are not meeting the responsibility as we should for we now have fewer churches in our Conference than we had some years ago.

So, we need to work and pray for that spirit of liberality and that broader view of Christian activity which alone can bring to us permanent and increasing success as a Conference.

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That we commend the pastors of the several groups of churches for keeping the home fires burning in the weak and isolated churches.

2. That we express our appreciation of the action of the Christian Missionary Association in turning over the money received from membership dues each year to the Conference Treasurer to be used for Home Mission work in the Valley Conference.

3. That we deplore the policy of our Conference in abandoning our churches in mountainous districts and isolated areas, and turning our activities to the cities where the masses already have church advantages to a marked degree.

4. That we ask the Mission Board of the Southern Convention for \$1,500.00, which sum shall be appropriated by the Executive and Home Mission Committee according to the needs of the Conference.

5. That we ask the Apportionment Committee to double the apportionment of all churches for Missions next year.

C. W. LOUDERBACK, *Chmn.*,  
J. M. LOHR,  
E. M. SPITZER,  
W. K. HENSLEY,  
M. A. DORFLEMYER,  
*Committee.*

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by Mrs. R. A. Whitten. Item one was adopted by a rising vote of the Conference. On motion the entire report was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

##### RESOLVED:

1. That we express, by a rising vote, our grateful thanks to the members and friends of the New Hope Church whose gracious hospitality has made our visit most pleasant.

2. That we thank Mrs. I. W. Johnson for her contribution, as pianist, to the Conference music; and to Dr. I. W. Johnson for his enthusiastic support of our Christian Missionary Association and his inspiration and help to this session of our Conference. That we express to Dr. V. T. Crawford, Rev. Roy D. Coulter, Dr. F. C. Lester, Dr. Wm. T. Scott and Mr. Charles D. Johnston our appreciation of their splendid messages which have inspired all of us to return to our tasks with greater zeal for the Kingdom of God.

3. That we thank the Conference officers for the efficient manner in which the Conference has been conducted, and for the fine program presented.

4. Realizing that a Conference is no stronger than its churches make it, we would express our appreciation to those faithful workers in each church, who, by their efforts through the year have made possible the most gratifying reports presented at this Conference session.

5. In token of esteem for our late brother, R. Roy Hosaflook, who for many years was a faithful officer in this Conference and has been translated to the more abundant life since our last session, we would pay tribute to the most unselfish service which he so nobly rendered, and we humbly bow to the will of our Heavenly Father.

6. Remembering that as a Convention Superintendent, Rev. F. C. Lester, D. D., proved himself a real friend to the Valley Conference with his kindly and sympathetic counsel and has shown our Conference wider horizons in the Master's field, we would take this opportunity to express to him our heartfelt



gratitude, and pray God's richest blessings upon him in his new field of endeavor.

MRS. R. A. WHITTEN,  
MRS. N. F. PAINTER,  
C. A. PHILLIPS,  
E. A. SHOWALTER,  
M. A. DOFFLEMYER,  
*Committee.*

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by H. E. Liskey, chairman, and upon motion it was voted to receive the report and to elect the following officers for the ensuing year:

#### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

*President*—Roy A. Larrick, 367 E. Piccadilly St., Winchester, Va.  
*Vice-President*—Rev. Robert A. Whitten, 12 W. Clifford St., Winchester, Va.  
*Secretary*—Rev. S. E. Madren, Elkton, Va.  
*Assistant Secretary*—Clarence A. Phillips, Route 2, Broadway, Va.  
*Treasurer*—O. W. Andes, Route 4, Harrisonburg, Va.  
*Director of Religious Education*—Rev. Mark W. Andes.  
*Conference Missions Secretary*—R. O. Rothgeb.  
*Stewardship Committee*—Rev. G. H. Veazey, E. F. Showalter, Rev. Roy D. Coulter.  
*Trustee to Succeed R. Roy Hosaflook, Deceased*—H. E. Liskey.  
*Representative on the Executive Board of the Southern Convention*  
Rev. R. E. Newton  
*Representatives to the Virginia Council of Churches, Inc.*  
Rev. S. E. Madren, E. A. Showalter  
*To Deliver Annual Sermon at the Next Annual Session*—Rev. S. E. Madren.

H. E. LISKEY, *Chmn.*,  
MRS. JOSEPH FRAZIER,  
RUSSELL L. SMITH,  
MRS. W. J. MUSE,  
MRS. E. LENA ROTHGEB,  
*Committee.*

The president appointed the following Standing Committees:

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Executive*—R. A. Larrick, R. A. Whitten, J. C. Bradford, G. H. Veazey, R. O. Rothgeb, R. E. Newton, S. E. Madren, R. D. Coulter, E. F. Showalter, M. L. Seldon.  
*Ministry*—R. A. Whitten, R. E. Newton, G. H. Veazey, S. E. Madren, R. D. Coulter.  
*Home Missions*—C. W. Louderback, J. M. Lohr, E. M. Spitzer, M. A. Dofflemyer, Russell L. Smith.  
*Foreign Missions*—R. E. Newton, Miss Verdie Showalter, Mrs. N. F. Painter.  
*Evangelism*—Clarence A. Phillips, Miss Dorothy Foltz, Miss Ella Pickering.  
*Religious Literature*—R. D. Coulter, Mrs. Oscar J. Sours, Mrs. Jacob Coffman.  
*Christian Union*—S. E. Madren, Mrs. W. J. Muse, Mrs. Joseph Frazier.  
*Sunday School and Pilgrim Fellowship*—H. E. Liskey, Miss Isabelle Sheetz, Miss Mabel Higgs.  
*Woman's Board*—Mrs. R. A. Whitten, Mrs. A. W. Andes, Mrs. J. E. Bryant.  
*Social Service*—Mrs. S. E. Madren, Mrs. G. H. Veazey, Mrs. Orville Hoover.  
*Apportionment*—L. H. Hook, E. A. Showalter, B. F. McDaniel, O. W. Andes, Mrs. R. A. Larrick.  
*Temperance*—Mrs. B. F. Sine, Mrs. Carol Monger, Walton E. Brill.

Voted that following the closing prayer by Rev. G. H. Veazey, the ninety-eighth session be adjourned to meet in the seventeenth Mid-Year session at the Bethlehem Church, Thursday, March 27, 1947, and to meet in the ninety-ninth annual session at the Mt. Olivet (R), on Wednesday and Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1947 (August 6-7, 1947).

The Conference adjourned following the prayer by Rev. G. H. Veazey.

ROY A. LARRICK, *President.*

R. E. NEWTON, *Secretary.*

#### MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

*Andes, Mark W.*—Route 1, Elon College, N. C. Licensed in 1942; ordained in 1943. Churches served last year: Berea Congregational Christian in the North Carolina and Virginia Conference. Field next year: Union (Va.), Lebanon, Liberty and Hebron in or near Virgilina, Va. Is not devoting full time to the ministry. Other activities: Student at Duke Divinity School. Is a member of the Annuity Fund. Sermons preached, 52; conversions, 7; members received, 9; baptisms, 10; pastoral calls, 273; revivals held, Concord, New Market, Va.; number of books read, 2—Brown's "Christian Theology in Outline," and MacIntosh's "Theology As An Empirical Science;" salary received, churches, \$800.

*Coulter, Roy D.*—New Market, Va. Licensed 1919; ordained 1920. Churches served last year: Timber Ridge, Mount Olivet (R), Mount Olivet (G). Field next year, Timber Ridge. Devoting full time to ministry. Member of the Annuity Fund. Sermons preached 126; conversions, 76; members received, 48; baptisms, 26; addresses, 3; weddings, 4; funerals, 3; pastoral calls, 219; revivals at Apple's Chapel, Mt. Olivet (R), Mt. Olivet (G), Newport, Wood's Chapel and Mayland; books read, 4—"Jesus the Divine Layman," Charles W. Cell. Salary received from churches, \$1,600.

*Fuller, W. B.*—272 Franklin Street, Harrisonburg, Va. Member of Valley Conference. Are you devoting full time to the ministry? No. Other activities, business. Remarks, no charge.

*Newton, R. E.*—Route 3, Luray, Va. Licensed 1917-1918; ordained 1919. Churches served last year, Dry Run, Joppa, Leaksville, Mt. Lebanon, Newport. Field for next year, same. Is devoting full time to the ministry. Is a member of the Annuity Fund. Sermons preached, 110; conversions, 30; members received, 30; baptisms, 29; prayer meetings held, 6; addresses, 5; weddings, 12; funerals, 7; revivals at three of the above churches; books read—"The Robe," "The Gauntlet," "These Moving Times," and others. Salary from the churches, \$1,800.

*Madren S. E.*—Linville, Va. Licensed 1927; ordained 1929. Churches served last year: Antioch, Beulah, New Hope, Linville, and Bethel (supply). Field for next year: Bethel, Mt. Olivet (G), Mt. Olivet (R), beginning February 1, 1947, with Elkton, Va. his address.

*Spence D. M.*—Rileyville, Va. Licensed 1925; ordained 1928. Churches served last year: Page-Stanley Charge. Methodist. Field next year, (?). Devoting full time to the ministry. Sermons preached, 150; members received, 14; prayer meetings held, many; weddings, 4; funerals, 6; pastoral calls, 758; number of books read, (?)—"Cross Over Africa," by Booth,

"A Plan of Evangelism," by Dorson Bryon, "Christ and Our Country," by Moore, "The Coming Kingdom of Christ," by Rice. Salary received, \$1,500.

*Veazey, G. H.*—New Market, Va. Licensed 1920; ordained 1921. Churches served last year: Bethlehem, Concord, Mayland, Palmyra, Wissler's Chapel, Wood's Chapel. Field next year, same. Devoting full time to the ministry. Sermons preached, 148; conversions, 12; members received, 14; baptisms, 12; addresses, 5; weddings performed, 2; funerals, 5; pastoral calls, 586; books read, 11—"Bible Epitaphs," "The Throne Among the Shadows." Salary received from churches, \$1,329—less \$230 house rent.

*Whitten, R. A.*—12 West Clifford Street, Winchester, Va. Licensed 1922; ordained 1923. Church served last year, Winchester. Field next year, same. Is devoting full time to the ministry. A member of the Annuity Fund. Sermons preached, 98; conversions, 23; members received, 14; baptisms, 11; prayer meetings held, 40; addresses, 5; weddings performed, 195; funerals, 18; pastoral calls, (?); revivals, Shallow Ford and Bethlehem in North Carolina; books read, 15—"Whose Leaf Shall Not Wither" and "You Are My Friends." Salary received from churches, \$1,800.

*Weekley, M. L.*—No Report.

*Williamson, R. L.*—No Report.

# Proceedings of the One Hundred Twenty-Sixth Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Conference.

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH,  
NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA.

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## WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met in its 126th annual session at First Congregational Christian Church, Newport News, Virginia, on October 30-31, 1946. The Conference was called to order by the president, Rev. O. D. Poythress, at 10:00 A. M., on Wednesday.

The opening song service was led by Rev. J. Frank Morgan of Second Church, Norfolk, and prayer was offered by Dr. H. S. Hardcastle of the Rosemont Church.

The following ministers and delegates were enrolled during the sessions:

### ENROLLMENT.

**Ministers**—C. H. Beale, R. E. Brittle, Jesse H. Dollar, J. G. Graham, H. S. Hardcastle, R. L. House, I. W. Johnson, R. C. Mason, J. Frank Morgan, J. E. McCauley, D. D. Nash, J. Everette Neese, N. G. Newman, Will B. O'Neill, O. D. Poythress, W. T. Scott, A. P. Slabey, L. E. Smith, J. M. Roberts, John G. Truitt, B. H. Watkins, T. Fred Wright, Peter Young.

### *Churches and Delegates—*

1. *Antioch*—Mrs. W. E. Garrison, Miss Winifred Clements, Mrs. G. F. Pierce.
2. *Barrett's*—L. C. Williams, John Simms, Jr.
3. *Berea (Nansemond)*—Mrs. R. F. Gwaltney, Mrs. R. C. Watson.
4. *Berea (Norfolk)*—J. F. LaMonte, Mrs. B. H. Watkins.
5. *Bethlehem (Disputanta)*—George Kuetko, Sr.
6. *Bethlehem (Nansemond)*—Mrs. A. C. Moore, W. E. White.
7. *Burton's Grove*—Mrs. G. C. Brittle, Mrs. L. F. Niblett.
8. *Centerville*—Arlene Pollock, Mrs. J. A. Padgett.
9. *Cypress Chapel*—Mrs. Roy Brinkley.
10. *Dendron*—Mrs. W. D. Harward.
11. *Dover, Del., "Epworth"*—By Letter.
12. *Eure*—Curtis Greene.
13. *Franklin*—E. P. Jones, Mrs. E. P. Jones, J. Letcher Eley.
14. *Holland*—Mrs. A. L. Jolly, J. P. Dalton, Mrs. A. J. Holland.
15. *Holy Neck*—Harvey L. Worrell, Miss Lillye Holland, A. R. Piland.



16. *Hopewell*—Mrs. J. E. Bishop, E. L. Woodard, Mrs. J. W. Williams.
17. *Isle of Wight*—Mrs. E. J. Brock, Sr., E. J. Brock, Sr.
18. *Johnson's Grove*—Mrs. Hugh Beale, Dona V. Williams.
19. *Liberty Spring*—Mrs. E. F. O'Berry, Mrs. Joel E. Harrell, Mrs. Wm. F. Harrell, Mrs. Charlie E. Nichols, Joel E. Harrell.
20. *Mt. Carmel*—Mrs. Reginald Vaughan, Mrs. J. L. Rose, F. H. Johnson.
21. *Mt. Zion*—Mrs. J. E. Grays, Mrs. G. W. Dixon.
22. *New Lebanon*—By Letter.
23. *Newport News*—Mrs. W. B. Ashburn, Mrs. C. V. Combs, Mrs. W. R. Cole, Mrs. R. C. Luke.

*Norfolk:*

24. *Bay View*—L. R. Bartholemew.
25. *Christian Temple*—Mrs. E. M. Albright, E. M. Albright, M. M. Vipond, Mrs. F. W. Wilson.
26. *First*—Mrs. A. F. Hozier, Mrs. Bert Eason.
27. *Little Creek*—M. E. Taylor, Mrs. M. E. Taylor.
28. *Rosemont*—Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle.
29. *Second*—E. M. Daniels, Mrs. E. M. Daniels.
30. *Oak Grove*—G. E. Rountree.
31. *Oakland*—Mrs. Oliver Newman.

*Portsmouth:*

32. *Elm Avenue*—Mrs. L. Cherry, Mrs. A. D. Branch.
33. *First*—Mrs. R. B. Boushell, Mrs. O. C. Hartung, B. F. Collins, Mrs. B. F. Collins.
34. *Shelton Memorial*—Mrs. H. M. Davis, Mrs. Wm. F. Lawrence, Mrs. Frank H. Lewis, Wm. F. Lawrence.
35. *Richmond*—Mrs. J. H. Newman, Mrs. Dora C. Pierce, J. H. Newman, J. T. Kernodle.
36. *South Norfolk*—Mrs. P. D. Evans, Mrs. O. D. Poythress, Mrs. Andrew Smith, R. D. Holland.
37. *Spring Hill*—G. C. White, Mrs. G. C. White, Adelle Matthews.
38. *Suffolk*—Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Mrs. J. C. Philhouser, Mrs. Margaret Hall.
39. *Sunbury, Damascus*—Mrs. O. L. Corbett, Mrs. L. E. McCoy.
40. *Union, Southampton*—Miss Frances Blythe, Mrs. S. M. Joyner.
41. *Union Surry*—By Letter.
42. *Wakefield*—Mrs. L. B. Faison, F. E. Branch.
43. *Waverly*—Mrs. Lewis Tomlinson, Lewis Tomlinson, Mrs. R. H. Clarke, B. E. White.
44. *Windsor*—Mrs. J. M. Raby, Mrs. Allen Beale, Mrs. J. C. Griffin.

The following visitors and new ministers were recognized: Rev. Donald Strickler of W. V. and R. Comm.; Miss Betty Chicoine, Elon College; Miss Louise Meebold, Missionary to China; Rev. C. C.

Dollar, Sanford, N. C.; Rev. B. J. Earp, Albemarle, N. C.; Rev. Robert M. Kimball, Franklin, Va.; Rev. James G. Graham, First Church, Norfolk, Va.; Rev. Andrew P. Slabey, Disputanta, Va.

Mr. W. B. Williams on behalf of First Church extended a cordial welcome to the Conference. A fitting response was given by the Rev. J. E. McCauley.

The Program Committee presented the printed program. Voted that the printed program be the official program of the Conference with such changes as may be found necessary.

The Executive Committee's report was read and approved as follows:

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

DECEMBER 17, 1945.

The Executive Committee met at the Suffolk Church with Poythress, Scott, Lewis, O'Neill present.

*Voted*—To accept the recommendation of the Committee on Ministerial Education:

1. Receive Rev. J. E. McCauley from the E. N. C. Conference.

2. Transfer Rev. Norval C. Kern to Pilgrim Association of Massachusetts.

*Voted*—To elect House, Scott, O'Neill, Hardcastle as Conference Representatives to the Virginia Council of Churches, 1945-46.

JANUARY 21, 1946.

The Executive Committee met at the Suffolk Church with Poythress, Scott, O'Neill present.

*Voted*—That we approve Rev. George Olejar for aid from the Board of Superannuation.

MARCH 18, 1946.

The Executive Committee met at Berea (Norfolk) Church at 1:30 P. M. The meeting was called to order by President O. D. Poythress, and Dr. John G. Truitt led the prayer. The following members were present: Poythress, Lewis, Scott, O'Neill; Associate members present: Johnson, House, Neese, Hardcastle, Kernodle, Truitt.

The Minutes of the December 17, 1945, meeting and that of January 21, 1946, were read and received for information.

Dr. I. W. Johnson, Chairman of the Ministerial Education Committee, submitted the following resolution:

"We recommend that the application of Rev. Carroll H. Beale, Franklin, Va., formerly an ordained minister of the Baptist Church, for membership in the Eastern Virginia Conference as an ordained Elder be approved, that his credentials be recognized by the Conference, and that the President and Secretary of the Conference be authorized to issue a certificate of membership and standing to him."

*Voted*—To accept resolution of the Ministerial Education Committee. The Secretary then read the following letter from Col. Junius E. West, Chairman of the Conference Home Mission Committee: "Rev. C. H. Beale has accepted the Wakefield Pastorate beginning March 1, 1946. Please send the monthly appropriations to Mr. Beale beginning this month (March)."

*Voted*—To approve the Home Mission Committee recommendation.

Dr. Truitt reported that Rev. L. L. Lassiter, who has made his home at the Lakeview Hospital for a number of years, would be without a home there after April 1.

*Voted*—That Drs. Truitt and Johnson be authorized to represent the Conference in lending possible assistance to Mr. Lassiter in finding a home.

Mr. John T. Kernodle, Chairman of the Superannuation Committee, requested the Executive Committee to recommend Rev. M. W. Butler to the Convention Board of Superannuation for assistance.

*Voted*—That Rev. M. W. Butler be approved for aid from the Convention Board of Superannuation and that the Conference Secretary notify Mrs. Mattie Cox Parker, Secretary of the Convention Board of this action.

The Secretary reported that the Nominating Committee of the 1945 Conference session had recommended that the Executive Committee elect the delegates from the churches to the Southern Convention Session which is to meet at Waverly, April 30-May 2, 1946; that he had written each church for nomination of delegates but only a few had responded.

*Voted*—That the following be elected to the 1946 session of the Southern Convention, and that the President and Secretary of the Conference be authorized to elect such alternates as they think advisable: Antioch—Mrs. E. R. Nelms; Barrett's—Hubert E. Barrett; Berea (Norfolk)—Ernest Waterfield; Berea (Nansemond)—Mrs. H. P. Harrell; Bethlehem (Disputanta)—Andrew Balint; Bethlehem (Nansemond)—Mrs. R. E. Brittle, C. F. Savage; Burton's Grove—Peyton Gay; Centerville—Mrs. G. W. Hargrave; Cypress Chapel—Mrs. G. C. Mann, J. C. Lynch; Damascus—J. E. Corbitt; Dendron—Mrs. W. D. Harward; Dover, Del., "Epworth"—No one elected; Eure—T. A. Eure, Mrs. Cleatus Briscoe; Franklin—J. Letcher Eley, Mrs. J. I. Beale, Jr.; Holland—J. P. Dalton, Mrs. A. L. Jolly; Holy Neck—Emmett G. Harrell; Hopewell—Mrs. Frank Sodomka; Isle of Wight—Mrs. J. E. Brock; Johnson's Grove—George B. Vick; Liberty Spring—R. E. Rogers; George O. O'Berry; Mount Carmel—Mrs. W. T. Cox; Mount Zion—Lloyd Matthews; New Lebanon—Ollie V. Cokes; Newport News—W. B. Williams, W. H. Baker; Norfolk, Bay View—L. R. Bartholomew; Norfolk, Christian Temple—Mrs. E. M. Albright, L. M. Vaughan, Mrs. W. L. Cooper, L. G. Robinson; Norfolk, First—Mrs. Bert R. Eason, J. Aubrey Hall; Norfolk, Little Creek—Mrs. W. B. Bowden; Norfolk, Rosemont—H. C. Hendley, O. F. Smith; Norfolk, Second—Mrs. Walter Starnes; Oak Grove—G. E. Rountree; Oakland—R. B. Wood, C. H. Pitt; Portsmouth, Elm Avenue—S. G. Knick; Portsmouth, First—Harry W. Lee; Portsmouth, Shelton Memorial—Mrs. Frank H. Lewis; Richmond—John T. Kernodle; South Norfolk—P. D. Evans, Mrs. Frank Robinson, Mrs. Andrew Smith; Spring Hill—Mrs. C. S. White; Suffolk—J. E. West, Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Floyd Turner; Union (Southampton)—Shelley Joyner; Union (Surrey)—G. S. Ruber; Wakefield—F. E. Branch; Waverly—Lewis Tomlinson; Windsor—S. T. Holland.

Attention was called to the meeting of the General Council in June, 1946, at Grinnell, Iowa, and that the plan of representation provides that groups of churches with aggregate memberships of 1,000 elect one delegate each.

*Voted*—That the matter of delegates to the General Council be left to the Convention.

*Voted*—That Rev. R. L. House be designated as the Conference representative to the meeting of the Virginia Council's "Conference on Church and Social Work," at Richmond, April 25th.

Adjourned.

MAY 20, 1946.

Meeting held at Holy Neck Church. Following present: Poythress, O'Neill, Scott; Associates present: Johnson, Hardcastle.

*Voted* to pay bills—\$6.47 to Scott for postage, etc.; \$5.10 to News Publishing Co., Franklin, paper, etc.

*Voted*—To approve the recommendation of the Committee on Ministerial Education to grant transfer to Rev. Ernest F. Brickhouse from Eastern Virginia Conference to Ohio Conference Association.



Scott resigned as Secretary since he must remove residence to Elon College July 1. Resignation accepted, effective June 1, 1946.

Upon nomination, Dr. Will B. O'Neill was elected Secretary of the Conference.

Adjourned.

WM. T. SCOTT, *Secretary*.

Rev. Robert Lee House presented the report of the Committee on Christian Education and Dr. L. E. Smith presented a supplemental report on Elon College. The Secretary read the report of the Eastern Virginia Sunday School Convention as prepared by Mills E. Godwin, Jr.

Motion was made to adopt these reports and pending the vote addresses were given by Drs. L. E. Smith, I. W. Johnson and H. S. Hardcastle. The reports were adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The major denominations are greatly concerned with the problems of Christian education and are making concerted efforts to improve their programs. The Methodist Church, under the impetus of its "Crusade for Christ," is now engaged in enrolling and training some 200,000 new church school teachers as one means of checking the decline in Sunday School attendance prevalent throughout the nation. Through its General Board of Education, the Church is helping each of Methodism's 40,000 local churches to hold a church school worker's Conference, to select teachers on the basis of consecration and ability (rather than by volunteering), to train those who are chosen to teach, and to provide teachers with suitable materials for their tasks with youth.

Dr. Louis J. Sherrill, dean of the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, declared recently that two-thirds of the teachers in the Sunday Schools of the Southern Presbyterian Church lack specialized training. Doctor Sherrill has directed an analysis of one hundred churches of the denomination, covering all areas and sizes of churches. From this study, he said, such facts were revealed as a lack of adequate facilities, buildings and equipment to provide for the full development of the eight departments of a well-organized school; lack of training for officers and teachers; non-participation due to inertia on the part of church sessions; a tendency in some of the smaller churches to conduct Sunday School as it was conducted 25 or more years ago; and irregular attendance.

Our program of Christian Education is not without its glaring defects and needed improvements. One of the first essentials is the ability to recognize and diagnose our ills. All progress stems from this elemental capacity. We may learn many lessons by simple observations. The examples of other denominations should be illustrative and instructive to us all. Study, planning, and action must go in never-ending sequence if Christian education is to be worthy of the name.

We do rejoice in a number of definite achievements in this field during the year. In cooperation with Elon College, a Christian Workers' Conference was inaugurated at the College for five days in February, 1946. An excellent program and faculty of capable leaders were arranged. This annual conference should stimulate and strengthen our forces of Christian education. The Sunday School Convention met in this church during the summer for a challenging program which covered the various phases of Sunday School work. It was voted that we endeavor to bring our Sunday School enrollment to that of our church membership during the next year. Our Conference shared in the responsibilities and benefits of the summer camp for youngsters at Crabtree Creek. We find satisfaction in the realization that many of our select young



people are receiving excellent training of this kind in churchmanship. Childrens Day, Rally Day, Decision Day and Religious Education Week have been observed widely in our churches. Appropriate and helpful material on these emphases have appeared in *The Christian Sun*. Week-Day Religious Education in the public schools is sponsored and supported by a number of our churches. Pilgrim Fellowship and Missionary Conferences have been held during the year. Our Conference has assisted in the work of the Foundation for Religious Work in the State Institutions and has contributed to the interdenominational program of the Virginia Council of Churches. The Convention's Board of Christian Education, working largely through the Convention Office, has been a source of constant help for officers and churches of our Conference. The addition of Miss Elizabeth Chicoine to our Convention Office staff is the realization of a long felt need and gives assurance of additional services and activities in the field of youth work.

Four young people from our Conference have volunteered for full-time Christain service and are enrolled at Elon College—Misses Shirley Joyner of Union (Southampton), Virginia Rebick of the Franklin Church, Miss Evelyn Moore of Bethlehem and Miss Nellie Davis of Holy Neck. We recommend that these young people be given tuition scholarships in accordance with the action of the Convention in its last session.

We are pleased to learn that Miss Constance Dudley, the daughter of one of our missionaries, is at Duke University on a Danforth fellowship to study religious activities on the campus and that there is a definite possibility that she may become our denominational representative to approximately fifty-seven students of our fellowship now in the University.

We record our appreciation for the services of all who have carried these enterprises forward and look hopefully toward the coming year in which we may continue and expand our present forces of Christian Education. We call for a concerted effort to tighten all the traces in our total program of Christian Education. We urge the churches of the Conference to give wholehearted support to the campaign to raise \$100,000 for the establishment of the Staley-Atkinson-Newman Memorial Foundation for Christian Education at Elon College. Let the Eastern Virginia Conference lead in all these worthy enterprises of our church.

R. L. HOUSE, *Chairman*,  
L. E. SMITH,  
W. T. SCOTT,  
PETER YOUNG,  
J. VICTOR MURCHISON,  
*Committee.*

#### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON ELON COLLEGE.

The world at large is beginning to recognize the importance of Christian education in recreating a society that is favorable to world peace. But education without Christ and Christian principles will push the world back into the same old ruts that will lead to nationalism, misunderstandings, and wars. We all realize that the Christian college is an agency capable of training Christian leaders for world-conquest for peace. In all efforts to secure universal peace, if it is to be enduring, the Christian college must move to the forefront with its challenge to world leaders.

Elon College is our institution and a contribution to a Christain civilization and to world peace. We must strengthen its hands and extend its borders lest we fail in our God-given privilege.

During the past decade Elon College, our church school, has grown in favor with the churches and Sunday schools of our Convention and beyond. Ten years ago the college was heavily in debt. Many among us despaired

of its future and usefulness. The church support was very inadequate. Today we may boast of a college free from debt, increased in prestige, and much more generously supported by the church. As a result, the college's influence in the church and in the field of higher education has greatly increased and its appeal to our people has been multiplied.

This is all gratifying indeed but we have one more important step to take. We must see that the college is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The college is approved but not fully accredited. To remove all questions as to endowment, we should complete the Staley-Atkinson-Newman Memorial Foundation for Christian education in Elon College. The goal for the foundation is one hundred thousand dollars. This is to be a permanent fund and a part of the Million Dollar Campaign. To date we have secured in cash and pledges approximately sixty thousand dollars—forty-one thousand in cash. It is necessary that we complete this campaign by December 5 of this year if possible. By that date we should raise in cash a total of forty thousand dollars. These have been sent out by mail to all pastors and churches the necessary information and appeal. It is hoped sincerely that these will be received favorably by the churches and responded to promptly.

The college is in good condition, the best in years. It has an enrollment of six hundred and thirteen full-time college students and a total enrollment of seven hundred and fifty-four. We have seventeen ministerial students in the student body this year. Of this number, nine are members of the Congregational Christian Church. In addition, we have fifteen students preparing for full-time Christian work. Of this number, thirteen are members of the Congregational Christian Church. This makes a total of thirty-two preparing for definite Christian work with twenty-two members of our church.

Dr. Ferris E. Reynolds, a graduate of Butler University, Hartford Seminary, and the University of Edinburg, Scotland, and for ten years pastor of the Second Congregational Church, Manchester, Conn., has been employed as head of the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Elon College. Miss Lula Browne an alumna of Elon College and a very efficient Christian worker, has been employed as instructor of Christian education and director of religious activities in the Elon College Community Church. With these efficient workers our program of Christian education should become more universal in our church and more effective in every particular.

L. E. SMITH, *President*.

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Sunday School Convention of the Eastern Virginia Congregational Christian Churches met on Tuesday, July 23, 1946, in its regular annual session with the Newport News, Virginia, Church. There was an attendance of a little over two hundred, and a very interesting program was presented around the theme, "How to Make the Sunday School Grow and Go." Dr. Will B. O'Neill, pastor of the Holland Christian Church, and the retiring President of the Convention, presided, and to him is due much of the credit for the year's most successful work.

Dues amounting to the sum of \$771.00 were collected. The Executive Committee has sent the sum of \$25.00 to the Virginia Council of Churches, paid all current bills, and sent the sum of \$650.00 to Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of the Southern Convention, for the Board of Christian Education.

The Executive Committee is continuing to give serious consideration to the feasibility of holding Leadership Training Classes during the year. Sufficient funds have been withheld to take care of this important phase of our work. The Committee feels that the Sunday School offers splendid opportunities for leadership and training, and that working with the Board of Christian Edu-

cation the Sunday School Convention can offer to many something really worthwhile.

MILLS E. GODWIN, JR., *President*.

The President appointed the following Special Committees:

*Nominations*—Dr. J. G. Truitt, Rev. R. E. Brittle and Rev. B. H. Watkins.

*Resolutions*—Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, Rev. T. Fred Wright, Rev. Peter Young.

*Press*—Rev. Robert Lee House, Dr. J. H. Dollar, J. T. Kernodle.

*Finance*—S. T. Holland, J. P. Dalton, J. E. McCauley.

"The Challenged Church" was the theme of President O. D. Poythress' address. It was a forceful and stimulating message brought to an effective climax by his singing "The Christ of Every Crisis."

Dr. John G. Truitt as chairman of the new Spiritual Life Committee of the Southern Convention presented a report and moved adoption.

Pending the adoption of this report Dr. Truitt delivered an address stressing the importance and need for a deepening of the spiritual life of every member of our churches. Adopted.

#### REPORT OF SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE.

At the Waverly Session of the Southern Convention, April 30-May 2, 1946, it was voted: "That a Committee on Spiritual Life be created: (1) To promote private and family devotions, Bible reading, and personal Christian commitment; (2) to promote church attendance and church worship; (3) to attempt to lay upon the hearts of church members the necessity for more active allegiance to Jesus Christ."

The following committee on Spiritual Life was appointed: John G. Truitt, chairman, Mrs. O. H. Paris, Robert Lee House, Mrs. J. D. Strader, H. S. Hardcastle, L. E. Smith, M. T. Sorrell, C. Baxter Twiddy, S. E. Madren, Mrs. Orva Brown, W. T. Scott, *ex officio*.

The above committee held a meeting in Suffolk jointly with the Committee on Evangelism for a two-day session, and sought in prayer and council together to bring themselves into complete alignment with the purpose for which the committee is to work; and then sought to plan the carrying forward in all our Conferences and Convention this increased spiritual emphasis.

It is to be a three-fold program: (1) Personal devotion and commitment to the Christ through daily prayer and fellowship with Him; (2) faithful attendance at church and the public worship of God; (3) increased, active allegiance to Christ. It was recommended that the chairman of the committee attend each of the Conferences and present this program of Spiritual Life.

It is recommended that each Conference create and appoint a Spiritual Life Committee to further develop this emphasis in the several conferences.

JOHN G. TRUITT, *Chairman*.

A motion to adjourn was adopted and Rev. B. J. Earp pronounced the benediction.



## WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The session was called to order at 2:00 P. M. The opening hymn was led by Rev. Randall C. Mason, and Rev. Robert M. Kimball offered prayer.

The Committee on Ministerial Education, Dr. I. W. Johnson, chairman, presented the following report which was adopted.

## REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We are living in the age of specialists. The church must recognize this fact in its program for training ministers. The various Conferences of the Southern Convention have different standards and methods of work in this field. The Eastern Virginia Conference voted to require the completion of the Sophomore year in college, or its equivalent, before licensure; graduation from college before ordination; and the same standards for accepting ministers from another denomination by transfer of membership. Additional work in a recognized seminary, leading to graduation, is also advised. We reaffirm our insistence upon adherence to these standards.

This Conference declined, several years ago, to pool its Loan Fund with a similar fund of the other Conferences, to be administered by the Southern Convention. It took the position that the body which is charged with the responsibility of granting license and ordination should have the oversight of making loans from money raised by the Conference for ministerial education. The Conference has sought to administer the Loan Fund on a fair basis, hoping to increase it without asking the churches for additional contributions.

We recommend that the Conference authorize the Committee to investigate the possibility of creating a fund of possibly \$50,000.00, or more, the income from which shall be used to provide free scholarships, with room and board, for ministerial education in college and seminary; and report its findings and recommendations to the next session of this body.

We recommend that the Executive Committee investigate any violations of the rule requiring ministers to report annually to the Conference, and said Committee be authorized to act in keeping with the principles and government of this body.

We recommend that Slade Wyatt Phillips, Jr., be continued as a member of the Biblical Class.

We recommend that Revs. L. E. Huber, Ray Day, Vivian Harrell, Allen Gleason and M. E. Taylor be continued as licentiates.

We recommend that Rev. T. Fred Wright be granted a letter of transfer to the Eastern North Carolina Conference; that Rev. Francis H. Wise be granted a letter of transfer to the Washington Conference, upon the payment of his obligation to the Loan Fund; and Rev. F. C. Lester a transfer to the Western North Carolina Conference.

We recommend that Rev. James G. Graham be received as an Elder and member of the Conference upon the presentation of his transfer from the New Haven Association.

We recommend that Rev. Robert M. Kimball be received as an Elder and member of the Conference upon the presentation of his letter of transfer.

We recommend that C. Baxter Twiddy, a member of the Christian Temple, Norfolk, be admitted to the Biblical Class, and be granted a credit of \$100.00 on room and board, from the Elon College Trust Fund.

We recommend that the Treasurer of the Conference request curtailment of all notes due to the Loan Fund.



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Total face value of notes held for Ministerial Education ..	\$ 3,100.00
Mission Board Note, secured by Deed of Trust .....	969.000
Total Notes .....	\$ 3,969.00
Cash in Bank .....	5,106.82
Total .....	\$ 9,075.82
Value of Elon Trust Fund .....	3,000.00
Grand Total .....	\$12,075.82

I. W. JOHNSON,  
JOHN G. TRUITT,  
J. H. MORGAN,  
PETER YOUNG,  
H. S. HARDCASTLE,  
*Committee.*

The treasurer, Mr. G. Chapman White, presented the following report which, on motion, was referred to the Finance Committee.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

In accordance with action taken at the 1945 Conferences all balances on hand for Convention Enterprises and Causes were forwarded by draft to the Convention Treasurer, and the accounts closed, as follows:

Convention Fund .....	\$ 934.73
Convention Home Missions Fund .....	470.18
Convention Deficit Fund .....	27.90
Elon College Fund .....	1,134.29
Convention Foreign Missions Fund .....	176.11
Christian Education Fund .....	274.71
Christian Orphanage Fund .....	34.13
Superannuation Fund .....	281.05
Per Capita Fund .....	350.00

With the exception of the draft for Convention Deficit Fund the above drafts included collections made at last Conference.

## CONFERENCE FUND.

1945-46

*Receipts.*

Balance in Bank as per W. E. MacClenny, Treas, 1945 Conference .	\$ 54.18
Jan. 3 Conference collections (WTS) .....	337.00
Nov. 7 Convention Office .....	70.00
Mar. 12 Little Creek .....	1.00
27 Isle of Wight .....	10.00
Apr. 10 Bethlehem (Disputanta) .....	5.00
May 10 Bethlehem (Disputanta) .....	5.00
June 17 Mt. Zion .....	5.00
17 Shelton Memorial .....	18.00
Oct. 7 Franklin .....	15.00
7 Newport News .....	25.00
7 Richmond .....	15.00
Sept. 18 Burton's Grove .....	5.00
25 First, Portsmouth .....	10.00
Oct. 9 Berea, Norfolk .....	15.00
9 Holland .....	10.00

## EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

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10	Windsor .....	15.00
23	Oakland .....	10.00
23	Spring Hill .....	5.00

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\$ 630.18

1945-46

*Disbursements.*

Nov.	9	W. T. Scott .....	\$ 69.55
	9	Virginia Council of Churches (For Rosemont) .....	25.00
Dec.	12	Collection charge .....	.35
Jan.	24	Treasurer's Bond .....	5.00
Mar.	5	W. T. Scott .....	19.16
Apr.	8	Central Publishing Co., Inc., Printing .....	13.25
May	31	W. T. Scott .....	6.47
	31	News Publishing Co. ....	5.10
Oct.	10	V. C. C. correct error .....	1.00
	12	W. J. Andes, Annuals .....	180.00
		Collection Charge .....	.23
		Balance on hand .....	305.07

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\$ 630.18

N. B.—The \$1.00 item from Little Creek was intended for the Virginia Council of Churches.

## MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND.

1945

*Receipts*

Balance in Farmers Bank of Nansemond as per W. E. MacClenny .....	\$5,186.82
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W. E. MacClenny reported balance of \$3,686.82 but balance should have been \$5,186.82 since draft No. 75 to this Fund for \$1,500.00 from Conference Home Missions Fund was paid October 12, 1945, for Newport News note, and the Farmers Bank of Nansemond, certified the balance of \$5,186.82 as of November 7, 1945, when G. C. White took over the accounts as the new treasurer.

June	26	Received from Edward R. Day on note .....	20.00
Sept.	16	Received from A. Lanson Granger on note .....	50.00

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\$5,256.82

1945

*Disbursements.*

Draft No. 89 Loan to Rev. & Mrs. F. H. Wise .....	\$ 150.00
Balance in bank .....	5,106.82

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\$5,256.82
*Schedule of Notes and Bills Receivable.*

1.	4 Notes .....	\$ 500.00
2.	3 Notes .....	400.00
3.	6 Notes .....	900.00
4.	1 Note .....	150.00
5.	2 Notes (Balance) .....	250.00
6.	4 Notes (Balance) .....	750.00
7.	Board of Home Missions (Secured by Deed of Trust) .....	869.00
8.	1 Note .....	150.00

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\$3,969.00

## CONFERENCE HOME MISSION FUND.

1945

*Receipts.*

		Balance in Farmers Bank of Nansemond, per W. E. MacClenny .....	\$ 485.99
		NOTE: W. E. MacClenny reported balance of \$2,019.31, but amount should have been \$485.99 since draft No. 75 to the Ministerial Education Fund for \$1,500 was paid on October 12, 1945, in settlement of Newport News by Home Missions Committee; also draft No. 76 for \$33.32 paid October 12, 1945, to Rev. M. W. Butler, Wakefield pastorate.	
Nov.	3	Deposit of Conference collections by W. T. Scott, Secy.	964.00
	7	Receipts from Convention Office .....	250.00
1946			
Mar.	27	Isle of Wight .....	10.00
Apr.	10	Bethlehem, Disputanta .....	5.00
	26	Burton's Grove .....	5.00
June	17	Mt. Zion .....	5.00
Sept.	25	First, Portsmouth .....	35.00
Oct.	7	Franklin .....	75.00
	7	Newport News .....	100.00
	7	Richmond .....	35.00
	9	Berea, Norfolk .....	35.00
	9	Holland .....	75.00
	16	Windsor .....	30.00
	23	Oakland .....	35.00
	23	Spring Hill .....	10.00

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\$2,154.99*Disbursements.*

Rev. M. W. Butler .....	\$ 133.33
Rev. C. H. Beale .....	266.67
Mr. M. E. Taylor .....	200.00
John Corbitt, a/c Sunbury .....	1,000.00
Virginia Council of Churches .....	50.00
Balance .....	504.99

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\$2,154.99

## VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

1946

*Receipts.*

Mar.	27	Isle of Wight .....	\$ 2.00
Apr.	10	Bethlehem, Disputanta .....	4.00
	26	Burton's Grove .....	1.00
June	10	Mt. Zion .....	2.00
July	5	Union, Southampton .....	5.00
Sept.	25	Franklin .....	12.00
	25	First, Portsmouth .....	6.00
Oct.	7	Newport News .....	15.00
	7	Richmond .....	5.00
	7	Draft No. 115, G. C. W. Conference Fund to correct error in bank entry, Little Creek .....	1.00
	9	Berea, Norfolk .....	5.00
	9	Holland .....	12.00
	16	Windsor .....	4.00
	23	Oakland .....	10.00
	23	Spring Hill .....	2.00

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\$ 86.00G. C. WHITE, *Treasurer.*

An interesting historical sketch of the Newport News Church was presented by the Conference historian, Dr. I. W. Johnson, which was adopted.

#### REPORT OF HISTORIAN.

The history of the establishment of a church of our denomination in the City of Newport News dates back to the year 1900. At the meeting of the Christian Missionary Association of the Southern Convention in 1899 it was voted to undertake the establishment of a Christian Church in said city. But the actual work was not begun until during the year 1900. The first attempt was to establish a church in North End. Rev. W. C. Wicker, who resigned from a position as teacher in Elon College to enter into home missionary work, was called to undertake this work. A building was erected and the first service was held in the new church in March, 1901. The outlook for one or two years was very promising. It was soon learned that a number of members resided in East End, and due to transportation difficulties, and distance, it seemed expedient to organize a second church in that section of the City.

For some reason unknown to the writer, the North End Church, which was disbanded in 1906 to unite with the East End Church, under the name of the Newport News Christian Church, never united with the Eastern Virginia Conference. This was probably due to the fact that the organization was sponsored by the Convention without direct responsibility on the part of the Convention. The East End Church waited for sometime before uniting with the Conference. The East End Church was organized in 1901, and soon became a promising organization, and throughout its history has manifested a spirit of progress and steady growth.

The following served as pastors of the North End Church: Revs. W. C. Wicker, B. F. Black, Dr. C. J. Jones, supply for two months, M. L. Bryant till the closing of the church.

The following have served as pastors of the East End Church—now the Newport News Church, or the First Church of Newport News, although the North End Church was the first church: Rev. N. G. Newman—1901-1906; Rev. M. W. Butler—1906-1911; Rev. W. D. Harward—1911-1915; Rev. J. V. Knight—1915-1918; Rev. H. J. Fleming—1918-1919 and part of 1920; Rev. E. H. Rainey—part of 1920; Rev. Calvin J. Felton—1920-1921; Rev. B. J. Earp—1921-1926; Rev. M. F. Allen—1926-1931; Rev. Robert Lee House—1931-1936; Rev. Jesse H. Dollar—1936-1946; pastor-elect—Rev. H. S. Hardcastle.

Of the twelve pastors five served for five years, one for ten years and others for a lesser period.

It should be stated that the establishment of the East End Church was largely made possible by the faith and generosity of Col. J. E. West, a very active layman and forward-looking missionary leader during the years of his active service. It would be fitting for this Conference, held in the church to which he gave large sums of money in his infancy, to extend to Colonel West its sympathy in his illness and its high appreciation of his sacrificial service for the Newport News Church.

Many people through the Missionary Association, the Mission Board and the Conference have given liberally for the establishment of this church. The members and friends of the church have been faithful and loyal during its history. The denomination is grateful and the Conference rejoices in the privilege of being entertained by this church in its session of 1946.

Respectfully submitted,

I. W. JOHNSON, *Historian*.



At this point the attention of the Conference was called to the illness of Col. J. E. West and Rev. Murdock W. Butler, and to the valuable contribution each of these men had made to the ongoing of the Newport News Church. One as president of the Missions Board and the other as minister. The secretary was instructed to send a message of gratitude and of sympathy to each of them.

Dr. I. W. Johnson presented the report of the Committee on Memoirs which was adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

The Committee on Memoirs has no information of any death among the ministers or officials of our Conference during the past year. For this we are grateful—that God has spared our ministers and Conference officials during the year 1945-46.

We do record, however, that Damascus church lost Deacon John E. Corbett, who died October 3, 1946, was for nearly fifty years a deacon and Sunday School official in Damascus church—served fifty years as church clerk. Leaves a widow, two sons, two daughters, grandchildren, and a host of neighbors and friends to mourn their loss.

Respectfully submitted,  
I. W. JOHNSON.

Mr. Shirley T. Holland presented the report of the Committee on Apportionments which was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

We, your Apportionment Committee, submit the accompanying table of apportionments for the year 1946-47. The amounts set forth in this schedule being requested by the Southern Convention and are the same as those for 1945-46 except the Conference Fund which has been increased \$500.00 to cover the item of Scholarships for Ministerial Students. We have taken the liberty of including this in the Conference Fund to avoid the confusion of adding another column to the Apportionment Table. The amount involved for each church is comparatively small. We present this as a voluntary matter and urge each church to accept the apportionment and raise it for this worthy fund.

We recommend for the Foundation of Religious Work in State Institutions the sum of \$75.00 with the request of the Eastern Virginia Sunday School Convention to continue its annual appropriation of \$25.00; \$25.00 from the North Carolina and Virginia Conference for churches of that Conference located in Virginia; and \$25.00 from the Valley of Virginia Conference.

We recommend that the contribution of the Eastern Virginia Sunday School Convention be credited to the Conference's total apportionment for the Board of Christian Education.

We further recommend that the Conference request the churches to send all Convention Apportionments direct to the Convention Treasurer during the year and not wait until Conference to pay the amounts due.

On behalf of the Conference your Committee wishes to thank those churches which over-paid the amount of their Conference Apportionments and again express its appreciation to the churches that raised the full amount apportioned.

SHIRLEY T. HOLLAND, *Chmn.*,  
FLOYD A. TURNER,  
J. A. WILLIAMS,  
MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS,  
H. S. HARDCASTLE,  
*Committee.*

## SCHEDULE OF APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1946-1947.

	Convention Home Missions	Convention Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues	Conference Fund	Conference Home Missions	Va. Council of Chs. & Work in Prisons	Total Apportionment
Antioch .....	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 10	\$ 70	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 30	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 5	205
Barrett's .....	5	5	5	15	5	5	5	5	10	5	2	67
Berea (Nans.) .....	35	35	77	50	20	25	35	10	30	25	4	346
Berea (Nor.) .....	45	55	50	30	25	25	50	15	30	35	5	365
Bethlehem (Disp.) ....	10	10	10	5	5	5	10	10	10	5	4	84
Bethlehem (Nans.) ...	50	50	115	100	30	60	50	35	30	50	15	585
Burton's Grove .....	5	5	8	6	5	5	10	2	10	5	1	62
Centerville .....	5	5	5	9	4	4	5	4	10	5	2	58
Cypress Chapel .....	50	55	125	95	20	35	45	22	30	50	11	538
Dendron .....	3	3	23	10	3	5	5	2	6	2	1	63
Epworth, Dover, Del.												
Eure .....	35	30	58	95	10	10	50	25	20	25	10	368
Franklin .....	100	110	117	200	20	60	100	22	30	75	12	846
Holland .....	110	90	260	225	27	58	120	28	20	75	12	1025
Holy Neck .....	35	35	87	96	20	30	65	18	20	10	9	425
Hopewell .....	10	10	5	5	5	5	5	10	10	4	6	75
Isle of Wight .....	12	15	25	62	5	5	20	5	20	10	2	181
Johnson's Grove .....	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	10	3	2	54
Liberty Spring .....	40	40	100	120	15	30	45	22	30	40	12	494
Mount Carmel .....	50	50	68	85	20	20	50	15	30	35	7	430
Mount Zion .....	5	5	5	10	5	5	5	4	10	5	2	61
New Lebanon .....	15	15	10	25	5	10	15	5	20	10	2	132
Newport News .....	152	150	175	325	50	110	170	30	50	100	15	1327
Norfolk: Bay View ..	16	15	20	30	5	5	20	5	20	5	4	145
Christian Temple ...	350	350	295	750	60	125	375	80	70	100	31	2586
First .....	60	60	124	125	20	35	65	20	20	35	9	573
Little Creek .....	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	5	4	2	1	29
Rosemont .....	120	120	625	275	40	35	140	30	50	80	14	1529
Second .....	40	40	94	125	10	30	55	14	20	30	3	461
Oak Grove .....	20	20	20	50	5	5	25	7	10	10	3	175
Oakland .....	45	45	75	100	15	20	40	25	20	35	10	430
Portsmouth: Elm Ave.	50	48	30		10	20	30		10	30	3	231
First .....	70	70	124	150	20	35	70	10	20	35	6	610
Shelton Memorial ..	17	17	20	10	10	10	20	5	20	5	3	137
Richmond .....	50	50	100	150	10	20	50	10	30	35	5	510
South Norfolk .....	85	85	133	230	20	25	85	42	30	60	20	815
Spring Hill .....	16	16	20	25	5	5	20	5	10	10	2	134
Suffolk .....	375	375	647	875	75	150	395	100	80	300	43	3415
Sunbury, Damascus ....	25	20	52	60	5	10	30	12	20	15	5	254
Union (South.) .....	30	30	60	60	5	10	25	10	40	15	5	290
Union (Surrey) .....	7	7	10	15	5	5	5	3	10	5	2	74
Wakefield .....	22	22	20	50	10	5	20	9	10	10	4	182
Waverly .....	60	60	60	150	10	10	80	15	20	25	5	495
Windsor .....	45	45	100	90	10	10	40	9	30	30	4	413
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Totals .....	\$2302	\$2296	\$3975	\$4965	\$1216	\$1099	\$2487	\$720	\$990	\$1456	\$323	\$21829

One of the recommendations of the Committee on Apportionments was the sum of \$500.00 be included in the Conference Fund to be used for Ministerial Scholarships in keeping with the request of the Board of Christian Education of the Southern Convention. *Voted* that after payment of the regular Conference Fund items, a sum of \$500.00 of this Fund be placed at the disposal of the Committee on Ministerial Education to be administered at its discretion.

Dr. H. S. Hardcastle presented the report of the Committee on Social Action and moved its adoption. Pending the vote Rev. Donald Strickler of New York and Rev. Allyn Robinson of North Carolina addressed the Conference in the interests of the denominational Committee on War Victims and Reconstruction. The report was amended and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION.

"God hath set the solitary in families." (Psalm 68:6.) No man liveth unto himself, and no man dieth unto himself. In one sense, therefore, all personal action is also social action. What a man thinks and does concerns and affects society. The General Council of Congregational Christian Churches recognizes this basic principle in life, and at its meeting at Oberlin, Ohio, a few years ago, established the Council for Social Action. This Council had no legislative power, or executive power over the churches of the Congregational Christian fellowship. But it has made a valuable contribution to our denominational life, and to the progress of the Kingdom by its study of social problems, its quickening of the social conscience, its diffusion of factual information, its formulation of sound policies for social and cooperative action, and its practical suggestions and procedures in many realms of the tangled relationships of life. Our Southern Convention, and our Eastern Virginia Conference have done well to have a Committee on Social Action in their respective Convention and Conference set-up or organization.

But like the General Council Committee, our Committee has no legislative or executive power. It is concerned rather with emphasizing the social implications of Christianity, with focusing attention on some of the critical issues of our modern world, with trying to give an interpretation of Christian principles as applied to these areas, and above all with building bridges of understanding and good will across the gulfs that divide classes and colors and creeds.

We would recommend, first, that our ministers subscribe to, and read the official organ of the Social Action Committee, *Social Action*. This attractive little monthly magazine presents in a vivid and vital way many, indeed most of the pressing social problems which are "hot spots" in our modern world. Its worth has been recognized not only by many of our own leaders, both ministerial and lay, but by the leaders of other denominations, and it has a wide circulation among socially-minded people of the larger fellowship of the churches of Christ. Habitual reading of this stimulating magazine will help a man, not only to be well-informed, but also to develop a social conscience. Here as elsewhere, the pastor is usually the key man.

We recommend further, that in keeping with the action of the Southern Convention at its Biennial session at Waverly, Virginia, April 30-May 2, each church try to form a Social Action Committee. Such a Committee, if it takes its duties seriously, and if it avails itself of the helps which can be secured from the General Council's Social Action Committee, can render a splendid service in, and exert a wholesome influence upon, the local church.

We endorse the recommendations of the Convention Committee on Social Action in regard to a study by groups within the church, and by programs in



the church, of international relations; in regard to the control and use of the atomic bomb and of atomic energy; in repudiating the principle of universal military conscription in time of peace; in urging our support of every organization and every effort that seeks to promote understanding and good will between all races; and in urging support for every effort made by state or national bodies for better standards of living.

We also heartily endorse the recommendation of the Conference Committee on Social Action last year in regard to the organized liquor traffic. We believe it is one of the most insidious social evils of our modern life, and one that calls for courageous action on the part of both individuals and the churches.

We protest against the widespread use of profanity and vulgarity on the part of stage and radio, and denounce them earnestly.

Finally, we recommend that our churches give both their hearty approval of, and their generous support to the work of the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction. Here is one of the most practical and effective ways in which an individual or a church can give expression to Christian spirit and principles in social action. All too few of our churches have responded to the impassioned appeals that have been made by the Committee, or have given to the worthy work in critical areas which the Committee is doing. We urge every church to make a generous and even sacrificial offering to this work which is Christianity in social action. Furthermore these contributions should be on some systematic and regular basis, not only in order to raise more money for this cause, but to give more information about it and to create more good will toward it.

H. S. HARDCASTLE, *Ch'm'n*,  
R. C. MASON,  
PETER YOUNG,  
DARDEN W. JONES,  
H. W. LEE,  
*Committee.*

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was presented by Dr. J. H. Dollar and it was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

Great numbers of church people apparently do not understand the meaning of Christian Stewardship. The word implies money to most people—and nothing more.

Stewardship is, like God, a spirit. It is a spirit of living, of serving and of giving. We may express the principle and practice of Stewardship in the following manner:

In seeking the Stewardship Life we find it through the commitment of self to Christ.

In seeking to express that commitment to Christ, we find it through our willingness to serve Him in and through the Church.

In true commitment to Christ we find a desire to do more than we can accomplish with our hands, or our time and talents.

We discover that avenue of larger service through the dedication of our substance to the furtherance of the cause to which we are committed and in which we serve.

To become a Christian Steward, therefore, we must do three things:

- I. *Give Self*—in commitment to Christ.
- II. *Give Service*—to and through the church, with time and talents.
- III. *Give Substance*—in offerings dedicated to the furtherance of the cause of the Kingdom beyond the reach of our hands, but dear to our hearts.



Your Committee desires to lay upon the heart of each member of every church these suggestions and urge them to practice them in the interest of the church to which he belongs and the causes it is asked to support. As a means of finding an avenue for immediate expression of interest, we make the following recommendations:

1. That we cooperate with the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Convention in putting into effect the plans for United Stewardship Emphasis recommended by the Stewardship Commission of our Denomination and other denominational bodies cooperating in the emphasis.

2. That every church in the Eastern Virginia Conference be asked to adopt the United Stewardship period—October 1, 1946 to December 31, 1947—and be urged to cooperate to the fullest possible extent in furthering stewardship education. To facilitate this resolution, we urge every pastor of the conference to procure suitable literature to his own parish and begin a progressive and effective program to be climaxed with a well-planned and effectively conducted Every-Member Canvass in 1947, and that an effort be made to enlist tithers in every church.

3. We urge all pastors and churches to cooperate with the approaching religious census to be taken by the United States Government so that we may obtain an accurate picture of church life in America.

JESSE H. DOLLAR, *Chairman*,  
MRS. I. W. JOHNSON,  
D. D. NASH,  
MRS. HERBERT HARRELL,  
GEORGE OLEJAR,  
*Committee.*

Superintendent Scott presented the claims of *The Christian Sun* and urged the necessity of a larger subscription list.

The Nominating Committee through its chairman, Dr. J. G. Truitt, presented the following report which was adopted as follows:

*President*—Rev. O. D. Poythress, South Norfolk.

*Vice-President*—Frank H. Lewis, Portsmouth.

*Secretary*—Dr. Will B. O'Neill, Holland.

*Treasurer*—G. Chapman White, Waverly.

*Historian*—Dr. I. W. Johnson, Suffolk.

*Historian and Treasurer Emeritus*—Major W. E. MacClenny, Suffolk.

The secretary was instructed to send a letter of sympathy to Dr. Frank H. Lewis, who was absent due to illness, and to advise him of his re-election as vice-president.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was read by Dr. John G. Truitt. Pending its adoption an address was given by Rev. J. Frank Morgan. Report adopted as amended.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

Evangelism is a *must* on the agenda of the Kingdom. This tragic hour in the world's life intensifies the need for evangelism. The world is wounded, scared, groping—"Harried by Wolves" is the Master's phrase. The pleasure of sin is the great American nemesis. Sin means all living contrary to the Spirit of God. The door of the world is open—scientists, schoolmen, statesmen, as well as churchmen would welcome a revival of religion. Shall we have it? We may.

Some of our methods have brought evangelism into disrepute. We glibly schedule revivals to begin at four o'clock and end some Friday night. There is no surer way to "Quench the Spirit." We should remember there is an

"Angel" in the middle of the word evangelism. This is a Divine and Angelic business—the greatest business—the greatest business of the church. We can and should use all approaches to the soul in an all-out offensive for the taking of the world for Christ. We should approach men on the basis of what they know as well as what they feel.

We do not stress methods of evangelism for the reason, that—given a passion for souls, methods will not prejudice the purpose of God. Your committee, however, suggests a plan for bringing to pass a revival in every church, large or small, regardless of local conditions:

FIRST: Let a group of Christian people, it need not be a large group, get thoroughly right with God. This is basic. Our all must go that His all may come.

SECOND: Let them band themselves together in prayer until God opens the heavens and comes down.

THIRD: Let them put themselves at the disposal of God to be used in any way the Spirit may indicate in winning others to Christ.

If faithfully carried out, this plan will insure a revival. The laws of the Spirit are as stable as those of the physical world. Spiritual power is not generated in us but released through us.

We recommend that we accept the goal of 1,000 new converts and members during the coming year, and that this Committee be charged with the responsibility of promoting a program of evangelism towards the achievement of this goal.

FRANK H. LEWIS, *Chairman*,  
JOHN G. TRUITT,  
J. FRANK MORGAN,  
B. H. WATKINS,  
R E. BRITTLE,  
*Committee.*

Mr. John T. Kernodle presented the report of the Committee on Superannuation and it was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

There is little for this committee to report at this Conference. We are optimistic that the churches will see that their apportionment to the Superannuation Fund is paid in full, or overpaid. This is necessary if the Convention Board of Superannuation is to have sufficient funds with which to carry out its obligations.

The chairman of the committee was present at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Conference which met at Great Bridge prior to the Convention last spring. At this meeting the names of Rev. M. W. Butler and Rev. L. L. Lassiter were recommended to the Board of Superannuation of the Convention for consideration.

We believe that all of our younger ministers are now participating in the Annuity Fund. If there is one who is not, we recommend that he make his application at the earliest opportunity available. This committee would be glad to give him the benefit of what experience it has had in this matter, or he can obtain full information from Dr. Frank J. Scribner, Secretary, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

J. T. KERNODLE, *Chairman*,  
L. R. JONES,  
JOEL E. HARRELL,  
M. F. GODWIN,  
H. W. LEE,  
*Committee.*

After motion to adjourn was voted Rev. R. L. House pronounced the benediction.

## WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The evening session began at 7:30 o'clock with the worship service led by Dr. J. H. Dollar and the First Church Choir.

Miss Ann Truitt, president of the Eastern Virginia Pilgrim Fellowship presided over a Young People's Service and presented the report of Pilgrim Fellowship. Pending its adoption a challenging message was given by Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, Field Worker of the Southern Convention. Report adopted.

## REPORT OF PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP.

The Pilgrim Fellowship wishes to make the following report:

During the past year we have held two rallies, the first of which was held August 31, 1945, at which time the last year's officers were elected, with W. T. Scott, Jr., elected chairman. At the spring rally Miss Amy Shipley was the guest speaker and told us about the Bon Air Industrial School. Both rallies were well attended and were held in Suffolk.

During the summer a Camp was held at Crabtree Creek to which about forty of our members went.

We have a balance in our treasury of \$106.00, with which we can make a good start on our projects of home mission and foreign mission work which includes Fesenden Academy, Fla.; Church Extension; India; and Shaowu; War Victims and Reconstruction; Social Action; and the support of the National Pilgrim Fellowship Council.

The officers for the present year are: Ann Truitt, President; Herman Duke, Vice-President; Anna Lee McMillan, Secretary; Marjorie Matthews, Assistant Secretary; Alice Lee Davis, Treasurer; Johnson Turner, Reporter; Mrs. James C. Lynch and Rev. R. E. Brittle, Counsellors; Committee Chairman—Rebecca Mann, Interdenominational Action; Harry Lee Weaver, Personal Action; Melvin Bunch, Social Action; Miss Jackie Wents, Missionary Action.

ANN RAWLES TRUITT, *President*.

The Conference sermon was delivered by Rev. T. Fred Wright of Windsor who took as his theme: "Building His Kingdom."

Rev. J. Everette Neese of Bay View Church, Norfolk, assisted by the deacons of First Church, Newport News, officiated at the Communion Service.

Benediction by Rev. J. Everette Neese.

## THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Thursday morning session was called to order by the president at 9:30 o'clock. Rev. R. L. House led the opening hymn and Rev. H. E. Crutchfield offered prayer.

Secretary O'Neill read the minutes of the previous day's sessions, which were approved.

The report of the Woman's Missionary Conference was read by Mrs. J. Frank Morgan. Dr. Wm. T. Scott spoke in high praise of

the splendid work being done by the Woman's Conference. The report was adopted.

### REPORT OF THE EASTERN VIRGINIA WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

The thirty-fourth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Conference of Eastern Virginia Congregational Christian Churches met on October 3, 1946, at 10:00 o'clock in the Holland Church with an attendance of about 300. The theme for the day was, "Seeking Peace Through Christian Unity."

At this meeting we gave an account of all work done during the year and made plans for new projects and goals for the coming year. Our District Superintendents and Superintendents of Departments gave splendid reports. Three new Departments were added to our work: Visual Aid, Christian Family Life and Interdenominational Cooperation.

We had as our guest speaker Mrs. Howard Stone Anderson, President of our Woman's National Fellowship. Dr. W. T. Scott, Convention Superintendent also spoke and introduced Miss Betty Chicoine, Young People's Worker in our Conference. Several other messages were given that brought help and inspiration to all.

Mrs. F. C. Lester, Convention Literature Superintendent, presented "India" as our foreign study and "The Christian and Race" for home study this year. "Divine Fatherhood" is to be our Spiritual Life Book.

We decided to cooperate with the Convention and make \$3,000 the goal for our Thank Offering, with the understanding that it would go to Shaowu, China, where Rev. and Mrs. Richard L. Jackson will soon be working. We also decided to raise our financial goal to \$7,000.

Forty woman's organizations reported—two of them new, twenty-five young people's societies, twenty-three junior societies and twenty-six cradle rolls, giving a total of \$8,111.05.

Our officers and superintendents for 1946-47 are as follows:

*President*—Mrs. J. G. Truitt.

*First Vice-President*—Mrs. W. T. Harrell.

*Second Vice-President*—Mrs. R. T. Bradford.

*Secretary*—Mrs. L. W. Stagg.

*Treasurer*—Mrs. W. B. Williams.

Superintendents:

*Literature*—Mrs. J. F. Morgan.

*Young People*—Mrs. James C. Lynch.

*Children's Work*—Mrs. E. H. Stephenson.

*Cradle Roll*—Mrs. A. J. Holland.

*Spiritual Life*—Mrs. I. W. Johnson.

*Life Memberships and Memorials*—Mrs. C. O. Byrd.

District Superintendents:

*Norfolk*—Mrs. F. H. Lewis.

*Suffolk*—Mrs. W. T. Harrell.

*Waverly*—Mrs. Walter Seeley.

MRS. J. F. MORGAN,  
*Retiring President.*

The report of the Christian Missionary Association was presented by Dr. John G. Truitt. Rev. J. Everette Neese spoke to the report. Report adopted.



## REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

The C. M. A. raised last year \$2,075.00 from twenty-five churches. Why should only a few more than half of our churches pay on the average of \$83.00 each, and the other half contribute nothing to this most worthy home mission work? It is the opinion of your committee that if the remaining churches, and several of their most loyal members were given the facts concerning the worthiness of this cause, and the need for these funds they, too, would be glad to have a share in this work.

*The Little Creek Church* is a child of the C. M. A. and the Conference. It is a growing church in a rapidly growing community, and is in a strategic place—a place where it is greatly needed. It needs real help now, and soon it would be a goodly asset helping others. The people of that church are doing a fine work and need encouragement and help. There are many persons who would give \$10.00 to help that church if its needs were rightly placed before them.

*The Bay View Church*, long a child of the C. M. A. is now making real progress, but it is far from out of the woods, and needs really good help right now. It can become a strong self-supporting church. It must be given support for its fine program in a most strategic place while it is able to make the best use of that support.

These two places should be given sufficient help to make them churches of which the fine, old Eastern Virginia Conference can be proud. We have the means amongst our members, and the loyalty. Let us give this mission work right at our own door a boost. If our light does not shine at home, what light have we to shine afar?

JOHN G. TRUITT, *President*.

Voted that we go on record as supporting the new program of the Christian Missionary Association as outlined by Dr. Truitt. This program calls for an afternoon and evening meeting.

Rev. J. Frank Morgan presented the report of the Collectors as follows:

## REPORT OF COLLECTORS.

Your Collectors received the following funds sent to the Conference Secretary and Treasurer:

## 1. For Southern Convention Enterprises and Causes:

Convention Fund .....	\$1,299.00	
Convention Home Missions .....	688.07	
Convention Foreign Missions .....	693.07	
Elon College .....	2,001.89	
Superannuation .....	312.25	
Christian Education .....	404.00	
Christian Orphanage .....	153.83	
Per Capita Dues .....	364.00	
Check Spring Hill Church .....	37.90	(To be distributed)
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	\$5,854.01	

## 2. For Conference Causes:

Conference Home Missions .....	\$ 934.00
Conference Fund .....	312.00
Virginia Council of Churches .....	211.00

J. FRANK MORGAN,  
R. E. BRITTLE,  
*Collectors*.

Voted that the report of the Collectors be received and referred to the Finance Committee.

Voted that hereafter the Collectors be dispensed with and that all monies for Conference causes be sent direct to the Conference Treasurer.

The report of the Home Missions Committee was presented by Dr. John G. Truitt and pending its adoption an address was given by Superintendent Scott emphasizing the need of additional funds to strengthen some of our present churches and to launch out on a program of church extension. Report adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Since Col. J. E. West, who for so many years acted as Chairman of this Committee, has resigned on account of illness, we wish to express our sincere appreciation of his long, valuable and distinguished leadership in the missionary work of the Conference.

Your Committee believes the field at Union, Southampton, with the growth in population in that community, needs to be placed on a full time basis. It commends the work of the Rev. R. E. Brittle, pastor, for the steady growth and development of the church. The Committee feels that it would be far more statesmanlike for the church which is already there to be aided in arising to meet the demands of a growing community rather than have another small church built in the community by others, and it hopes that this Conference and other home mission forces in our Convention will render such necessary aid.

We recommend the appropriation of \$500.00 to the new church building program in Sunbury, N. C.; \$450.00 to the Wakefield pastorate on pastor's salary, whenever he is giving full time to the pastorate, which is a raise over last year's appropriation and is being given with the hope that the churches in the pastorate will raise the pastor's salary to \$2,000.00 and parsonage; and \$500.00 to the Little Creek Church on parsonage building program, provided the property be deeded to the trustees of the Conference.

JOHN G. TRUITT, *Chairman*,  
S. T. HOLLAND,  
E. L. BEALE,

*Committee.*

At this moment acknowledgment was made of the long and faithful service rendered by Col. J. E. West as chairman of the Home Missions Committee and prayer was offered by Dr. John G. Truitt.

The report of the Foreign Missions Committee was read by Mrs. J. Frank Morgan and pending its adoption the Conference was addressed by Miss Louise Meebold, Missionary to China. The report was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In presenting the report on Foreign Missions we make the following suggestions with a resolution relating to each.

Christian Unity, Brotherhood, Fellowship and other similar expressions are heard frequently by world leaders and speakers today. The partitions of our world have been torn down and whether we like it or not we share together in many things. Christian principles of Justice and Righteousness need to be woven into the thoughts and actions of world relationships if we are to have peace, and the church alone has the power to do this. Our interests need

to be enlarged and we should feel ourselves a part of a World Christian Fellowship.

We need to give more liberally to the support of a world program. Eighty per cent of the money contributed in 1944 by Protestants was consumed in the upkeep of their churches, only twenty per cent going for purposes other than the local church. In our extravagant upkeep of the local church it looks as though we are losing our missionary passion. The ideal for giving should be as much given to others as we spend on ourselves. Many churches try to do this. We should keep in mind the new missionary project of our Convention in sending Rev. and Mrs. Richard L. Jackson to Shaowu, China, and our prayers along with our money should support them as they represent us there.

The success of our Foreign Mission Enterprise depends largely on the strength of the home churches and our strength at home depends largely on the ability to unite against hate, greed and selfishness which threaten to destroy our world. The tie that binds our hearts in Christian love needs to be strengthened and enlarged. Larger churches should help and encourage smaller ones and we need to sing together in spirit and in truth, "We are not divided, all one body we."

We need to develop a Christian attitude toward all races. The theory of master or superior races should be discarded, also the fact that some nations are fighting nations. What all men need are opportunity and Christian vision and with these we all become equal. Friendliness and justice to those in our own country will deepen our interest and willingness to share with those in other parts of the world.

The Church of Christ faces perhaps her greatest challenge and time is short for us to accept and act. May the words of the great commission move upon our hearts and lives, helping us to accept this challenge. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations," and may we ever be sustained by the promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Therefore, we recommend:

1. That we become more world-minded Christians.
2. That we give more liberally to Foreign Missions, and especially to our new China project.
3. That we work toward greater Christian unity at home.
4. That we face the race problem at home and abroad in the spirit of Christ.

WILL B. O'NEILL, *Chairman*,  
MRS. J. F. MORGAN,  
MRS. JOHN G. TRUITT,  
*Committee.*

Dr. H. S. Hardcastle told of the program of the Missions Board as it related to the Shaowu Mission and requested the support of each church within the Conference to the end that Rev. and Mrs. Richard L. Jackson, our missionaries, may know that they have the whole-hearted backing of this Conference. It was voted that this Conference go on record as willing to raise its share of the \$10,000.00 necessary for this work.

Rev. Peter Young conducted a devotional service and gave the benediction.

## THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The session was called to order by the president at 2:00 o'clock. The opening hymn was led by Rev. Robert Lee House and prayer was offered by Dr. N. G. Newman.

In the absence of the Superintendent of the Orphanage, Dr. W. T. Scott read a letter from Superintendent Johnston, outlining the present needs of the Orphanage in the face of the increasing cost of living. Dr. Scott also spoke of the great work being done at the Orphanage as he had personally observed. Voted that the report be received as information.

Rev. J. Everette Neese presented the report of the Committee on Religious Literature. Pending its adoption, Mrs. J. Frank Morgan addressed the Conference on the theme: "Religious Literature and Character Building." The report was adopted.

## REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

A brief glance at any newsstand will reveal the abundance of reading material now available. Some builds character, some destroys it. One can find much that enlightens the mind secularly, but little or none that enlightens it spiritually. Thus, the printed word for spiritual enlightenment, still rests upon the church and its affiliated agencies. This being true we should exert every effort possible in order to see that "the household of faith" is adequately supplied with the right kind of literature.

In each church the pastor should encourage the organizations therein to provide an adequate amount in their budget so as to supply the homes of the parish with the best in religious reading. Also, it would be well to have a literature table in the foyer of each church and see that it is kept neat and well supplied.

It should be kept in mind that the basis of all religious literature is the Bible; and yet, it is an unread book in many of our church homes. This condition should not exist because our homes and our nation need the "good news" of the Gospel in building character and citizenship for this new day. Your committee urges the widespread observance of Bible Reading during the period between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Materials for daily devotions are in abundance. We would suggest close cooperation with the Spiritual Life Committee of the Southern Convention in advocating regular devotions in the family. For this purpose we suggest the use of the following booklets: *The Fellowship of Prayer*, *The Quiet Hour*, *Daily Devotions*, and *The Upper Room*.

We further recommend the widespread use of our denominational periodicals. The editorial staff of *The Christian Sun* is constantly striving to make that publication more adequately meet the needs of our Southern Convention churches. We suggest that each church reach and if possible exceed, its *Christian Sun* goal for subscriptions.

We note that the Board of Publications under the chairmanship of the Rev. Joe A. French, is making a wise and determined effort to increase our subscriptions. We urge that pastors and all subscribers cooperate with the Board in the distribution of the leaflets designed to secure subscriptions. Be it remembered that Superintendent Scott will be happy to receive your subscription or renewal during this season of the Conference.

For information about our larger fellowship, we recommend the *Advance*. Unequaled in missionary education and information is the *Missionary Herald*.



We suggest its universal use among the missionary organizations throughout the Eastern Virginia Conference.

For young people, the *Pilgrim Highroad* continues to be helpful and instructive. A good children's magazine for the church and home is *Children's Religion*. We recommend its use in the religious training of the child.

Unsurpassed in its field is the *International Journal of Religious Education*. It is especially helpful for Sunday School officers, teachers and administrative leaders. The monthly magazine, *Social Action*, deals with the social, moral, political and economic trends of our nation and how these effect the religious life of our people. The *Seminar Quarterly* contains many helpful suggestions and good reading material for the minister.

We further recommend that whenever practical, our denominational Sunday School literature be used in our Eastern Virginia Churches.

J. EVERETTE NEESE, *Ch'm'n*,  
MRS. R. T. BRADFORD,  
R. L. HOUSE,  
MRS. W. V. LEATHERS,  
J. M. ROBERTS,  
*Committee.*

Dr. N. G. Newman was recognized and addressed the Conference briefly.

In accordance with a motion passed at the Conference last year instructing the Executive Committee to "draw up a Conference Constitution and By-Laws and present the same to the 1946 session of Conference" a tentative Constitution was presented by the Executive Committee and read by Dr. Will B. O'Neill. It was voted that the Constitution as submitted be referred back to the Executive Committee for further study and its final draft be mimeographed and brought before the 1947 session of Conference.

The report of the Committee on Place of Next Meeting was presented and on motion its recommendation that the Conference meet with the Suffolk Church was unanimously adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE OF MEETING.

A cordial invitation has been extended by the Suffolk Christian Church to the Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches to hold its next session—its one hundred and twenty-seventh—in Suffolk, Virginia. Your committee recommends the acceptance of this invitation.

MRS. I. W. JOHNSON, *Chairman*.

The question of the indebtedness on the Little Creek parsonage was discussed at length and it was voted to refer this matter to the Executive Committee with power to negotiate with the Little Creek Church and to loan up to \$1,800.00 from the Ministerial Education Fund of the Conference to liquidate the indebtedness on this parsonage, under whatever terms the Executive Committee may deem appropriate.

It was further voted that the Little Creek Church be requested to deliver the Deed on its parsonage property to the Conference and that the president and secretary of the Conference be authorized to record the same in the clerk's office of Princess Anne County.

Rev. B. H. Watkins requested the Conference that he and Berea Church be relieved of any further responsibility for the oversight of the Little Creek Church. A rising vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Watkins and to the Berea Church for their good work.

The report of the Committee on Finance was read by Rev. J. Everett Neese and it was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We have examined the report of the Conference Treasurer, G. C. White, and have found the same to be correct.

We have received from the Collectors the following funds:

1. For Southern Convention Enterprises and Causes:

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Convention Home Missions .....	688.07	
Convention Foreign Missions .....	693.07	
Elon College .....	2,001.89	
Superannuation .....	312.25	
Christian Education .....	304.00	
The Christian Orphanage .....	153.83	
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2. For Conference Causes:

Conference Home Missions .....	\$ 934.00
Conference Fund .....	312.00
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	\$1,457.00

We make the following recommendations:

1. That the Secretary be authorized to draw drafts for the amounts listed under the above funds collected for Convention Enterprises and Causes, payable to Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of the Southern Convention.

2. That the Secretary be authorized to draw drafts on the Conference Fund for the following bills:

Dr. Will B. O'Neill, Secretary's Salary ..	\$ 50.00
West & Withers—Prem. on Treas. Bond	5.00
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	\$ 55.00

3. That the Secretary be authorized to draw drafts on the Treasurer to be paid from the Conference Fund for printing of the Conference programs and for such other incidental expenses as may be incurred by him throughout the Conference year, and also draw drafts up to \$325.00 to the Virginia Council of Churches from that fund.

4. That the Secretary be authorized to draw drafts on the Conference Home Mission Fund for the following amounts as voted by Conference:

- (1) To Damascus Church \$500.00 for new church building program.
- (2) To the Wakefield pastorate \$450.00, payable in monthly payments, whenever the minister is giving full time to the pastorate.
- (3) To the Little Creek Church \$500.00 for parsonage building program.

S. T. HOLLAND,  
J. P. DALTON,  
J. E. McCAULEY,

*Committee.*

Dr. H. S. Hardcastle presented the report of the Committee on Resolutions and it was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Your Committee on Resolutions presents herewith the following resolutions and words of appreciation:

1. That a rising vote of thanks be extended to the pastor and the members of the First Congregational Christian Church for entertaining this session of the Conference, for the hospitality extended to the members and friends of the Conference, for the delicious and abundant meals they have prepared and served, for the attractive and appropriate arrangement of flowers in the Sanctuary and the Educational Building, and for the fine spirit of fellowship which has characterized the Conference.

2. That we commend this church for the attractive and efficient Educational Building which it has erected under the inspiring leadership of Dr. J. H. Dollar and through the hearty cooperation and support of the members and friends of the congregation and the larger fellowship.

3. That we express our appreciation to the officers of the Conference for their work during the Conference year, and for the program which they have arranged for this session of the Conference, and for the work which members of the various Committees have done. We also express our appreciation to those who have appeared on the program, and especially to our guest speakers from the larger fellowship, Rev. Donald W. Strickler, Miss Louise Meebold and Miss Elizabeth Chicoine for their timely and inspiring messages.

4. That as a Conference we go on record as approving the plan of the Southern Convention to raise a minimum of at least \$27,000 which has been designated as the "Over and Above Giving" for the Shaowu Project, for Church Extension, and for the work of the Committee on War Victims and Reconstruction, and that as a Conference we pledge ourselves to support this cause and effort.

5. That the Conference request the Board of Publication to have the ANNUAL printed as soon as possible, with the understanding that the minutes of this Conference be printed in full as adopted by the Conference, and that a copy of the same be submitted to the Secretary for proofreading before the ANNUAL is printed.

6. That we thank the pastor of the church and the members of the choir for their service of worship at the evening session of the Conference.

7. We recommend that all conference reports be in the hands of the Secretary not later than October 15 of each year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. HARDCASTLE,

T. FRED WRIGHT,

PETER YOUNG,

*Committee.*

Voted that the minutes be printed in the ANNUAL and that the Conference purchase 500 copies to be distributed pro-rata among the churches.

Voted that the Conference adjourn following the devotional service led by Rev. Robert M. Kimball and that it meet in the 127th annual session at the Suffolk Christian Church on Wednesday and Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1947.

The Conference adjourned following the benediction.

O. D. POYTHRESS, *President.*

WILL B. O'NEILL, *Secretary.*

Standing Committees for the Conference year 1946-47 were appointed as follows:

#### STANDING COMMITTEES—1946-47.

- Executive*—O. D. Poythress, F. H. Lewis, Will B. O'Neill, I. W. Johnson, John G. Truitt.
- Apportionment*—Shirley T. Holland, Floyd Turner, J. P. Dalton, H. S. Hardcastle, R. E. Brittle.
- Ministerial Education*—H. S. Hardcastle, John G. Truitt, I. W. Johnson, Will B. O'Neill, Peter Young, J. F. Morgan.
- Christian Education*—R. L. House, L. E. Smith, H. E. Crutchfield, Robert Kimball, J. Frank Morgan, Mills E. Godwin, Jr.
- Home Missions*—John G. Truitt, J. E. McCauley, E. L. Beale, R. D. Holland, B. H. Watkins.
- Foreign Missions*—H. E. Crutchfield, Mrs. J. F. Morgan, Mrs. J. G. Truitt, A. P. Slabey, D. D. Nash.
- Religious Literature*—J. Everette Neese, Mrs. R. T. Bradford, Mrs. W. V. Leathers, R. L. House, J. M. Roberts.
- Evangelism and Spiritual Life*—J. Frank Morgan, F. H. Lewis, John G. Truitt, M. E. Taylor, Mrs. A. J. Holland, Mrs. W. B. Williams, Mrs. James Lynch.
- Social Action*—Peter Young, R. L. House, H. S. Hardcastle, Harry W. Lee, J. Everette Neese, Robert M. Kimball.
- Stewardship*—R. E. Brittle, B. H. Watkins, C. H. Beale, Mrs. I. W. Johnson, Mrs. Herbert Harrell.
- Superannuation*—J. T. Kernodle, Mills E. Godwin, Jr., L. R. Jones, Joel E. Harrell, Caleb West.
- Place of Meeting*—Mrs. I. W. Johnson.
- Memoirs*—I. W. Johnson.

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#### MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

- Beale, Carroll H.*—Church served 1945-46, Barrett's, Burton's Grove, Wakefield. Field for coming year, same. Sermons preached, 56; members received, 17; conversions, 12; baptisms, 15; addresses, 10; prayer meetings held, 4; weddings, 0; funerals, 0.
- Brittle, R. E.*—Churches served 1945-46, Bethlehem (Nan.), Cypress Chapel, Union (South.). Field for coming year, same. Sermons preached, 154; members received, 44; conversions, 36; baptisms, 24; prayers meetings held, 0; addresses, 6; weddings, 99; funerals, 52.
- Crutchfield, H. E.*—Church served 1945-46, Damascus, Holy Neck, Oak Grove. Field for coming year, same. Sermons preached, 72; members received, 23; conversions, 0; prayer meetings held, 0; baptisms, 13; addresses, 0; weddings, 3; funerals, 4.
- Dollar, Jesse H.*—Churches served 1945-46, Newport News. Field for coming year, Elon College, N. C. Sermons preached, 112; members received, 36; conversions, 12; baptisms, 14; prayer meetings held, 0; addresses, 22; weddings, 21, funerals, 7.
- Gleason, H. A.*—Churches served 1945-46, Elk Spur, Rocky Ford, Ivy Hill. Field for coming year, same. Sermons preached, 50; members received, 4; conversions, 4; baptisms, 0; prayer meetings held, 0; addresses, 25; weddings, 0; funerals, 0.



- Hardcastle, H. S.*—Churches served 1945-46, Rosemont. Field for coming year, Newport News. Sermons preached, 100; members received, 57; conversions, 30; baptisms, 27; prayer meetings held, 36; addresses, no record; weddings, 24; funerals, 13.
- House, Robert Lee*—Churches served 1945-46, Richmond. Field for coming year, same. Sermons preached, 102; members received, 13; conversions, 3; baptisms, 3; prayer meetings, 0; addresses, 7; weddings, 5; funerals, 3.
- Jackson, Richard L.*—Churches served, none. Field for next year, North Fukien Province Church of Christ in China. Sermons preached, 24.
- Johnson, I. W.*—Churches served 1945-46, Berea (Nansemond), Liberty Spring, Oakland. Field for coming year, same. Sermons preached, 80; members received, 58; conversions, 40; baptisms, 30; prayer meetings held, 0; addresses, 0; weddings, no report; funerals, 18.
- Jones, Elwood W.*—Churches served 1945-46, assistant in services at Wilson Memorial Methodist Church, Baltimore, Md. Field for coming year, same. Addresses, 7.
- Kimball, Robert M.*—Churches served 1945-46, U. S. Navy Chaplaincy until July 1, 1946. Franklin, Va., from September 1, 1946. Since September 1, 1946—sermons preached, 9; baptisms, 4; weddings, 1; funerals, 1.
- Lester, F. C.*—Churches served 1945-46, Superintendent of Southern Convention until June 30. Pastor, Liberty (Vance) all year, and Asheboro since January 1, 1946. Field for coming year, Asheboro. Sermons preached, 75; members received, 15; conversions, 7; baptisms, 6; prayer meetings held, 0; addresses, 0; weddings, 1; funerals, 3.
- Lewis, Frank H.*—Churches served 1945-46, Shelton Memorial. Field for coming year, same. Sermons preached, 98; members received, 18; conversions, 0; baptisms, 10; prayer meetings held, 0; addresses, 58; weddings, 12; funerals, 6.
- Mason, Randall Chaplain*—Churches served 1945-46, Portsmouth, First, Mt. Zion. Sermons preached, 175; members received, 17; conversions, 0; baptisms, 9; prayer meetings held, 0; addresses, 0; weddings, 15; funerals, 4.
- Moore, Wilson C.*—Churches served 1945-46, Epworth. Field for coming year, same. Sermons preached, etc., (not filled out).
- Morgan, J. F.*—Churches served 1945-46, Norfolk, Second. Field for coming year, same. Sermons preached, 94; members received, 9; conversions, 7; baptisms, 6; prayer meetings held, 30; addresses, 20; weddings, 26; funerals, 6.
- McCauley, Joseph E.*—Churches served 1945-46, Waverly, Centerville, Spring Hill. Field for the coming year, same. Sermons preached, 115; members received, 7; conversions, 4; baptisms, 4; prayer meetings held, 2; addresses, 9; weddings, 6; funerals, 8.
- Nash, Durant D.*—Churches served, 1945-46, Hopewell. Field for the coming year, same. Sermons preached, 158; members received, 16; conversions 12; baptisms, 8; prayer meetings held, 50; addresses, 15; weddings, 7; funerals, 2.
- Neese, J. Everette*—Churches served 1945-46, Bay View. Field for coming year, same. Sermons preached, 81; members received 14; conversions, 3; baptisms, 7; prayer meetings held, 0; addresses, 14; weddings, 18; funerals 3.

*Newman, N. G.*—Retired since 1937.

*Olejar, George*—Retired.

*O'Neill, Will B.*—Churches served 1945-46, Holland. Field for coming year, same. Sermons preached, 70; members received, 11; conversions 0; baptisms, 3; prayer meetings held, 28; addresses, 8; weddings, 6; funerals, 2.

*Pearce Geo. A.*—Churches served 1945-46, none. Field for coming year, none as yet.

*Poythress, O. D.*—Churches served 1945-46, South Norfolk. Field for coming year, same. Sermons preached, 160; members received, 32; conversions, 28; baptisms, 28; prayer meetings held, 38; addresses, 11; weddings, 48; funerals, 110 (conducted and assisted).

*Roberts, J. M.*—Churches served 1945-46, Eure, Dendron, Union, Surry. Field for coming year, (blank). Sermons preached, 36; members received, 9; conversions, 0; baptisms, 9; prayer meetings held, 0; addresses, 0; weddings, 8; funerals, 10.

*Scott, Wm. T.*—Churches served 1945-46, Franklin until July 1, when became Superintendent of Southern Convention. Sermons preached, 150; members received, 32; conversions, 20; baptisms, 5; prayer meetings held, 0; addresses, 0; weddings, 0; funerals, 0.

*Slabey Andrew P.*—Churches served 1945-46, Bethlehem (Disputanta). Field for coming year, same. Sermons preached, 82; members received, 5; conversions, 0; baptisms, 3; prayer meetings held (on pastoral visits); addresses, 42; weddings, 3; funerals, 3.

*Smith, L. E.*—Churches served 1945-46, Elon College. Field for coming year, no church. Sermons preached, 21; members received, 30 (by letter, 24; by confession of faith, 6); baptisms, 5; prayer meetings held, 2; weddings, 2; funerals, 3.

*Taylor, Morris E.*—Churches served 1945-46, Little Creek. Field for coming year, same. Sermons preached, 57; members received, 8; conversions, 6; baptisms, 16; prayer meetings held, 52; addresses, none; weddings, none; funerals, 1.

*Truitt, John G.*—Churches served 1945-46, Suffolk. Field for coming year, same. Sermons preached, 106; members received, 80; conversions, 35; baptisms, 36; prayer meetings held, 30; addresses, 84; weddings, 27; funerals, 28.

*Watkins, B. H.*—Churches served 1945-46, Berea, Norfolk. Field for coming year, same. Sermons preached, 60; members received, 32; conversions, 19; baptisms, 19; prayer meetings held, 0; addresses, 12; weddings, 6; funerals, 8.

*Wise, Francis Herbert*—Churches served 1945-46, Euclid Avenue Congregational Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Sermons preached, etc., (not filled out). Attended seminary last year.

*Wright T. Fred*—Churches served 1945-46, Antioch, Isle of Wight, Mt. Carmel, Windsor. Field for coming year, Liberty (Vance), Mt. Gilead. Sermons preached, 196; members received, 41; conversions, 22; baptisms, 14; prayer meetings held, none; addresses, 6; weddings, 6; funerals, 21.

*Young, Peter*—Churches served 1945-46, Christian Temple. Field for coming year, same. Sermons preached, 55; members received, 26; conversions, 18; baptisms, 14 adults and 18 children; prayer meetings held, 44; addresses, 6; weddings, 14; funerals, 12.

# Proceedings of Seventy-Sixth Annual Session of the Western North Carolina Congrega- tional Christian Conference.

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SMITHWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH,  
ROUTE 1, LIBERTY, N. C.,  
NOVEMBER 6-7, 1946.

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The 76th annual session of the Western North Carolina Christian Conference met with Smithwood Christian Church, near Liberty, North Carolina, on Wednesday, November 6, 1946, and was called to order at 10:05 A. M., by the president, Rev. H. V. Cox.

Rev. M. A. Pollard led in singing "He Leadeth Me."

(The president announced that Dr. G. O. Lankford, scheduled to conduct our Devotional Service, was not able to be present.)

Rev. B. J. Earp conducted the Worship Service.

The address of Welcome was made by Rev. W. T. Madren, pastor of the host church. Rev. P. W. Fisher gave the Response.

## ENROLLMENT.

*Ministers*—E. Carl Brady, H. V. Cox, G. C. Crutchfield, B. J. Earp, P. W. Fisher, T. J. Green, B. H. Lowdermilk, A. L. Lucas, W. T. Madren, M. A. Pollard, L. M. Presnell, J. Q. Pugh, Kenneth D. Register, Earl Farrell, J. U. Fogleman, D. R. Moffitt.  
*Licentiate*—Fred Register.

## *Churches and Delegates.*

*Albemarle*—Roy Harper, Joe Earnhardt, Gwendolyn Mauldin, Mrs. Frank Van Hoy.  
*Antioch (C)*—By Report.  
*Antioch (R)*—  
*Asheboro*—Mrs. E. P. Boroughs, Mrs. J. E. Irvine.  
*Bailey's Grove*—By Report.  
*Bennett*—B. C. Routh.  
*Big Oak*—Edgar Brewer, John Richardson.  
*Biscoe*—  
*Brown's Chapel*—J. E. Allen, E. A. Morgan.  
*Ether*—W. H. Freeman.  
*Flint Hill (M)*—By Report.  
*Flint Hill (R)*—By Report.  
*Glendon*—  
*Grace's Chapel*—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Register, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cheshire.

*Hank's Chapel*—Ralph Riddle, Wallace Farrell, Mrs. Tommie Farrell, Talmadge Farrell.

*Graham*—

*High Point*—Mrs. B. P. Moffitt, W. R. Jones.

*Liberty*—Cyrus Shoffner.

*Mt. Pleasant*—J. F. Smith, Fairley Cameron.

*Needham's Grove*—Joe Needham, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Needham.

*New Center*—A. L. Davis.

*Parks Cross Roads*—

*Patterson's Grove*—

*Pleasant Cross*—Mrs. J. Q. Pugh, Sr.

*Pleasant Grove*—L. H. Brady, H. H. Bray, Mrs. L. M. Presnell.

*Pleasant Hill*—Mrs. Glenn Murchison, Mrs. O. T. Wicker, Mrs. D. C. Fogleman.

*Pleasant Ridge*—Sybrant Pell, Mrs. H. R. Stewart, Everett Cox.

*Pleasant Union*—Clarence Snider, Hayes McDowell.

*Providence Chapel*—H. B. Jason Moore.

*Ramseur*—By Report.

*Randleman*—A. P. Gaster, Mrs. W. G. Lamb, Mrs. Alma Stout.

*Seagrove*—Mrs. R. J. Lawrence, Mrs. Junie Farlow.

*Shady Grove*—By Report.

*Shiloh*—By Report.

*Smithwood*—McCaulester Black, Connie Wright, Mrs. Tom Lowe, Mrs. Troy Humble.

*Sophia*—Mrs. Troy Hall.

*Spoon's Chapel*—Mrs. W. H. Berry, Miss Lydia Stout.

*Union Grove*—Mr. and Mrs. Harvey S. Allen.

*Zion*—

Rev. M. A. Pollard introduced the following visitors: Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of the Southern Convention; Rev. J. A. Denton of the Eastern North Carolina Conference; Rev. J. L. Neese of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference; Chas. D. Johnston, Superintendent of the Christian Orphanage; Dr. L. E. Smith, President of Elon College; Rev. Mack V. Welch of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference; Miss Louise Meebold, returned Missionary to China; Dr. F. C. Lester, formerly a member of the Eastern Virginia Conference; Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, new Field Worker for the Southern Convention; Rev. W. M. Stevens of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference.

These visitors were welcomed by the president and by motion, duly carried, were made deliberative members of the Conference.

Secretary George T. Gunter submitted the printed program as the report of the Program Committee. By motion the printed program, subject to any necessary changes, was made the order of business for this session of Conference.



The following resolution was read by Dr. W. T. Scott:

In view of necessary business which vitally affects the Conference and its churches, and upon recommendation of our attorneys that there be no change in officers at this time; be it

RESOLVED, That the Western North Carolina Conference suspend for one year its rules pertaining to term of office and that the Conference by vote at this time instruct the Secretary to cast one ballot for the reelection of its officers for one year:

*President*—Rev. H. V. Cox.

*Vice-President*—Rev. B. J. Earp.

*Secretary*—George T. Gunter.

*Treasurer*—Cyrus Shoffner.

*Executive Committee Members*—H. V. Cox, G. O. Lankford, T. J. Green, M. A. Pollard, Cyrus Shoffner, W. H. Freeman, George T. Gunter.

Motion made to adopt Resolution by Rev. B. J. Earp, and seconded by Rev. E. C. Brady. Motion carried (without a dissenting vote).

The secretary cast the ballot and the officers were re-elected for one year.

The president appointed the following Special Committees:

*Press*—F. C. Lester, W. T. Scott, Geo. T. Gunter.

*Memoirs*—T. J. Green, E. C. Brady, Mrs. E. P. Boroughs.

*Finance*—W. T. Madren, P. W. Fisher, W. H. Freeman.

*Resolutions*—B. J. Earp, G. C. Crutchfield, Cyrus Shoffner.

*Place*—B. H. Lowdermilk, A. L. Lucas, Paul Coble.

Hymn: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

Dr. W. T. Scott preached the annual sermon, using for his text John 10:10, and for his subject: "That Men Might Live."

Rev. E. Carl Brady presented orally a partial report of the Committee on Christian Education and the Ministry. By motion the partial report was adopted, and Dr. F. C. Lester was received into the Conference pending his letter of transfer from the Eastern Virginia Conference.

Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation."

The Lord's Supper was administered by Dr. F. C. Lester, assisted by the deacons of the local church and Clarence Snider of Pleasant Union.

Rev. W. T. Madren welcomed everybody to the big table for lunch. By motion Conference adjourned for lunch.

Benediction by Dr. L. E. Smith.

## WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order at 1:25 P. M. by the president.

Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story."

The Cox sisters sang as a special: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord."

Rev. T. J. Green conducted the Devotional Service, using for a Scripture lesson a part of the 119th Psalm.

The Christian Missionary Association held its annual session.

The report on Evangelism was submitted by Rev. J. Q. Pugh.

While motion to adopt report was pending, Dr. L. E. Smith introduced Dr. John G. Truitt, who then addressed the Conference.

Discussion of report by Dr. W. T. Scott. The report was adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

Jesus came to this earth 1,946 years ago to set up a spiritual kingdom in the hearts of the people. He established His church that through it and its members they might evangelize the world, for Jesus said, "I am come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10.) Jesus commissioned His disciples to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. Those disciples, in the days of the church in its infancy, went out with a burning passion for souls, and souls were added to the church daily such as should be saved.

In this church age, in which we live, it seems that the church has lost its meaning for Evangelism. Jesus said, "It is the Spirit that quickeneth, the flesh will profit you nothing." (St. John 6:63.) The art in Evangelism is to seek the aid of the Holy Spirit, that it may give us a passion for lost souls.

"For since I spake, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; because the word of the Lord was made a reproach unto me and a derision, daily. Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay." (Jer. 20:8-9.)

The soul-winning testimony of a child of God depends upon a fire from heaven. We have depended on culture and learning but schools do not make prophets like Jeremiah. We have depended on organizations and institutions but they do not bring the power that came at Pentecost and converted 3,000 souls in one day. Much so-called Christian work these days is done in the power of the flesh and not in the power of the spirit of God. We, your Committee, therefore recommend:

1. That the shepherd of his flock seek first the Spirit of God that it may quicken him that he may be able to enrich the lives of the people to give them a burning passion for lost souls.

2. That the minister and church people put on an Evangelistic campaign from house to house, for Jesus said, "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in."

3. Get the Christian people to establish family altars in the homes.

4. See that our Sunday school superintendents and teachers are Godly men and women.

5. If the ministers and laymen of this Conference will go back home and put these recommendations in action and practice, your committee believes it will help to stimulate Evangelism.

In conclusion, we respectfully call to your attention the actions of the Southern Convention at its session at Waverly, in 1946, when a Committee on Spirit-

ual Life was created "to promote private and family devotions, Bible reading, prayer, and personal Christian commitment; to promote church attendance and church worship; to attempt to lay upon the hearts of the church members the necessity for more active allegiance to Jesus Christ." We consider this a forward step for our churches of this Conference, and we ask that the churches and pastors of the Conference seek to follow these recommendations, for there is no other way to an effective Christian life.

The Southern Convention also commissioned its Committee on Evangelism, under the impetus and in the spirit of this new Spiritual Life Movement, to launch a program of Evangelism to intensify our growth as a church. The Committee on Evangelism has requested the Western North Carolina Christian Conference *to set as a minimum goal three hundred new members for each conference year during the biennium.* This seems to be a small number for our churches to win for Christ and the church, but if we will examine our record during recent years, it will be seen that 300 new members for Christ and His Church a year will be a great increase over what we have been doing. We earnestly urge our churches to set themselves in order spiritually and go to work earnestly and effectively to win followers to Jesus Christ and His Church. We are under commission to do this as His disciples.

JOHN Q. PUGH,  
B. H. LOWDERMILK,  
W. E. BROWN,  
L. W. BURGESS,  
FRED P. REGISTER,  
*Committee.*

The report of the Committee on Stewardship and Apportionments was presented by Rev. B. J. Earp.

Motion made and seconded to adopt report.

Dr. F. C. Lester introduced Rev. W. M. Stevens, who addressed the conference, using for his subject: "Giving Self, Talents, and Material Possessions."

The report was discussed by B. J. Earp, W. T. Scott, F. C. Lester, John G. Truitt, and A. L. Lucas. Motion was carried and report adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP AND APPORTIONMENTS.

Everyone of us must give an account of our stewardship to God. We should honor the Lord with our substance and the first fruits of all our increase. Stewardship is the Christian life in action. Our time, talents, mind, and money belong to God. This ownership should be acknowledged by every Christian. God asks for His share. If we are honest with God and ourselves, we will render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's. Some of our churches have not paid in full their Conference Apportionments. We hope they will do better next year. Those that have paid in full this year, we trust will send in an extra amount next year. We recommend the apportionment table remain as last year and that we take special offerings quarterly for War Victims and Reconstruction.

BEN JOE EARP,  
A. P. GASTER,  
A. L. LUCAS,  
CYRUS SHOFFNER,  
*Committee.*

## SCHEDULE OF APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1946-47.

	Convention Home Missions	Convention Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues	Conference Fund	Total
Albemarle .....	\$ 48	\$ 48	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 44	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 340
Antioch (C) .....	12	12	17	20	4	6	17	5	12	105
Asheboro .....	18	18	28	30	9	9	20	5	18	155
Bailey's Grove .....	10	10	15	14	4	6	11	3	10	83
Bennett .....	12	12	20	20	4	6	14	2	12	102
Big Oak .....	20	20	25	25	10	10	25	5	10	140
Biscoe .....	18	18	38	24	6	8	20	3	18	153
Brown's Chapel .....	14	14	19	20	6	8	15	4	14	114
Ether .....	30	30	46	24	8	12	20	8	30	208
Flint Hill (M) .....	10	10	20	14	4	6	12	3	12	91
Flint Hill (R) .....	11	11	17	18	4	6	12	3	11	93
Grace's Chapel .....	30	30	56	24	8	12	20	8	20	208
Hank's Chapel .....	60	60	90	60	16	20	50	5	60	421
High Point .....	20	20	45	20	18	10	25	4	20	182
Liberty .....	25	25	25	30	8	8	20	4	15	160
Mt. Pleasant .....	14	14	27	20	6	10	15	3	14	123
Needham's Grove .....	14	14	28	20	6	10	14	4	14	124
New Center .....	14	14	28	20	6	10	14	3	14	123
Patterson's Grove .....	7	7	9	12	5	5	7	2	8	62
Pleasant Cross .....	20	20	29	30	10	10	21	5	20	165
Pleasant Grove .....	25	25	30	30	14	16	25	5	20	190
Pleasant Hill .....	60	60	65	65	20	20	45	9	65	409
Pleasant Ridge .....	70	70	75	65	20	20	45	7	65	437
Pleasant Union .....	10	10	14	20	5	5	11	2	10	87
Providence Chapel .....	5	5	7	10	5	5	6	2	7	52
Ramseur .....	50	50	90	75	20	15	50	5	50	405
Randleman .....	20	20	20	20	5	5	15	3	15	123
Seagrove .....	30	30	35	30	10	10	35	3	30	213
Shady Grove .....	6	6	14	7	6	6	8	1	7	61
Shiloh .....	20	20	21	25	6	7	21	3	20	143
Smithwood .....	20	20	30	25	6	7	22	2	20	152
Sophia .....	10	10	15	25	4	8	15	2	13	102
Spoon's Chapel .....	10	10	25	25	5	5	25	2	15	122
Union Grove .....	10	10	25	30	5	5	20	3	20	128
Zion .....	12	12	20	20	4	6	14	3	12	103
Totals .....	\$765	\$765	\$1128	\$977	\$297	\$332	\$743	\$151	\$721	\$5879



Mrs. H. R. Stewart reported on the "Woman's Missionary Conference."

The report, by motion, was adopted as presented.

#### REPORT ON WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

We are truly thankful to our Heavenly Father for all the achievements of the year 1945-46. Attendance this year at the conference which met in Raleigh, N. C., October 1, was the largest we've ever had. The theme for this year's program is "The Lord Thy God—and Thy Neighbor"

"Live and let live! was the cry of the old,  
The call of the world when the world was cold,  
The call of men when they pulled apart,  
The call of the race with a chill on the heart.  
But live and help live! is the cry of the new,  
The cry of the world with the dream shining through,  
The cry of the brotherhood rising to birth,  
The cry of the Christ for a comrade-like earth."

—*Selected.*

Mrs. Howard S. Anderson, Washington, D. C., president of the National Congregational Christian Woman's Fellowship, used placards and with the help of the other women there, gave an interesting address on the set-up of mission work in our church organization, showing the places where our money helps at home and abroad.

The Thank Offering this year will go to Shaowu to help carry on the work we are starting there. We wouldn't dare make our goal any less than the amount we raised last year. We hope to go well above our goal of \$3,456.81.

Rev. Allyn P. Robinson spoke in the interest of the post-war program, telling how and where our money helps War Victims and Reconstruction.

Jesus was a friend to all and helped those with whom He came in contact and we, as His followers, can afford to do no less. Many friendly service gifts were sent to Fancy Gap, Va., overseas Christmas boxes, migrants, Christian orphanage, clothing for Europe, and other friendly service gifts.

Life memberships were given to thirty-six persons this year and twenty memorial certificates were issued.

One of the special features of the program was a skit, "Grinnell Round Table," led by Mrs. O. H. Paris. Mrs. J. D. Strader, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Mrs. W. J. Andes, Mrs. Margaret Alston, and Miss Ollie Mae Beane who attended the General Council, helped in the report.

A Memorial Service was conducted by Mrs. J. A. May who used white rosebuds for members of each society who passed away during the year. Later the flowers were sent to Mrs. C. H. Rowland who was seriously ill.

The conference closed with an impressive service of dedication of officers led by Dr. W. T. Scott.

Our conference meets next year with our Burlington Church. May we, through prayer and consecrated service to Christ increase our interest and gifts to missions.

OLLIE MAE STEWART,  
*Randolph District Leader.*

Ministerial and Church reports were handed in.

The Entertainment Committee made its oral report.

Conference, by motion, adjourned until the evening session at 7:00 P. M.

## WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 7:05 P. M. by the president.

Hymn: "Sunlight"—Rev. M. A. Pollard, leader.

Rev. Kenneth D. Register conducted the Devotional Service.

The report on Moral Reform was made by Rev. K. D. Register and adopted as read.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MORAL REFORM.

In I Corinthians 3:11, Paul makes this statement, "For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Christ Jesus." For any type or mode of reform to be moral, it must be based on just such a foundation. Therefore, if your foundation is right, your reform would have to be moral for the simple reason that it could be nothing else. In Matthew 16:18, Jesus says to Peter, "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Here again we find specifically stated the one and only foundation upon which a moral reform could be established. That is upon the profession of our faith in Christ Jesus as the Son of the living God. Truly, there is not other possible foundation upon which we may build morally.

Therefore this Committee recommends to this Conference session the following suggestions:

1. That each minister seek to encourage the "World Wide Bible Reading Period"—from Thanksgiving to Christmas. The minister might launch this endeavor by observing Universal Bible Sunday in his church and thus placing special emphasis on private and family Bible study.

2. That special Sundays with world-wide significance—such as World Wide Communion, and Men and Missions Sundays, be observed to promote better understanding between our local groups and their Christian brothers the world over and to encourage the feeling of brotherhood among all men.

3. That we, as a united church, take a firm stand on governmental issues which have definite promise of strengthening our nation morally. The church should have its say without compromise on such issues as legalized whiskey, strained race relations, sensible labor-capital practices, and the like.

KENNETH D. REGISTER,

M. A. POLLARD,

*Committee.*

Rev. T. J. Green presented the report on Home Missions. Report was adopted as given.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

We feel that perhaps there is as great a need for home missionary work today as ever has been if not greater, owing to the dissatisfied condition of people generally in this time of reconstruction of a war-torn world. It seems that every Christian everywhere should endeavor to bring about peace and satisfaction to all unsatisfied hearts with whom they come in contact, that the kingdoms of this world might become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ.

We commend the Christian Missionary Association and women's missionary societies for their good work and trust they will be of great help and service to their conference and humanity at large.

We have some requests for help on payment for pastor's salary—from Bennett, Shady Grove, and Flint Hill (M). We recommend that \$50 be given to each of these churches when they have paid that much or more.

T. J. GREEN,  
JOHN Q. PUGH,

Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was submitted by Rev. M. A. Pollard. Motion made and seconded to adopt report.

Miss Louise Meebold, missionary to China, was presented and she addressed Conference, telling of her travels and experiences at Shaowu and at Fenchow.

Following Miss Meebold's address the report was adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In the foreign field our mission work has been handicapped greatly because of the havoc of war. In some cases the work ceased and property either destroyed or damaged. It will be necessary to rebuild many of our churches and repair the damaged property of these areas. In many places the missionaries were withdrawn. Where missionaries refused to leave the field, they administered to the natives in the hour of crisis. Many are now in the process of being returned; new recruits are being prepared and the challenge opens to scores of others who will volunteer for the task. Never in the history of our church has the responsibility rested so heavily upon us as followers of Christ to make His ways known to the hearts of men.

The Southern Convention has adopted the "Shaowu, China, Mission as a special project. The women of our Convention gave their Thank Offering this year for this work. This mission becomes more interesting since we have a young couple from the Southern Convention as volunteers for this field. Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Jackson are to be our personal representatives there.

In November, 1942, the Southern Convention began to support a cause known as "War Victims and Services." This is definitely a part of Foreign Missions. Money contributed to this fund goes for "refugees in America, food for children in France, civilian relief in China, relief through English Congregational Christian Churches, refugee work in France and Portugal, aid to refugee pastors, orphaned missions and many other causes." This should have a definite place in our missionary giving. We are glad to note an increased interest among our churches in Foreign Missions. The North Carolina Woman's Missionary Conference has made commendable progress in its work. There was this year a large increase in the missions contribution of our missionary societies. For this we are very thankful. It is high time that we men of the church realize that Foreign Missions is not simply work for our women to do, but is ours as well.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That all missionary agencies in our Conference continue their efforts to increase their contributions to Foreign Missions, and that the men of the church do all that we can to make these contributions as large as possible.
2. That our churches, Sunday schools and organized groups ask the American Board for projects, such as the support of native pastors and students, in foreign fields, for whom they can assume support.
3. That our churches and Sunday schools give emphasis this year to the Shaowu Mission Project.
4. That pastors and churches do all that they can in order to meet the challenge and opportunity born out of the most destructive and costly war of all time.

M. A. POLLARD,  
L. M. PRESNELL,  
*Committee.*

Hymn: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Conference adjourned until Thursday morning at 9:45 A. M.

Benediction by Rev. John Q. Pugh.



## THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

President Cox called the Conference to Order at 9:45 A. M.

Hymns: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," "Blessed Be the Name of Jesus,"

The Cox sisters sang "The Old Rugged Cross."

Rev. P. W. Fisher conducted the Worship Service, using for his theme: "The Place Called Calvary."

Hymn: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory."

Minutes of the previous day were read, corrected and approved.

The following ministers were enrolled: Earl Farrell, J. U. Fogleman, D. R. Moffitt.

Mrs. Tommie Farrell and Talmadge Farrell were enrolled as delegates from Hank's Chapel.

Rev. G. C. Crutchfield reported for the Committee on Ministerial and Church Relations. Report was discussed by Rev. G. C. Crutchfield, Dr. F. C. Lester, Dr. L. E. Smith, Rev. P. W. Fisher, Rev. J. U. Fogleman, Rev. E. C. Brady, and others. After amending two items the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL AND  
CHURCH RELATIONS.

Ties that are formed between a church and its minister are of a high and beautiful nature, and for the most part, long lasting. Therefore, such holy ties should be sought and cultivated. It is this kind of fellowship that our Lord recommended and that St. Paul cherished so much.

We, here in this Western North Carolina Conference of Christian Churches, have a field that is white unto harvest. There has been no material change in the general setup of the churches since last year, and so far as the writer knows there are but three resident ministers in the Conference. However, there are hopeful signs rising throughout the Conference. We commend Pleasant Hill Church for their move in the direction of a parsonage, looking forward to the day when they can enjoy the fellowship of a resident minister. A spirit of progress is in the air. This we hail as a good omen and pray for ultimate success.

We feel that there is a great need in this Conference for a higher degree of ministerial and church pride. In order to make a contribution to a community, the church must win the respect of that community both from the standpoint of outward appearance and inward quality. Such cannot be had when the church bears every mark of no pride or care as to the general appearance of the building or the condition of the grounds. The church is more than a meeting house; it is more than a place where a minister may seek to unload his notions upon a helpless congregation. It is the house of God, a servant of the community, pointing men and women and little children to the Lamb of God. It is a savior to those who are lost in sin. It should be a great source of guidance and inspiration to and in civic affairs.

We make the following recommendations:

## I. To the Minstry—

Since the pastoral office is the highest and most important in the church, and since he who holds this office is, in Scripture, charged with many and various duties, that each pastor first of all be a member of a Christian Church and a member of the Conference in which he labors; that the minister give himself continually to prayer and to the ministry of the Word and always a



student; that the minister comply with all the requests and to execute to the best of his ability all the orders of the Conference. Upon severing relationships with a church as pastor, he respect the rights of his successor, leave the work and go his way. He should never go into the field to conduct marriages and funerals, unless so asked by the present pastor, and then only to assist. He should promote the peace and unity of the church, study its interests, and labor for its prosperity.

## II. To the Churches—

That each church see to it at all times that it has a pastor; that this pastor is duly and orderly elected without friction or malice.

That our churches get away from the annual call and make the call indefinite, and when a change is desired by either party, three months' notice should be given.

The church should faithfully teach the duty of Scriptural giving, that it may provide for the liberal support of the pastor.

When a church is in need of a minister, it should not call one unless he is a recognized minister in good and regular standing with some Conference in our denomination.

We recommend that each church, desiring to do so, celebrate the Lord's Supper, once a month; that the churches observe the ordinances and maintain gospel worship in its purity and simplicity.

G. C. CRUTCHFIELD,  
B. J. EARP,  
P. W. FISHER,

The report on Religious Literature was presented by Rev. J. U. Fogleman. Motion made and seconded to adopt report. Dr. W. T. Scott presented Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, new Field Worker for the Southern Convention, who addressed the Conference. The report was then adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We, your Committee on Religious Literature, realize that in making a report of this kind that we are expected to dwell at length upon the Holy Bible. It is not only the Word of God, but either directly or indirectly it is the only source of religious material for study. One of the cardinal principles governing our church says that it is a "sufficient rule of faith and practice." The Bible was given to us as the Holy Men of God were inspired to write. It is the most mysterious and yet the most simple of all books. It was the psalmist who said it is "a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our pathway." Here we can find out just about all one wishes to know about how to live for God, and with his fellowman.

If one wishes to study, or venture into the realm of the mysterious, he can find plenty of science there. The story of the creation of the world, and the making of man, as well as the story of the birth of our Lord, will bring our best thinking and our faith into play. We will find in it the story of the second birth and the miracles of our Master.

If one cares to read of adventure let him study the lives of Abraham, Isaac, Jonah, Jacob and Paul. If they are lovers of romance let them read of the courtship of Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Rachael, Ruth and Boaz. Also the friendship of Jonathan and David, Ruth and Naomi, and Jesus and His disciples.

To those who wish to become teachers, let them study in the Gospels about Jesus, for he was the Master Teacher. He taught as one having authority. He often remained silent when asked a question, and again would answer one question by asking another. Should one be interested in studying medicine, let them learn of the power of Jesus as the great physician. He never lost a

case. It was by his voice, the touch of his hand, and their faith that the sick were made whole.

If one desires to be forgiving, let them study the story of Jacob and Esau, Joseph and his brethren, Jesus and his enemies, and the attitude of Stephen.

In case you want to learn how to be useful, study the stories of Joseph, Ruth, Peter, Paul; also the life of Jesus, for he was the Master Servant.

It should help one to be a bit more neighborly to study the story of the Good Samaritan.

Then the advice Jesus gave on seeking God's Kingdom, and what to do with ones property as told to the rich young ruler, would help us to know what is most important in life.

If you wish advice on what to do with yourself, study where the Master says, "Come, follow me," "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel."

Certainly there is no other book like this wonderful Masterpiece. Therefore we recommend:

1. That our ministers read it more, for the preacher should know his Bible.
2. That our ministers encourage their members to read and study it more, then practice what it teaches.

3. That all Sunday Schools and Churches use a variety of religious literature published and furnished by our denominational publishing house, The Pilgrim Press, Dayton, Ohio, and 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

4. That everyone be encouraged to subscribe for and read our church magazines, *The Christian Sun*, *The Missionary Herald*, *Advance*, etc.

J. U. FOGLEMAN,

A. L. LUCAS,

*Committee.*

Rev. E. Carl Brady submitted the report on Christian Education and the Ministry. While a motion to adopt report was pending, Dr. L. E. Smith addressed the Conference in behalf of Elon College. At Dr. Smith's request the following persons made short talks: Fred Register, a ministerial student at Elon College; George T. Gunter, Conference secretary; and Cyrus Shoffner, Conference treasurer, and also a member of the Board of Trustees of Elon College.

The report was discussed by Dr. F. C. Lester, Dr. W. T. Scott, and then adopted as presented.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND THE MINISTRY.

Christian Education is the effort of the followers of Christ to make other people Christian. All recognize the great need for this kind of endeavor. Christ beheld the fields so white unto harvest. Garnering this harvest was of tremendous concern to him. It was for this cause that He dedicated His life. It was for this cause that He died.

The disciples were sent to make Christians in their program of Christian education or kingdom enlistment. Their efforts bore fruits in the infant church. Down through the ages the effectiveness of the program of the church can be measured by its interest in Christian education.

Today the church militant makes its influence felt through the Sunday School, the Pilgrim Fellowship and Christian Endeavor Societies, the Teacher Training Institutes, Summer Camps, Church Service, etc

Our Sunday School Convention met at Pleasant Grove in July. Only a few of the ministers were present. Rev. B. J. Earp, the president, had planned an interesting program. Several phases of the work of the Sunday Schools and the churches were discussed. It is hard to understand how we may expect the most from our Sunday Schools unless we give more time and place greater

emphasis upon our Sunday School Convention. We urge all pastors and all Sunday Schools to support the Sunday School Convention and push its program.

Elon College plays a vital part in our Christian education program. To do without her would be impossible. She plans to broaden the scope of her usefulness. She deserves a chance at our children and support of our purses. We have voted to support her in her financial drives and this we should do. We urge the constituency of our churches to realize the need of Elon College in attempting to meet the requirements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and if possible make donations or pledges on the Memorial Foundation by December 1, 1946.

Brother Fred Register, a senior at Elon College, a licentiate and pastor of Wake Chapel Church for two years, now has been recommended by Wake Chapel for ordination. After due consideration the committee recommends his ordination at the completion of his college course in May of next year, and that the president of the Conference appoint an ordaining presbytery to conduct this service at Grace's Chapel.

Mart Fogleman of the Pleasant Hill Church has pursued studies at Sylvan High School, Snow Camp, N. C., during the past year. He is now pursuing courses of study at Elon. He wishes to continue as a member of the Biblical Class. We so recommend.

Rev. Kenneth Register wishes a letter of transfer to the North Carolina and Virginia Conference. We recommend that this letter be granted.

Sister Pauline Winslow did not report to the committee.

Brother Roy Harper of the Albemarle Church has asked for local Conference license to preach. After due consideration we recommend his admittance to the Biblical class and that he pursue a course of study prescribed by the committee and report one year hence.

E. C. BRADY,  
M. A. POLLARD,  
J. Q. PUGH,  
T. J. GREEN,  
G. C. CRUTCHFIELD,  
*Committee.*

Conference adjourned for lunch.

Dr. L. E. Smith pronounced the benediction.

## THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order at 1:35 P. M. by the president.

Hymn: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Devotional service was conducted by Rev. Fred P. Register.

Hymn: "Onward Christian Soldiers."

The report of the Executive Committee was given by Rev. M. A. Pollard. The report was amended (Item No. 2) and then adopted as read.

### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

1. We selected Smithwood as the place for this session of Conference.
2. At the request of our High Point Church we granted them permission to secure a loan of \$1,000 (from Congregational Building Society) to cover the cost of installing a heating plant.
3. We recommend that we secure a duplicate of our former seal.
4. In regard to the difficult situation in some of our churches, we are happy to report that so far our efforts have been successful. There are many



other things yet to be done. We pray for the patience and cooperation of all, and for guidance of the Spirit that this scism may eventually be healed and our churches united in Christ again.

H. V. COX,  
M. A. POLLARD,  
T. J. GREEN,  
CYRUS SHOFFNER,  
GEO. T. GUNTER,

Rev. D. R. Moffitt gave the report on Superannuation.  
The report was adopted as read.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

It is the obligation of our churches and our conference to assist in a financial way our retired ministers and their widows who have given their time and service to preaching the Gospel that this world might be a better place in which to live. This is one way we can express our appreciation and regard for the services they have rendered.

We recommend that our churches take an offering at Christmas, also at Communion Services through the year, for this purpose.

We also recommend that Mrs. T. E. White and Dr. G. O. Lankford share in this assistance; that the name of Rev. T. J. Green be added to the list.

D. R. MOFFITT,  
B. H. LOWDERMILK,  
*Committee.*

The report on Sunday Schools and Pilgrim Fellowship was made by Rev. W. T. Madren. After discussion by Rev. W. T. Madren, the report was adopted.

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP.

I—The Sunday School has a two-fold task. It is the educational unit of the church, and it is the most effective recruiting office of the church. More specifically, its task is to bring new members into the church and instruct them in the Christian way of life by interpreting the teachings found in the Holy Scriptures. This is a tremendous task.

With this purpose in mind the Sunday Schools of the Western North Carolina Conference met at the Pleasant Grove Church to study the ways in which our Sunday Schools could more effectively witness for Christ. The following recommendations are based upon the needs discovered at that convention and upon the recommendations made.

1. That a greater effort be made to increase our attendance and that each Sunday School set as its goal an enrollment equivalent to that of the church.

2. That every school use our denominational literature.

3. That something be done to lift the standard of our Sunday School teachers.

4. That our Sunday Schools support our Summer Training camps by sending representatives to the designated camps for our conference.

5. That wherever possible additional training schools be provided for our children (such as Vacation Bible Schools).

II—The Pilgrim Fellowship is an over-all name for the youth organizations of the Congregational Christian Churches. All the youth of the church between the ages of 12-24 make up the Pilgrim Fellowship. It is not a separate organization in competition with the other youth groups, it rather embodies them into one name.

During the war the Pilgrim Fellowship became almost inactive. This, of course, was the result of drafting of our youth for armed service. However, the Pilgrim Fellowship is much alive again throughout the church.



The Pilgrim Fellowship of this Conference is now sponsoring a program which will seek to help the groups of young people in the local churches become more closely bound together and thus share in Christian projects larger than any local group could attempt alone. The Pilgrim Fellowship in this Conference now seeks to organize new youth groups in every church where there is none, and to revive those groups already organized. At a recent meeting at Smithwood Church the young people conceived the idea of sending out "teams" wherever they are *invited* to help organize and inspire youth groups. The following recommendations are based upon the needs recognized by the Pilgrim Fellowship rally and convention:

1. That new emphasis be placed upon the organization of youth groups and that a youth group in addition to the Sunday School class be formed in every church. (See the Pilgrim Fellowship chairman.)
2. That the youth in their larger program cooperate with the Pilgrim Fellowship of the Southern Convention.
3. That at least one copy of the *Pilgrim Highway* be available for each young people's group.

W. T. MADREN,  
KENNETH REGISTER,  
THOS. B. LOWE,  
GEO. T. GUNTER,

Address: "Our Orphanage"—Superintendent Chas. D. Johnston.

Rev. T. J. Green presented the report of the Committee on Memoirs. Special tributes were paid to the deceased Brethren by Rev. T. J. Green. The secretary was instructed to send copies of the report to families of the deceased. The report was adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

Since the meeting of our last annual Conference two of our members have passed from their labors to eternal rewards—Rev. Brother W. J. Edwards, our neighbor and co-worker, and Brother O. D. Lawrence, Layman, Deacon and member for many years as Treaseurer of this Confernece until his health failed and rendered him unable to attend.

We miss them from our presence and pray God's blessings and comfort upon their loved ones, and we, as co-laborers with these Brethren, bow in humble obedience to God's Holy and righteous will, realizing that He doeth all things well.

T. J. GREEN,  
E. C. BRADY,  
MRS. E. P. BOROUGHS,

Conference treasurer, Cyrus Shoffner, made his annual report, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

#### REPORT OF TREASURER.

Balance in Treasury, November 8, 1945 .....	\$ 801.56
Collected from November 8, 1945, to November 1, 1946 .....	149.00
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#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Dr. Frank H. Lewis—travel expense .....	\$ 10.00
Miss Laura D. Ward—travel expense .....	10.00
Rev. J. Frank Morgan—travel expense .....	10.00
George Albright—Home Missions, High Point Church .....	100.00
George T. Gunter, Secretary—salary and postage .....	33.00
North Carolina Council of Churches .....	50.00
Rev. B. J. Earp—Home Missions, Albemarle Church .....	100.00

Rev. H. V. Cox—Home Missions, Bennett, Shady Grove, Flint Hill (M) .....	125.00
George T. Gunter, Secretary—postage .....	3.70
Rev. W. J. Andes—for ANNUALS .....	86.40
Rev. H. V. Cox—Home Missions, Flint Hill (M) .....	25.00
Cyrus Shoffner, Treasurer—salary .....	5.00
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Balance in Treasury, November 6, 1946 .....	\$ 392.46
Collected at Conference, November 6-7, 1946 .....	422.89

Balance in Treasury November 7, 1946 .....	\$ 815.35
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CYRUS SHOFFNER, *Treasurer*.

Rev. W. T. Madren reported for the Finance Committee. Report of the Finance Committee was adopted. Treasurer's report was adopted.

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee, have examined the Treasurer's books and find the same balance.

We recommend:

1. That \$10.00 be paid to Dr. John G. Truitt and \$10.00 to Miss Louise Meebold.

2. That \$75.00 be paid to the North Carolina Council of Churches.

3. That the needed amount be appropriated for the ANNUALS.

4. That \$35.00 be paid to the Secretary for his services, plus necessary expenses.

5. That \$10.00 be paid to the Treasurer for salary and such other expense incurred by Conference.

W. T. MADREN,  
PARK W. FISHER,  
A. L. LUCAS,

*Committee.*

Report of Committee on Place was read by Rev. A. L. Lucas and adopted as presented.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

We, your Committee on Place, have received invitations from the following churches: Albemarle, Pleasant Union, and Hank's Chapel. After due consideration we recommend that the next session of Conference meet with our Albemarle Church.

B. H. LOWDERMILK,  
A. L. LUCAS,

Rev. B. J. Earp submitted the report of the Committee on Resolutions. Said report was adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, rejoice with you that this has been a good session of Conference. We rejoice in the accomplishments attained. We urge our people not to neglect the study of God's word and prayer. With the psalmist we admonish you to "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord."

We recommend:

1. That we emphasize world-wide brotherhood and Christian fellowship in our homes as well as our churches and love one another as Christ also loved us.

2. That we encourage our young people and children to practice Christian stewardship, give to missions and attend faithfully the worship services of their church.

3. That our churches and members support the Convention's program to raise \$10,000 a year for the support of our mission in Shaowu, China, and \$10,000 a year for starting and building new churches within the Southern Convention, and that we endorse the Mission Board's plan for the use of "The Cent-A-Day" per member as an "Over and Above" gift for these purposes. That our churches and members support the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction and that we raise our share of the Convention's goal of \$7,000 per year for this purpose through the "Sacrificial Giving Plan" and by special offerings.

4. That we endorse the work of the Convention's committees on Spiritual Life, Evangelism and Stewardship.

5. That we, as a Conference, express our sincere thanks to Dr. John G. Truitt, Dr. W. T. Scott, Dr. L. E. Smith, Rev. W. Millard Stevens, Miss Louise Meebold, Miss Elizabeth Chicoine for their fine and timely addresses so full of inspiration for all of us.

6. That we commend the churches that have raised their apportionments in full for this act of faithfulness; and that all churches that have not raised their entire apportionments be contacted immediately and urged to send in their apportionments to the Conference Treasurer.

7. That by a rising vote we express our sincere thanks to the pastor and members of Smithwood Church for their Christian fellowship, bountiful meals and hospitality shown the delegates, visitors, and ministers of this Conference.

BEN JOE EARP,  
G. C. CRUTCHFIELD,  
CYRUS SHOFFNER,

*Committee.*

A rising vote of thanks was given to Smithwood Church for entertaining this session of Conference.

Cyrus Shoffner, at the written request of Rev. Ernest J. Arnold, made a plea for the North Carolina Council of Churches.

Rev. G. C. Crutchfield and Cyrus Shoffner were elected as our representatives to the North Carolina Council of Churches.

Motion made and carried that our Minutes be printed in the ANNUAL and that we get 150 copies of the ANNUAL for pro rata distribution.

Rev. G. C. Crutchfield spoke about the importance of grouping our churches and moved that the Executive Committee be instructed to make contacts with rural and urban churches, not grouped, with the idea of forming pastorates; the committee to work with Dr. W. T. Scott and report to the next session of Conference. Motion carried.

Motion made and carried that the secretary complete the Minutes with the approval of the Executive Committee.

The president announced Standing Committees for the next year as follows:

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Executive*—H. V. Cox, G. O. Lankford, T. J. Green, M. A. Pollard, Cyrus Shoffner, George T. Gunter, W. H. Freeman.

*Home Missions*—John Q. Pugh, T. J. Green, B. C. Routh.

*Foreign Missions*—M. A. Pollard, F. C. Lester, Mrs. E. P. Borough.

*Christian Education and the Ministry*—E. Carl Brady, John Q. Pugh, F. C. Lester.

*Religious Literature*—J. U. Fogleman, A. L. Lucas, Arthur Cox.

*Superannuation*—D. R. Moffitt, B. H. Lowdermilk, Thomas B. Lowe.

*Home Missions*—John Q. Pugh, T. . Green, B. C. Routh.

*Stewardship and Apportionment*—B. J. Earp, A. L. Lucas, A. P. Gaster.

*Moral Reform*—L. M. Presnell, P. W. Fisher, W. R. Jones.

*Ministerial and Church Relations*—G. C. Crutchfield, B. J. Earp, Mrs. Troy Hall

*Program*—H. V. Cox, T. J. Green, George T. Gunter.

*Sunday Schools and Pilgrim Fellowship*—W. T. Madren, Thomas Lowe, E. Carl Brady.

By motion the Conference adjourned to meet with Albemarle Church on Wednesday after the first Sunday in November, 1947, at 10:00 A. M.

H. V. COX, *President*.

GEO. T. GUNTER, *Secretary*.

#### MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

*E. Carl Brady*—Churches served past year, Mt. Pleasant, Spoon's Chapel; field for next year, Union Grove and Spoon's Chapel. Not devoting full time to ministry; other activities, teaching; not a member of the Annuity Fund; sermons preached, 40; members received, 1; weddings performed, 1; conversions, 10; baptisms, 1; funerals, 3.

*H. V. Cox*—Churches served past year, Bennett, Sophia, Flint Hill (M), Shady Grove, Ether; field for next year, Bennett, Flint Hill (M), Shady Grove, Ether; devoting full time to ministry; sermons preached, 102; members received, 4; prayer meetings held, several; weddings performed, 2; conversions, several; baptisms, 4; funerals, 4; salary received from churches, \$1,333.

*G. C. Crutchfield*—Churches served past year, High Point; field for next year, High Point, Sophia, Flint Hill (R); devoting full time to ministry; not a members Annuity Fund; sermons preached, 140; members received, 12; prayer meetings held, several; weddings, 10; conversions, 6; baptisms, 4; addresses, 8; funerals, 6; salary received from church \$1,300.

*Ben Joe Earp*—Churches served past year, Albemarle; field for next year, Albemarle; devoting full time to ministry; a member of Annuity Fund; sermons preached, 96; members received, 4; prayer meetings held, 47; weddings, 8; conversions, 3; baptisms, 6; addresses, 10; funerals, 4; salary received from churches, \$2,000.

*Earl Farrell*—Churches served past year, Haw River; field for next year, Haw River; devoting full time to ministry; not a member of Annuity Fund; sermons preached, 70; members received, 6; prayer meetings, 2; weddings, 2; baptisms, 3; conversions, several; funerals several; salary received from churches, \$1,200.

*Park W. Fisher*—Churches served past year, Providence Chapel; field for next year, Providence Chapel, Mt. Pleasant; not devoting full time to ministry; other activities, craft shop; member of Annuity Fund; sermons preached, 12; members received, unknown; salary received from churches, \$134.



- James U. Fogleman*—Churches served past year, Pleasant Cross; field for next year, Pleasant Cross; not devoting all of time to ministry; other activities, public work; sermons preached, 35; members received, none; prayer meetings, none; weddings, none; conversions, 1; baptisms, none; addresses, none; salary received from churches, \$319.
- T. J. Green*—Retired; sermons preached, 20; weddings, 3.
- G. O. Lankford*—Retired; sermons preached, 4; weddings, 5; baptisms, 1; addresses, 9; funerals, 4.
- B. H. Lowdermilk*—Churches served past year, Pleasant Union; field for next year, Pleasant Union, Randleman, Bailey's Grove; devoting full time to ministry; not a member of Annuity Fund; sermons preached, 112; members received, 3; prayer meetings, 10; weddings, 8; conversions, 10; addresses, 5; funerals, 15; salary from churches, \$1,162.
- A. L. Lucas*—Churches served past year, Beacon Community Church; field for next year, Beacon Church; not devoting full time to ministry; other activities, nursery; sermons preached, 60; members received, 4; weddings, 8; prayer meetings, 40; conversions, 7; baptisms, 3; addresses, 5; funerals, 9; salary received from churches, \$400.
- Weldon T. Madren*—Churches served past year, Pleasant Ridge (R), Pleasant Hill, Liberty, Smithwood; field for next year, Pleasant Ridge; not devoting full time to ministry; other activities, student; not a member of Annuity Fund; sermons preached, 121; members received, 5; prayer meetings, several; weddings, 4; conversions, 8; baptisms, 5; addresses, 2; funerals, 9.
- D. R. Moffett*—Sermons preached, 12.
- M. A. Pollard*—Palm Street, Greensboro, Supply at Mt. Bethel; field for next year, Palm Street, Greensboro; devoting full time to ministry; not a member of Annuity Fund; sermons preached, 154; members received, 27; prayer meetings, 109; weddings, 9; conversions, 27; baptisms, 27; addresses, 11; funerals, 15; salary received from churches, \$2,560.
- Lacy M. Pressnell*—Churches served last year, Seagrove, Needhams Grove, Pleasant Grove; field for next year, Seagrove, Pleasant Grove; not devoting full time to ministry; not a member of Annuity Fund; sermons preached, 126; members received, 24; prayer meetings held, several; weddings, 2; conversions, 36; baptisms, 20; addresses, 2; funerals, 17; salary from churches, \$1,187.
- John Q. Pugh*—Churches served past year, Union Grove, New Center, Brown's Chapel, Big Oak; field for next year, New Center, Brown's Chapel, Big Oak; not devoting full time to ministry; other activities, farmer and mill worker; not a member of Annuity Fund; sermons preached, 105; members received, 9; weddings, 1; conversions, 22; baptisms, 6; addresses, 3; funerals, 7; salary received from churches, \$733.
- Kenneth D. Register*—Churches served past year, Union (N. C.); field for next year, Union (N. C.); devoting full time to ministry; not a member of annuity fund; sermons preached, 64; members received, 11; prayer meetings, none; weddings, 8; conversions, 14; baptisms, 9; addresses, 3; funerals, 8; salary received from churches, \$2,000.
- Fred P. Register*—Churches served past year, Wake Chapel; field for next year, Wake Chapel; not devoting full time to ministry; other activities, student; not a member of Annuity Fund; sermons preached, 36; members received, 33; conversions, 19; baptisms, 18; salary received from churches, \$700.

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## TUESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The One Hundred Twenty-First Annual Session of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met with Union Christian Church, Alamance County, N. C., on November 12, 1946, and was called to order at 10:00 A. M., by the President, Rev. Joe A. French.

Rev. J. L. Neese led the Conference in singing, "Come Thou Almighty King."

Rev. Kenneth Register, pastor of the host church spoke words of welcome, and led the opening prayer.

The roll call of ministers and churches showed a quorum present. The complete enrollment showed twenty ministers, three licentiates, one hundred and four delegates representing thirty-six of the forty-six churches of the Conference, and eighty-nine visitors.

### ENROLLMENT.

*Ministers*—Revs. W. J. Andes, D. J. Bowden, Ellis N. Clark, H. R. Clem, J. H. Dollar, Earl Farrell, Joe A. French, W. Walter Hall, Stanley C. Harrell, C. Shannon Morgan, Bernard V. Munger, J. L. Neese, C. E. Newman, Kenneth Register, H. Shelton Smith, W. W. Snyder, W. W. Stevens, Aubrey C. Todd, W. E. Wisseman, and Ferris E. Reynolds.

*Licentiates*—Revs. Allen L. Hurdle, L. P. Rippy, and Mack V. Welch.

### *Churches and Delegates.*

*Apple's Chapel*—Mrs. J. W. Payne, Miss Mary Thomas, Mrs. Hepsie Brown, C. C. Whitesell.

*Asheville*—By Letter.

*Belew Creek*—By Letter.

*Berea*—Mrs. W. S. Franks, Mrs. W. L. Iseley.

*Bethel*—Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. King, Mrs. R. A. Hooper, L. M. Pettigrew.

*Bethlehem*—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wilkins, Mrs. Sam E. Ward, Horace Lee.

- Burlington*—Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sellars, Miss Sadie V. Fonville, R. W. Morton.
- Carolina*—Mrs. E. R. Dickey, Miss Betty Lou Councilman, Mrs. Joe Murray.
- Concord*—Miss Nellie Tate, J. T. Allred.
- Danville*—P. H. Ricketts.
- Durham*—C. E. Young, Mrs. Arnis Glenn, Mrs. W. H. Boone, Miss Mozelle Young.
- Elk Spur*—Miss Hattie Strickland, Miss Rose Hawks.
- Elon College*—J. C. McAdams, Miss W. P. Lawrence, George D. Colclough, Chas. D. Johnston.
- Gibsonville*—By Letter.
- Graham, Providence Memorial*—Mrs. O. J. Stuckey, Mrs. W. H. Holt.
- Greensboro, First Church*—Miss Melva Foster, Mrs. Basil Cox, Mrs. S. E. Foster, Mrs. L. O. Truitt.
- Greensboro, Palm Street*—Mrs. Pearlie Hall, Mrs. W. F. Worsham, Mrs. W. E. Hinshaw.
- Happy Home*—Mrs. G. D. Ellington, Mrs. William Ward, Mrs. Lillie Lawrence, J. P. Owen.
- Haw River*—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Murray, W. M. Goss.
- Hebron*—By Letter.
- Hines Chapel*—Mrs. R. W. Iseley, Mrs. R. G. Wyrick, Miss Wilma Carter, Mrs. H. S. Lowe.
- Hopedale*—No Report.
- Howard's Chapel*—No Report.
- Ingram*—G. I. Satterfield, Mrs. C. L. Adams, Mrs. L. E. Carlton.
- Ivy Hill*—No Report.
- Kallam Grove*—I. G. Fuqua, D. I. Joyner.
- Lebanon*—Maynard Wells, Thomas W. Scott.
- Liberty*—Mr. and Mrs. Y. A. Bray, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Owen.
- Long's Chapel*—Miss Marjorie Warren, Mrs. J. I. Chandler.
- Lynchburg*—W. T. Dunn.
- Mebane*—Miss Lillie Fowler.
- Monticello*—Mrs. F. S. Faucette, J. E. Cumbie.
- Mt. Bethel*—Norman Gowley, Mrs. L. P. Rippy.
- Mt. Zion*—Gattis Carden, Zeb H. Lynch, Mrs. Will Tate, Miss Hattie Lynch.
- New Lebanon*—Mrs. J. I. Sharpe, Mrs. R. E. McCollum.
- Pfafftown*—Mrs. H. O. Cline, Mrs. Geneva Franklin.
- Pleasant Grove*—Mrs. G. C. Talbert, Mrs. F. I. McDowell.
- Pleasant Ridge*—By Letter.
- Reidsville*—Mrs. Carrie Fields, Mrs. D. E. Mitchell, Mrs. Clifton Stanley, Mrs. C. W. Gerringer.
- Rocky Ford*—By Letter.
- Salem Chapel*—Miss Frankye Marshall.

*Shallow Ford*—Mrs. R. S. Crawford, Mrs. C. T. Iseley, Miss Ethel M. Barber, R. B. Hensley.

*Tryon, Erskine Memorial*—By Letter.

*Union, N. C.*—A. T. Hart, David O. Barker, W. J. Pace, Mrs. Mollie Graham.

*Union, Va.*—Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pollard, Mrs. T. W. Chandler, Mrs. Nannie Royster.

*Winston-Salem*—Mrs. J. E. Brown, Mrs. S. R. Peebles.

Rev. W. J. Andes presented the printed program as the official order of business.

It was moved and carried that the printed program be adopted as the order of business for this session of Conference, subject to such changes as Conference may elect to make.

The following visitors were presented to Conference: Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Scott, Miss Louise Meebold, Mr. John S. Graves, Rev. M. A. Pollard, Rev. Kenneth Register, Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, Mrs. Dorothy Carson, Rev. Fred Eutsler, Rev. A. G. Ritchie, Rev. H. A. Gleason, Jr., Rev. A. C. Todd, Dr. John G. Truitt, Dr. W. B. O'Neill, Rev. H. E. Crutchfield, Rev. G. C. Crutchfield, Rev. Earl Farrell, Rev. Ernest J. Arnold, Dr. L. E. Smith, Rev. and Mrs. D. P. Barrett, Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, and Mrs. Dorothy Carson.

It was moved and carried that the visitors be seated as deliberative members of Conference.

The report of the Executive Committee was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Executive Committee, have transacted the following business for the Conference:

Dr. Merton French, elected vice-president of the Conference at the last session, moved outside the bounds of the Conference, and submitted his resignation as vice-president. It was voted to accept the resignation of Dr. French.

Rev. W. J. Andes was elected to fill the unexpired part of the term of Dr. French as vice-president, by vote of the two remaining members of the Executive Committee.

It was voted by the Executive Committee to accept the invitation of the Union Christian Church, to hold this session of Conference with the Union Church.

Respectfully submitted,

JOE A. FRENCH,

W. J. ANDES,

STANLEY C. HARRELL,

*Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the Report of the Executive Committee be adopted.



The President appointed the following Special Committees:

*Press*—W. T. Scott, Percy Ricketts, Mrs. O. H. Paris, John Graves, George D. Colclough.

*Collectors*—Zeb H. Lynch, L. P. Rippy for Conference Fund; Mrs. Dorothy Carson for Convention Funds.

*Resolutions*—Miss Frankye Marshall, Mrs. D. M. Estes, Mrs. J. E. Brown.

*Finance*—Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, W. T. Dunn, Miss Vera Gerringer.

*Nominations*—Bernard V. Munger, Mrs. J. W. Faucette, J. E. Cumbie, Mrs. Lessie Lee Aldridge.

*Place of Meeting*—Mrs. Carrie Fields, Mrs. G. D. Ellington.

The Report of the Committee on Memoirs was called for.

The Secretary brought the greetings of Rev. J. S. Carden, chairman of the Committee and stated that because of physical weakness Brother Carden was unable to attend the Conference or to prepare the Report on Memoirs. The President appointed Rev. Ellis N. Clark and Dr. C. E. Newman to serve as the Committee on Memoirs and to report later in the session.

The Report of the Historian was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE HISTORIAN.

As early as 1796 religious services were held here at Union Meeting House. The first building was a log house. All ministers who believed in Jesus Christ and Him crucified and believed in the Trinity were privileged to preach here. Episcopalian, Methodist, Baptist and Christian held services at will. In 1826 it was decided to replace the log building with a frame house. The Christians at this time seemed to be the stronger body, and in 1827 erected a large frame building, which was remodded and enlarged in 1852. In 1908 this was torn down and the present building took its place. About 1920 the log cabin was built in the rear of the church for Sunday School and other organizations, as well as for community activities. In 1939 the beautiful parsonage with modern equipment was completed. The names of early pastors are known only in part. Among these were Reverends Thomas Reeves, George Walker, Daniel Kerr, Jesse Cole, James Turner, A. G. Anderson, and Isaac N. Walters. From 1861 pastors were Reverends R. G. Tinner, E. W. Beale, W. S. Long, A. Isley, W. T. Herndon, P. H. Fleming, W. C. Wicker, C. C. Peel, J. W. Holt, W. L. Wells, W. M. Stevens, A. Greig Ritchie, and Kenneth Register, the present pastor.

Eleven sessions of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference have convened with this church in the following years: 1828, 1842, 1846, 1850, 1852, 1859, 1883, 1905, 1916, 1933, and 1946. Possibly there was another session as there are no records of sessions from 1860-1870. The body here in session in 1828 was known as the General Meeting, and this church as Union Meeting House, later changed in name to Union Chapel. At this conference ministers were assigned to circuits. There was no town church. Rev. Lewis Craven was sent to the Dan River Circuit and in 1830 organized Union, Va.

Conference again met here in 1842 and began to make a real history for the church. Rev. T. W. Fowler offered a motion, that was carried, to publish a paper to be known as *The Christian Sun*. A committee of twelve was elected to be known as the Southern Publishing Company, with authority to secure subscribers, to decide the place of publication and elect an editor. The first meeting of the committee was held in May, 1843. Thomas J. Lynch was made chairman and D. W. Kerr, editor, both of Orange County, North Carolina.

In 1843 this Conference had thirty churches. Apples Chapel, Union Chapel, and Pope's Chapel were the only churches with one hundred members.

In 1846 at this place the Southern Christian Association was started, to be composed of delegates from all the conferences of the South. At Pope's Chapel in 1847 the Conference transferred *The Christian Sun* to this Association. In 1849 to the Conference in session at Hank's Chapel a letter was read from this church, Union Alamance, concerning the establishment of an institute at Graham, N. C. So from history we learn that three great institutions of the church had their beginning here at this church, namely: *The Christian Sun*, The Southern Christian Convention and Elon College.

In 1852 the session was well attended. A committee was appointed to draft rules for the conference sessions. Churches were asked to have a bound book in which to keep their records. The Committee on Education reported the progress of Graham Institute. An agent was elected to solicit funds and five trustees appointed. The other conferences were asked to elect trustees as their representatives entitled them. A committee was also appointed to place a marker at the grave of James O'Kelly.

In the 1852 session, two churches from Tennessee were received. Graham Institute was reported prospering.

A committee was appointed to place a monument at the grave of Lewis Craven. This has never been done. Ministers were urged to present the cause of missions to their churches. Rev. Alfred Isley was asked to collect material for the life of James O'Kelly. Here in 1852 the first missionary society was organized, known as the Home Mission Society.

In 1859 at Union Chapel twenty-five ministers and licentiates and one hundred and fifty delegates were present. The churches in Tennessee and Eastern Virginia were a part of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference. Later both Tennessee and Eastern Virginia organized separate conferences. Five new churches were received. Editor Kerr was commended for the manner in which he had refuted the charges brought against the Christian Church of being Unitarian in doctrine: a doctrine to which the Church in the South has never held. Charles Graham reported relative to education that by a recent act of Legislature of North Carolina, the Charter of Graham Institute was amended to make it a college to give university degrees. The institution was prospering, a large new building was nearing completion. An agent was appointed to raise an endowment fund.

C. E. NEWMAN, *Historian*.

It was moved and carried that the Report of the Historian be received and made a part of the minutes.

The Report of the Treasurer was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

##### RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, November 8, 1945 .....	\$1,465.27
Received from Collectors .....	768.00
Received from Rocky Ford .....	12.00
Received from Mattie Cox Parker .....	103.00
Received from Happy Home Church, October 26, 1946 ..	27.00
Received from Greensboro, First, October 26, 1946 .....	76.00
Received from Mt. Bethel Church, October 26, 1946 .....	11.00
Received from Lynchburg Church, October 20, 1946 .....	21.00
Interest .....	15.49
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	\$2,498.76

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Draft No. 175—Travel Expenses .....	\$ 20.00	
Draft No. 176—North Carolina Council of Churches .....	100.00	
Draft No. 177—Programs .....	17.50	
Draft No. 178—Virginia Council of Churches .....	35.00	
Draft No. 179—W. J. Andes, Expenses .....	3.00	
Draft No. 180—Secretarial Work and Expenses .....	60.00	
Draft No. 181—Ministerial Scholarship Fund .....	250.00	
Draft No. 182—C. M. A. ....	300.00	
Draft No. 183—225 ANNUALS and Postage .....	135.00	
		<hr/> 920.50
Balance in Treasury, November 7, 1946 .....		\$1,578.26

## EXPLANATION OF BALANCE.

Ministerial Loan Fund 1944-45 .....	\$487.50	
Interest 1945-46 .....	9.75	
	<hr/> \$ 497.25	
New Hope Church sale .....	\$180.00	
Interest 1945-46 .....	3.60	
	<hr/> 183.60	
		<hr/> 680.85
Balance for Conference Fund .....		\$ 897.41

W. WALDO BOONE, *Treasurer*.

It was moved and carried that the Report of the Treasurer be received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was presented by the Chairman, Rev. W. J. Andes, as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Little has been done this year by this Committee, except through individual efforts. Emphasis has been given to foreign missions through *The Christian Sun*, youth meetings, summer camps, and other meetings.

Last May, many from our Conference attended the commissioning service of Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Jackson and of Miss Frances Whitaker at the Southern Convention in Waverly, Va. There, the first \$10,000 was placed on the altar for the reopening of the Shaowu Mission in China. Since then, Miss Whitaker has gone to China and the Jacksons are ready to leave as soon as transportation can be arranged. A doctor is still needed for the staff at Shaowu. Our constant giving of at least \$10,000 annually is necessary, and to get the Mission really open and going we shall need \$15,000. This Shaowu Mission is part of our "Over and Above" program for this year. The women are doing nicely with their Thank Offering for this cause, and the church as a whole should be urged to get behind this cause.

The Reidsville Church now has commissioned three people to represent them on foreign fields: Rev. and Mrs. Robert C. H. Mueller, who are going to India, and Miss Harriett Summerville who is working in Africa. Other churches are supporting native missionaries.

We urge the use of slides and movies to further the cause of missions around the world. We urge our Mission Board to publish constantly pictures in *The Christian Sun* of our work in Shaowu and other places of interest.

Let us pledge our cooperation to the Mission Board in this year of special emphasis on Foreign Missions in Shaowu, China.

W. J. ANDES,  
MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN,  
PERCY RICKETTS,  
CLYDE FIELDS,  
R. S. CRAWFORD,  
*Committee.*

It was moved and seconded that the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions be adopted.

Pending the vote on the motion to adopt, Dr. W. T. Scott spoke of the life and work of those who represent the Southern Convention as missionaries to China.

Mrs. W. T. Scott emphasized the importance of giving adequate financial support to these workers.

Dr. Scott introduced Miss Louise Meebold, an American Board missionary to China, who spoke on the theme: "Christ for China."

Rev. Frederick B. Eutsler discussed, "Our Suffering and Needy World," giving special emphasis to the work for War Victims and Reconstruction.

It was voted to adopt the Report on Foreign Missions.

The Morning Devotional was conducted by Rev. W. Millard Stevens, who used the subject: "Self and Talents for Christ."

Mr. Stevens closed the morning session with thanks for the mid-day meal, and pronounced the Benediction.

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### FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference reassembled at 1:30.

The Report of the Committee on Evangelism was presented by the Chairman, Rev. M. A. Pollard. The Report carried the following Recommendations:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

We respectfully call to your attention the actions of the Southern Convention at its session at Waverly, Va., in 1946, when a Committee on Spiritual Life was created "to promote private and family devotions, Bible reading, prayer, and personal Christian commitment; to promote church attendance and church worship; to attempt to lay upon the hearts of the church members the necessity for more active allegiance to Jesus Christ." We consider this a forward step for our churches of this Conference, and we ask that the churches and pastors of the Conference seek to follow these recommendations, for there is no other way to an effective Christian life.

The Southern Convention also commissioned its Committee on Evangelism, under the impetus and in the spirit of this new spiritual life movement, to launch a program of Evangelism to intensify our growth as a church. The Committee on Evangelism has requested that the North Carolina and Virginia Conference set as a minimum goal 850 new members added to our churches for each conference year during the biennium. This seems to be a small number for our churches to win for Christ and His Church during the whole year, yet if we will examine our records for last year—1944-45—we should be made



uncomfortable by our record of only 390 total received by all the churches of this Conference during the whole year! During that same year we lost a total of 413 members! During the previous year, 1943-44, we received only 394 new members, and we lost 478! Are 800 new members won for Christ and His Church in a year too many for us to win? Your Committee thinks not, if we are in earnest about our discipleship and witness. Therefore, we urgently request each church to set itself in order spiritually and win followers to Christ and His Church—at least 800 in the Conference. We are under commission to do this as His disciples.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. POLLARD, *Chairman,*

M. T. SORRELL,

MACK V. WELCH,

J. HOWARD SMITH,

*Committee.*

It was moved and seconded that the Report on Evangelism be adopted.

Pending the vote on the motion to adopt, Dr. John G. Truitt addressed the Conference on: "The Spirit of Christ in Evangelism."

By vote the Report on Evangelism was adopted.

Mrs. W. E. Wisseman reported on the program of the North Carolina Council of Churches.

Rev. Ernest J. Arnold, Executive Secretary of the Council of Churches, stressed the need for the services which the Council is seeking to render.

Rev. W. Millard Stevens reported for the Board of Home Missions as follows:

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board has conducted two meetings during the past year in connection with the officers of the C. M. A. Grants of aid were provided for the entire year to the Winston-Salem Church and to the Providence Church of Graham. Aid was also given to the Long's Chapel Church through September, at which time this was discontinued because the pastor accepted a position as teacher in the public schools.

We are glad to report that insofar as we are able to determine, most of our rural churches are now grouped in suitable pastorates. It is our earnest hope that these groupings will continue to work satisfactorily. We are deeply concerned about the establishment of new churches within the area of this Conference, and it is our hope that something can be accomplished in this relationship during the coming year.

We present the following recommendations:

1. That \$2,000 be set as the minimum salary for each minister giving his full time to his church work. If the churches find it impossible to meet this minimum, the Board of Home Missions will be glad to attempt to find some resources to supplement the minister's salary. We recognize that without adequate compensation our ministers will be under undue pressure to accept higher salaries outside the Conference area.

2. That each pastorate should have a parsonage or pay the rent of its minister. Each pastorate should take immediate steps to provide such a parsonage or to arrange for the payment of the rent of its minister, if they are not already doing so.

3. That all churches desiring aid from the Southern Convention Mission Board should secure the recommendation of the Conference Home Missions Board before applying for such aid.

4. That we support the C. M. A., having memberships in each church of the Conference. We suggest that one Sunday be set aside as C. M. A. Day to gain memberships. It is our opinion that "Men and Missions" Sunday would be an appropriate day for this emphasis. We further request that each local church elect one of its members to represent the C. M. A. in that church, to solicit memberships, collect dues, and send same to the C. M. A. Treasurer. The name of this representative should be sent to the Treasurer of the C. M. A. immediately upon the election of the representative.

5. That no mission grant from the C. M. A. to any church or group of churches should exceed \$300.00 for the coming year.

6. That we cooperate in denominational and inter-denominational programs for the furtherance of community interest in spiritual advancement.

W. MILLARD STEVENS,  
MRS. J. D. STRADER,  
MRS. HOWARD GERRINGER,  
W. T. DUNN,  
MRS. O. H. PARIS,  
W. W. SNYDER,  
H. A. GLEASON,  
C. R. WICKER,

*Committee.*

In connection with the Report on Home Missions, Dr. W. T. Scott spoke on: "New Churches and New Members for Christ."

It was moved and carried that the Report of the Board of Home Missions be adopted.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows:

#### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

*President*—Rev. Joe A. French.

*Vice-President*—Rev. Kenneth Register.

*Secretary*—Rev. Stanley C. Harrell.

*Assistant Secretary*—Mr. Geo. D. Colclough.

*Treasurer*—Dr. W. Waldo Boone.

*Conference Representative to Southern Convention Executive Board*—Rev. Joe A. French.

*Representatives to North Carolina Council of Churches*—Ministerial: Rev. W. J. Andes; Alternate, Rev. D. J. Bowden. Lay: Mrs. W. E. Wisseman; Alternate, Mr. W. H. Garrison.

*Home Mission Board*—Rev. W. M. Stevens, Chairman; Mrs. J. D. Strader, W. T. Dunn, Mrs. O. H. Paris, Rev. W. W. Snyder, Mrs. Howard Gerringer, Rev. H. A. Gleason, C. R. Wicker.

It was moved and carried that the Report of the Nominating Committee be adopted, and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference in favor of the nominees. The Secretary cast the ballot as directed, and the officers named were declared elected.

The Entertainment Committee made report.

The Conference gave place for the session of the C. M. A.

Conference resumed business at 4:15.

The Report of the Committee on Social Action was presented by the Chairman, Dr. H. Shelton Smith, as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION.

The Committee brings to the attention of the Conference three areas of human need which should be of special concern to the Christian conscience. Two of these lie close at home, the other concerns our wider Christian obligation. Let us begin with the latter.

1. Holy Scripture says, "If thine enemy hunger, feed him." Desperate, body-destroying hunger is still a nightmare of our late enemies, to whom the benefits of UNRRA have been denied. According to a recent eye-witness of integrity, German children, even in the American Zone, are in an extremely precarious stage of malnutrition. Most of them lost weight this summer despite a ration supplement from local gardens. Our observer says: "The relief authorities of our military government are desperately anxious to provide a supplemental meal through the schools to the children, but the present stream of shipments is pitifully inadequate for such a program." Unless more food can be shipped, and that very soon, multitudes of innocent children will perish before spring.

In the face of this pitiful plight of millions, we Americans are consuming our own food in unprecedented quantities. God must weep over a world in which some of his children complacently stuff while others slowly starve.

Fortunately, a remnant of American Christians are seeking to increase the present trickle of aid. To facilitate the collection of food and clothing, the major Protestant denominations have recently created a joint agency known as *Church World Service*, including both a national office force and a field staff. A field director will soon begin work in North Carolina, in cooperation with the State Council of Churches. Information regarding local collecting centers may be had on application to Rev. Ernest J. Arnold, Executive Secretary of the Council of Churches, College Station, Durham, N. C.

We recommend that the Conference endorse the program of *Church World Service*, that Superintendent Scott be requested to publicize its purpose and needs through *The Christian Sun*, and that every local church be urged to share in the movement to collect material supplies for the starving peoples abroad.

2. In the area of physical health, North Carolina is becoming conscience-stricken, and not without good reason. The war-time draft revealed the fact that almost every other male, on the average, could not qualify for military service because of physical defects. Every other state in the Union had a better record in this respect than North Carolina. Not only is this State the leader in the percentage of physically defective men of military age, but in the death rate of infants—it is thirty-ninth in the Union.

This deplorable condition is due, in part, to a shortage of hospitals, nurses, and doctors. In number of hospital beds per thousand population, North Carolina is forty-second in the Nation; and in number of physicians per thousand, forty-fifth. Another casual factor in North Carolina's poor health record is the poverty of our people, many of whom are unable to meet medical costs.

In 1945 the State Legislature enacted a six-point program designed to remedy these medical shortages. A Medical Care Commission was appointed by the Governor to implement the program, and a North Carolina Good Health Association has been organized to interpret and promote it.

In proclaiming November 10 as "Good Health Sunday," Governor Cherry frankly recognized that "North Carolina's number one need at this time" is "more abundant good health." Furthermore, he took the position that "an adequate medical examination and care should be provided for all the children of the State irrespective of the ability of their parents to provide this, a fair chance at health for a youth being no less sacred than the right of a child to obtain an education."



This better-health movement is being led by the ablest doctors and laymen of North Carolina. Its success or failure will have incalculable consequences for the younger generation. This movement is moral and spiritual as well as physical, and therefore the churches have every reason to help rally mass support behind it. So concerned was Jesus for physical wholeness that if one considers the New Testament story of his numerous miracles of healing, it is not easy to conclude whether he laid a greater emphasis upon the body or the soul. In truth, did he not believe that physical health and spiritual health are inseparably bound up together?

We request the Conference to endorse this extremely vital movement, to pray God's richest benediction upon it, and to commend its faithful support to every church and to every citizen.

3. The current post-war social and political reaction is accompanied by a revival of racial frenzy of alarming proportions. Perhaps this demonic spirit may be characterized by one shameful epithet—"Bilboism." Bilboism battens on social unrest, class tension, and Red scares. It is the inferno out of which springs extra-legal and terrorizing gangs like the Klansmen and the Columbians.

Against this torrent of racial hate, which poisons the springs of democracy and religion alike, and which often bursts forth in lynch violence, the Church of Christ is summoned to witness. The ground of that witness is God the Father, who of one blood created all men in His holy image, and thereby conferred upon them equal worth and dignity. The charter of that witness is the Bible, which declares: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3:28.) The channel of that witness is the Church, whose Head is in Christ, and in Whom the redeemed are One Family.

The witness of the Church must begin at home; its first obligation is to renounce racial caste within its own fellowship. It is easy for the Church to magnify the racial mote in the life of the State; it is hard for her to see the racial beam in her own Body. But let us remember the injunction of Jesus: "First cast out the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." (Matthew 7:5.)

Instead of giving good advice to secular organizations, the Committee sincerely invites the Church to re-examine her own love of Christ and to seek afresh God's will. To this end, we offer the following resolutions:

(1) We, the members of this Conference, do sincerely lament the evil of racial hate; and we most humbly repent of our own sins of racial discrimination, whether expressed in word, thought or deed.

(2) We, the members of this Conference, resolve earnestly and prayerfully to search the Scriptures anew for a deeper understanding of Christian brotherhood.

(3) We, the members of this Conference, resolve to read carefully during the year the current mission study book, *Portrait of a Pilgrim—A Search for the Christian Way in Race Relations* by Buel Gallagher (Pilgrim Press, Boston. Cloth, \$1.00; paper, 60c).

(4) We, the members of this Conference, resolve to participate during the year in at least one interracial group, such as a minister's association, a missionary society, a Sunday school class, or a church service.

(5) We, the members of this Conference, resolve to observe Race Relations Day (Second Sunday in February) in our several local churches, and to make an offering to Franklinton Center or to some other similar project.

H. SHELTON SMITH, *Chairman*.

After general discussion, it was voted that the report be adopted, and that *The Christian Sun* be requested to publish it.

Following announcements, the Conference session was adjourned until evening.



## FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Worship Service was led by the Choir of Union Christian Church.

The President introduced Rev. John Peeler of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, who preached the Conference Sermon, using as his theme: "Going All the Way With Christ."

Dr. L. E. Smith, assisted by the deacons of the local church, administered the Communion.

The Conference adjourned with the Benediction.

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## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 9:30.

Rev. L. P. Rippy led the Morning Devotions.

Minutes of previous day's sessions were read and approved.

Dr. Ferris Reynolds, Rev. Mark Andes and Mrs. O. B. Hollins were recognized and accorded the privileges of the floor.

The Report of the Committee on Education was presented by the Chairman, Dr. D. J. Bowden, as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

A writer, some years ago, in a periodical of religious thought, presented the following news item: "The season of church conferences and conventions has come to a close. Thousands of people have come together for brief periods of time to hear and approve high-sounding proposals for thought and action, and have gone back home to their local churches with no intention of putting these into practice." We took issue with the writer and he challenged us to offer proof that any appreciable number of the resolutions and recommendations of conference committees are taken seriously. In answer to this challenge, we are presenting a few recommendations made by the Committees on Christian Education during the past ten years.

In 1936 it was recommended that teacher training groups be organized wherever possible; that every church school and young people's society send young people to our summer camps; that a vacation Bible school be conducted wherever possible; and that young people's organizations cooperate in plans and programs of the Pilgrim Fellowship. These recommendations are repeated almost every year.

## HAS YOUR CHURCH FULFILLED THESE RECOMMENDATIONS?

In 1937 it was recommended that church school officers and teachers attend the Church School and Christian Endeavor Conferences; that a missionary project be set up for each local young people's group; and that the magazine *Social Action* be used for reference and study on present-day problems.

## HAS YOUR CHURCH FULFILLED THESE RECOMMENDATIONS?

In 1939 it was recommended that church school superintendents within the conference develop an organization to meet occasionally for the purpose of discussing common problems; that all churches in the conference be urged to make fullest use of published material such as *The Christian Sun*, *Pilgrim Highroad*, *Social Action*, etc.; and that churches represented by students in Elon College urge these students to take courses in Christian Education.

## HAS YOUR CHURCH FULFILLED THESE RECOMMENDATIONS?

In 1940 it was recommended that groups of churches cooperate in establishing leadership training courses.

HAS YOUR CHURCH FULFILLED THIS RECOMMENDATION?

In 1941 it was recommended that each local church make a determined effort to increase its Elon College apportionment; and that we whole-heartedly support the instituting of Bible teaching in public schools.

HAS YOUR CHURCH FULFILLED THESE RECOMMENDATIONS?

In 1943 it was recommended that we re-emphasize the importance of participation in church school work and particularly in the training of youth; that we encourage teacher self-training as well as training schools; and that we implement our Christian education with greater zeal for missionary activity.

HAS YOUR CHURCH FULFILLED THESE RECOMMENDATIONS?

In 1944 it was recommended that church school literature published by the Pilgrim Press be used in our church schools.

HAS YOUR CHURCH FULFILLED THIS RECOMMENDATION?

In 1945 it was recommended that church schools should furnish the homes of beginners and primary children with books appropriate to the children's age; that the parents might read to the children and the children read to themselves; and that juniors and intermediates be encouraged to participate in family devotions.

HAS YOUR CHURCH FULFILLED THESE RECOMMENDATIONS?

The answers to these questions present the answer to the challenge of the skeptical writer.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. BOWDEN, *Chairman.*

Pending the motion to adopt, Dr. L. E. Smith spoke of the relationship of the churches to the financial support of Elon College.

Dr. Smith introduced Mrs. W. T. Scott who spoke of the personalities of those who are memorialized in the Staley-Atkinson-Newman Foundation for Christian Education, and the contribution they made to our fellowship.

Dr. Smith introduced Rev. W. Millard Stevens who appealed for contributions to the Foundation.

By vote the Report on Christian Education was adopted.

Superintendent Chas. D. Johnston spoke of the work of the Christian Orphanage.

The Report of the Committee on Religious Literature was not available for presentation.

Miss Elizabeth Chicoine spoke on the use that may be made of the literature now available.

The Report of the Committee on the Ministry was presented by the Chairman, Rev. Stanley C. Harrell, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY.

The North Carolina and Virginia Conference, together with the other conferences of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, is confronted with a critical shortage on ministers to serve as pastors of our churches. It has reached the point that to supply one church with a pastor means that another church is deprived of the man who is rendering acceptable service.

Some of our pastors who have gone into the chaplaincy to serve with the armed forces during the war, have not as yet returned to the pastorate. Young men who were preparing for the ministry had their educational work interrupted by the call to serve in the ranks of the armed forces. The entrance upon active pastoral duties of these young men has been delayed from one to three years. Other young men who might have decided for the ministry have had their minds temporarily turned into other channels. But even before the war, it was evident that not enough young men were choosing the ministry as their life work, for our churches to be adequately supplied with ministers.

It is the conviction of your Committee that the membership of our churches must face this situation realistically, realizing that it is a responsibility which rests upon the entire church, and to seek the means which will help to turn more young men to the ministry as a life work. We call this Conference to a prayerful consideration of its responsibility to adequately pastor our churches. We also recommend that the Convention Committee on the Ministry give to this urgent need its best thought and effort.

Meanwhile, in order that some of our churches may not be left entirely without pastoral services, it is recommended that this Conference approve the plan of young men who are preparing for the ministry, but who are not ready as yet for licensure, to accept the pastoral care of a church or churches, under the care and guidance of an ordained pastor who is serving nearby. It is further recommended that in the event such arrangements are made that they be subject to the approval of the Superintendent of the Convention and the Chairman of the Conference Committee on the Ministry.

Rev. Max Volkmann, formerly pastor at Winston-Salem, has requested the transfer of his ministerial standing to the Hartford Association of Congregational Christian Churches. It is recommended that the granting of said letter of transfer be approved.

When the last report of your Committee was made to Conference, Licentiate Thomas D. Sutton was considering asking for transfer of his membership to the Eastern North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches. He later decided to make the transfer. It is recommended that the Conference approve the transfer of Brother Sutton.

Rev. Duane N. Vore is now serving as pastor of the Wallin Congregational Church, Grand Rapids, Mich. He requests that he be granted a letter of transfer of his ministerial standing to the Grand Rapids Association of Congregational Christian Churches. It is recommended that this request be approved.

Rev. Edward E. Martz is pastor of the First Congregational Church, Oskaloosa, Iowa. He requests the transfer of his ministerial standing to the Grinnell Association of the Iowa Conference of Congregational Christian Churches. It is recommended that this request be granted.

The Northwest Ohio Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church has granted a letter of transfer to Rev. Robert C. H. Mueller to this Conference. Mr. Mueller is serving as a missionary to India, and is supported by the Reidsville Congregational Christian Church. It is recommended that Mr. Mueller be received and enrolled as an Elder of this Conference.

Dr. Ferris E. Reynolds is Professor of Religious Education at Elon College, and will serve as pastor of Salem Chapel and Belew Creek Churches. Dr. Reynolds has been granted a letter of transfer by the Hartford East Association of Congregational Christian Churches to unite with this Conference. It is recommended that he be received and enrolled as an Elder in this Conference.

Rev. John H. Sunburn, a licentiate of this Conference, is now a student at Hartford Theological Seminary. He requests a letter of transfer of his standing as a licentiate to the Central Association of Connecticut Congregational Christian Churches. It is recommended that Mr. Sunburn be granted the transfer as requested.



Rev. Mack V. Welch, who was licensed at the last session of Conference, is in the senior class in Elon College. He is doing satisfactory work in school and serving acceptably as a pastor. Mr. Welch requests that his license be continued. It is recommended that he be continued as a licentiate for one year.

Rev. Allen L. Hurdle, who was licensed at the last session of Conference, is now enrolled in the senior class at Elon College. He has served acceptably as a pastor during the past year and is doing satisfactory school work. Mr. Hurdle requests that he be continued as a licentiate. It is recommended that the request be granted and that his license be renewed for one year.

Rev. L. P. Rippy, who has been enrolled as a licentiate of this Conference for two years, has not served as a pastor of any church. He reports that he has been active in his local church, and requests that his license be continued. It is recommended that Mr. Rippy be licensed for another year.

Rev. I. T. Underwood, who has been carried as a licentiate of this Conference for two years, reports that poor health has prevented him from doing very much religious work during the past year. He requests that his licensure be continued. It is recommended that his request be granted and that he be enrolled as a licentiate for another year.

Brother William T. Scott, Jr., is enrolled as a freshman in Elon College. He has stated to this Committee his conviction of call and his purpose to prepare himself for the ministry. It is recommended that Brother Scott be enrolled as a member of the Biblical Class of this Conference.

Brothers Clyde L. Fields and Staley Sorrell are pursuing their studies in preparation for the ministry. It is recommended that Brothers Fields and Sorrell be continued as members of the Biblical Class of this Conference.

The Southern Convention in its last session, voted that Elon College grant tuition scholarships to young men and young women preparing for full-time Christian service within the church, making one of the requirements for such aid that the candidates be recommended by their local churches and the Conference Committee. Miss Fleta Moffitt of the First Church, Greensboro, Miss Ruth Dunn of the Lynchburg Church, and Misses Catherine Cooper and Helen Cobb of the Burlington Church, are recommended for such tuition scholarships.

Rev. Kenneth Register has presented a letter of transfer from the Western North Carolina Conference. It is recommended that he be received to fellowship and enrolled as an Elder of this Conference.

Rev. Earl Farrell is pastor of the Haw River Church. He requests membership in this Conference. It is recommended that pending the receipt of a letter of transfer from the Western North Carolina Conference that he be received and enrolled as an Elder of this Conference.

Rev. Jesse H. Dollar is pastor of the Elon College Community Church. He desires membership in this Conference. It is recommended that pending receipt of a letter of transfer from the Eastern Virginia Conference that he be received and enrolled as an Elder of this Conference.

Rev. Aubrey C. Todd presented a letter of transfer of his ministerial standing from the Eastern North Carolina Conference. It is recommended that he be received and enrolled as an Elder in this Conference.

W. M. STEVENS,  
D. J. BOWDEN,  
KENNETH REGISTER,  
STANLEY C. HARRELL,  
*Committee.*

Following a general discussion of the Report, it was adopted by vote of the Conference.



The Report on Ministerial and Church Ethics was presented by the Chairman, Rev. W. Walter Hall.

Dr. W. E. Wisseman spoke on "Ethics for Preachers and Churches."

It was moved and carried that the Report on Ministerial and Church Ethics be received.

Miss Tessie Zimmerman reported the activities of the Conference Pilgrim Fellowship during the past year. She stated that the Pilgrim Fellowship had accepted \$875 of the \$3,000 to be raised in the Southern Convention as the Pilgrim Fellowship goal of giving.

Following are the officers of the Fellowship:

*President*—Miss Tessie Zimmerman, R.F.D. 4, Burlington, N. C.

*Vice-President*—Bland Lebrick, 5040 Ford Avenue, Lynchburg, Va.

*Secretary*—Miss Catherine Cooper, 214 W. Ruffin Street, Burlington, N. C.

*Social Action Chairman*—Jimmy Cates, Tarpley Street, Burlington, N. C.

*Personal Action Chairman*—Miss Louise Sparks, R.F.D., Ruffin, N. C.

*Missionary Action Chairman*—Miss Melva Foster, 517 Broad Street, Greensboro, N. C.

*Advisers*—Mrs. F. C. Lester, 840 Sunset Avenue, Asheboro, N. C., and Rev. W. J. Andes, 637 S. Sunset Drive, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Mr. Baxter Twiddy reported the program of the Convention Pilgrim Fellowship.

Miss Zimmerman and Mr. Twiddy conducted the Morning Worship. Mr. Twiddy led the closing prayer and gave thanks for the noon meal.

## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was called to order by the President.

Prayer was led by Rev. Aubrey C. Todd.

It was moved and carried that the Report on Religious Literature be approved, and copies distributed to the delegates to be carried back to the churches.

The Committee on Superannuation reported as follows:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

This Committee desires to recommend to the Board of Superannuation of the Southern Convention, the following named persons to be considered to share in the appropriations by the Board: Rev. J. S. Carden, Mrs. J. W. Knight, Mrs. H. T. Moffitt, Mrs. L. L. Wrick, Rev. C. E. Newman, and Mrs. J. L. Foster.

EARL FARRELL,  
D. R. FONVILLE,  
C. D. JOHNSTON,  
L. P. RIPPY,

*Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the Report on Superannuation be adopted.

The Committee on Apportionments reported as follows:

## SCHEDULE OF APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1945-46.

	Convention Home Missions	Convention Foreign Missions	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Conference Fund	Per Capita Dues	Total Apportionment
Apple's Chapel ....	\$ 49	\$ 42	\$ 114	\$ 111	\$ 32	\$ 32	\$ 70	\$ 39	\$ 34	\$ 523
Asheville .....	11	17	21	22	6	6	12	6	8	112
Belew Creek .....	19	13	24	38	13	16	36	22	9	190
Berea .....	19	13	24	38	14	10	36	22	10	186
Bethel .....	18	18	60	60	10	10	20	12	14	212
Bethlehem .....	50	42	107	116	30	30	67	33	27	502
Burlington .....	146	418	2300	500	115	110	215	135	64	4003
Carolina .....	13	6	15	22	10	8	31	20	6	131
Concord .....	21	15	36	45	16	10	31	23	9	206
Danville .....	122	120	50	50	20	55	46	31	64	558
Durham .....	200	190	310	440	92	112	205	108	35	1692
Elk Spur .....	7	3	10	9	5	2	15	12	2	65
Elon College .....	139	130	207	352	71	70	160	77	35	1241
Gibsonville .....	24	18	37	50	15	20	42	25	17	258
Graham-Providence .	12	5	8	19	10	5	16	18	6	99
Greensboro, First ..	172	163	262	440	70	75	195	86	36	1499
Greensboro, Palm St.	37	36	100	95	20	18	37	23	21	387
Happy Home .....	41	34	87	90	30	28	56	34	22	422
Haw River .....	39	30	77	88	20	19	46	33	13	365
Hebron .....	20	13	27	40	10	10	21	22	9	172
Hines Chapel .....	42	35	87	95	20	28	56	32	17	412
Hopedale .....	14	8	17	26	10	8	21	20	8	132
Howard's Chapel ..	5	2	10	9	5	5	5	12	2	55
Ingram .....	57	48	125	136	32	28	67	46	17	556
Ivy Hill .....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	10
Kallam Grove .....	14	8	15	25	10	8	16	20	7	123
Lebanon .....	21	14	35	45	12	10	31	22	11	201
Liberty .....	21	14	32	45	14	10	31	23	16	206
Long's Chapel .....	27	20	47	58	15	14	36	25	13	255
Lynchburg .....	27	20	47	57	16	14	41	25	10	257
Mebane .....	4	2	10	17	10	5	6	14	2	70
Monticello .....	15	8	20	25	11	8	26	20	7	140
Mt. Bethel .....	22	22	60	55	12	12	23	13	5	224
Mt. Zion .....	24	18	42	52	16	12	41	23	13	241
New Lebanon .....	36	28	72	80	20	18	41	34	15	344
Pfafftown .....	10	4	10	15	10	6	16	16	2	89
Pleasant Grove ....	31	24	60	65	21	22	46	28	21	318
Pleasant Ridge ....	15	8	20	29	12	6	20	20	4	134
Reidsville .....	68	58	157	160	25	40	86	55	44	693
Rocky Ford .....	7	3	10	9	5	2	15	12	2	65
Salem Chapel .....	15	9	20	30	10	6	31	18	10	149
Shallow Ford .....	31	24	62	66	16	16	52	28	16	311
Tryon, Erskin Mem.	40	33	80	88	26	20	52	33	16	388
Union, N. C. ....	36	27	69	80	26	18	58	57	26	397
Union, Va. ....	41	34	87	95	26	25	52	33	35	428
Winston-Salem ....	21	7	12	22	10	12	21	32	2	139
Total .....	\$1804	\$1805	\$5083	\$4010	\$1000	\$1000	\$2248	\$1447	\$763	\$19160

It was moved and carried that the Report on Apportionments be adopted.

The Report on Stewardship was presented by the Chairman, Dr. W. E. Wisseman, as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

Great numbers of church people apparently do not understand the meaning of Christian Stewardship. The word implies money to most people—and nothing more.

Stewardship is like God, a spirit. It is a spirit of living, of serving and giving. It means the commitment of self to Christ; the giving of service through the church, with time and talents; the giving of substance. Stewardship means the consecration of self, service, and substance to Christ and the furtherance of His cause.

Your Committee makes the following recommendations:

I. That we cooperate with the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Convention in putting into effect the plans for united Stewardship Emphasis recommended by the Stewardship Commission of our denomination and other denominational bodies cooperating in the emphasis.

II. That every church in the North Carolina and Virginia Conference be asked to adopt the United Stewardship period—October 1, 1946 to December 31, 1947—and be urged to cooperate to the fullest possible extent in furthering stewardship education. To facilitate this resolution, we urge every pastor of the Conference to procure literature suitable to his own parish and begin a progressive and effective program to be climaxed with a well-planned and effectively conducted Every-Member Canvass in 1947, and that an effort be made to enlist tithers in every church.

III. We urge all pastors and churches to cooperate with the approaching religious census to be taken by the United States Government so that we may obtain an accurate picture of church life in America.

W. E. WISSEMAN,  
M. W. ANDES,  
*Committee.*

Rev. W. M. Stevens spoke on the theme: "All for Christ in Substance."

Dr. Jesse H. Dollar spoke on: "Stewardship Year and Yearning."

It was moved and carried that the Report on Stewardship be adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Finance was submitted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, have examined the Report of the Treasurer and find it verified by vouchers and bank statement.

We recommend:

1. That the Secretary be paid \$50.00 for his services and \$10.00 for stationery and postage.

2. That the bills for ANNUALS, report blanks and programs be paid on the receipt of bills by the Treasurer.

3. That the Treasurer be authorized to pay \$10.00 to Dr. J. G. Truitt on his expenses, and \$10.00 to Miss Meebold on her expenses.

4. That \$150.00 be paid to the North Carolina Council of Churches and

\$50.00 to the Virginia Council of Churches for the support of the work they are doing.

5. In view of the extended efforts of the C. M. A., we recommend that the amount of the appropriation from the Conference Fund to the C. M. A. be left in the hands of the Executive Committee of the Conference, with power to act. We suggest that the money from the sale of the New Hope Church be included in this appropriation.

6. That \$500.00 be paid from the Conference Fund to the Convention Treasurer to be credited to the Scholarship Fund for students in divinity schools.

W. T. DUNN,

W. J. ANDES,

*Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the Report on Finance be adopted.

The Committee on Place for the holding of the next session reported an invitation from the Bethlehem Christian Church.

It was moved and carried that the invitation be accepted and that the next session of Conference be held with the Bethlehem Church.

The Report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee, recommend:

1. That we extend a rising vote of thanks to Union Christian Church and pastor for their unparalleled hospitality expressed in many ways, not the least of which was the bountiful food. We consider it a privilege to meet with such a church of such unusual generosity, and we congratulate them for the long years of fruitful service in the work of building the kingdom.

2. That we express our appreciation for the efficient work accomplished by the officers of the Conference, and the members of the various committees.

3. That the churches of the Conference act at once on the matters concerning Elon College in its immediate and pressing need to become an accredited institution.

4. That the Report of the Committee on Christian Education be carefully considered and its recommendations carried out, especially those regarding the training of church school teachers, since the standard of church school teaching is in many instances appallingly low. We feel that this most important phase of our work is being woefully neglected.

5. That we thank Miss Meebold for sharing with us her memories of experiences as a missionary in China.

6. That the churches of the Conference seek to relieve the suffering and needy, not only by prayer but by gifts of money and material things so much needed in devastated areas.

7. That the Conference enter into more effective relations with sister denominations, particularly with those churches contiguous to ours and which share most closely our particular problems and outlook. As one means of attaining this end, that this Conference invite fraternal delegates to our next Conference session from the Evangelical and Reformed, Friends, and Moravian Churches of our area; and also instruct the President of this Conference to convey, by a representative if possible, our invitation and best wishes to these churches, at their next Synod or Yearly Meeting.

MISS FRANKYE MARSHALL,

MRS. J. E. BROWN,

MRS. D. M. ESTES,

*Committee.*



It was moved and carried that the Report on Resolutions be adopted, and the rising vote of thanks was taken.

The Committee on Press reported that accounts of Conference proceedings have been sent to the public press.

It was moved and carried that the address made at the morning session by Mrs. W. T. Scott be made available to *The Christian Sun* for publication.

The Collectors made report of amounts received. (See Statistical Tables for totals sent by the churches for Conference Fund and Convention enterprises.)

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

In June of this year, this Conference lost its oldest minister, the Reverend J. W. Patton, of Elon College, who died at the age of eighty-four. Brother Patton was an ordained minister of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference for over sixty years, and served many of the leading churches of this Conference. He was a man of splendid ability, which he exercised both as a minister and in practical business affairs. He was more widely known throughout North Carolina than any other minister of this Conference. Among his closest friends were many of the leading professional and business men of the State.

On October 8, 1946, Mr. James Henry McEwen passed away suddenly at his home in Burlington, N. C. He was a loyal member of our Burlington Church, faithful in the discharge of every duty. Mr. McEwen was the teacher of the Men's Bible Class, and very active in the official and business life of his church. He was a member of the Orphanage Board and always attended its sessions. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Elon College, and was a great supporter of the college both financially and spiritually.

On October 9th of this year, one of the most beloved women of the Southern Convention departed from us. She was Mrs. Birdie Graham Rowland, the wife of the late Dr. Charles H. Rowland, and the mother of Mrs. Graham Wisseman. Mrs. Rowland was born and reared in the Union Ridge community. She was educated at Elon College; and for more than thirty-five years, she worked together with her husband in building a Christian home, serving churches and extending their influence throughout the Southern Convention. Mrs. Rowland was appointed the Chairman of a Woman's Mission Board for the Eastern Virginia Conference in 1911; and in 1912 she became the chairman of the Woman's Mission Board of the Southern Convention. Later she became the first President of the Woman's Mission Convention of the South.

In conclusion, we ask that the Conference in appreciation of the faithful services of these three loyal and influential workers of our Conference, stand with bowed heads, while we pray.

ELLIS N. CLARK,  
C. E. NEWMAN,  
*Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the Report on Memoirs be adopted.

It was moved and carried that the important actions taken by the Conference in this session be mimeographed and sent to the churches.

It was moved and carried that the minutes of this session be printed in the ANNUAL; and that the Conference purchase 225 copies of the ANNUAL for pro rata distribution to the churches.

Minutes of the day's sessions were read and approved.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

- Executive*—Joe A. French, K. D. Register, S. C. Harrell.  
*Program*—Joe A. French, K. D. Register, S. C. Harrell, J. L. Neese.  
*Evangelism*—L. E. Smith, M. A. Pollard, M. T. Sorrell, Mack V. Welch.  
*Ministry*—S. C. Harrell, W. M. Stevens, D. J. Bowden, W. J. Andes.  
*Christian Education*—Jesse H. Dollar, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, B. V. Munger, John Graves, Lula Browne.  
*Men's Work*—W. T. Dunn, G. D. Colclough, W. B. Truitt.  
*Social Action*—H. Shelton Smith, Aubrey C. Todd, C. Shannon Morgan, D. J. Bowden.  
*Ministerial and Church Ethics*—H. Allan Gleason, Walter Hall, Walstein W. Snyder, W. Waldo Boone.  
*Budget and Apportionment*—G. D. Colclough, J. L. Neese, W. E. Walker.  
*Foreign Missions*—W. J. Andes, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Percy R. Ricketts, Clyde L. Fields, J. E. Combie.  
*Historian*—C. E. Newman.  
*Memoirs*—Ellis N. Clark.  
*Stewardship*—W. E. Wisseman, Mark W. Andes, F. W. Murtfeldt, Algea Blaylock.  
*Superannuation*—C. D. Johnston, D. R. Fonville, Earl Farrell, L. P. Rippy.  
*Religious Literature*—Mrs. Wm. T. Scott, Elizabeth Chicoine, Frankye Marshall, Mrs. G. D. Ellington.  
*Home Mission Board and Rural Church*—W. M. Stevens, Mrs. J. D. Strader, W. T. Dunn, Mrs. O. H. Paris, Walstein W. Snyder, Mrs. Howard Ger-ringer, H. Allan Gleason, C. R. Wicker.  
*Pilgrim Fellowship*—Tessie Zimmerman, President; Bland Lebrick, Vice-President; Catherine Cooper, Secretary.

NOTE: The first named on each Committee is Chairman of the Committee.

It was moved and carried that following the Devotional Service, the Conference stand adjourned to meet Tuesday after the second Sunday in November, 1947, with Bethlehem Christian Church, Alamance County, North Carolina.

The closing Devotional was led by Rev. W. J. Andes, using the subject: "All for Christ All the Year," and concluding with the Benediction.

The Conference session of 1946 was declared adjourned.

JOE A. FRENCH, *President*.

STANLEY C. HARRELL, *Secretary*.

#### MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

- Andes, W. J.*—Sermons, 114; members received, 10; marriages, 5; conversions, 8; baptisms, 12; addresses, 4; funerals, 6; visits, 717; salary, \$2,300.  
*Bowden, D. J.*—Professor at Elon College.  
*Bowers Thurman F.*—Sermons, 200; members received, 12; prayer meetings, 45; marriages, 10; conversions, 45; addresses, 12; funerals, 10; salary (three months), \$750.  
*Brooks, Arthur C.*—No report.  
*Carden, J. S.*—Retired.  
*Clark, Ellis N.*—Sermons, 80; members received, 18; marriages, 1; conversions, 16; baptisms, 16; addresses, 3; funerals, 9; salary, \$1,595.

*Clem, H. R.*—No charge.

*Dollar, Jesse H.*—Received to membership at Conference.

*Farrell, Earl*—Received to membership at Conference.

*French, J. A.*—Sermons, 94; members received, 26; prayer meetings, 42; marriages, 13; conversions, 15; baptisms, 20; funerals, 14; salary, \$2,350.

*Grisson, W. A.*—No report.

*Hall W. Walter*—Sermons, 100; members received, 28; prayer meetings, 26; marriages, 4; conversions, 49; baptisms, 45; funerals, 4; salary, \$1,650.

*Harrell, Stanley C.*—Sermons, 95; members received, 23; prayer meetings, 45; marriages, 8; conversions, 8; baptisms, 7; addresses, 9; funerals, 16; salary, \$3,120.

*Jackson, Wm. P.*—Retired.

*Johnson, S. M.*—Retired.

*Moody, C. LeGrand, Jr.*—Chaplain, U. S. Navy.

*Morgan, C. Shannon*—No report.

*Mueller, Robert C. H.*—Received to membership at Conference.

*Munger, Bernard V.*—Sermons, 60; members received, 9; prayer meetings, 10; marriages, 4; conversions, 5; baptisms, 6; funerals, 2; salary, \$1,500.

*Murtfeldt, Frank W.*—Sermons, 46; members received, 11; marriages, 3; conversions, 6; baptisms, 9; addresses, 21; funerals, 7; salary, \$2,820.

*Neese, J. L.*—Sermons, 127; members received, 40; prayer meetings, 14; marriages, 4; conversions, 48; baptisms, 46; addresses, 5; funerals, 15; salary, \$2,400.

*Newman, C. E.*—Sermons, 60; members received, 20; marriages, 9; conversions, 25; baptisms, 15; funerals, 28; salary, \$1,200.

*Register, Kenneth*—Received to membership at Conference.

*Reynolds, Ferris E.*—Received to membership at Conference.

*Smith, H. Shelton*—Professor at Duke University.

*Smith, J. Howard*—Sermons, 65; members received, 1; prayer meetings, 12; addresses, 10; salary (part year), \$1,000.

*Snyder, Walstein W.*—Sermons, 75; members received, 24; marriages, 6; conversions, 24; baptisms, 24; addresses, 5; funerals, 7; salary, \$1,900.

*Stevens, W. M.*—Sermons, 97; members received, 53; prayer meetings, 46; marriages, 21; conversions, 36; baptisms, 36; addresses, 15; funerals, 11; salary, \$3,600.

*Todd, Aubrey C.*—Sermons, 48; members received, 10; marriages, 2; baptisms, 3; addresses, 25; salary, \$1,875.

*Wehrenberg, E. L.*—No report.

*Wissemann, W. E.*—Sermons, 95; members received, 23; prayer meetings, 28; marriages, 27; conversions, 4; baptisms, 10; addresses, 9; funerals, 12; salary, \$3,800.

#### LICENTIATES.

*Hurdle, Allen H.*—Sermons, 37; members received, 7; prayer meetings, 2; conversions, 6; addresses, 2; funerals, 2; salary, \$1,755.

*Rippy, L. P.*—Sermons, 4.

*Underwood, I. T.*—Sermons, 3.

*Welch, Mack V.*—Sermons, 108; members received, 18; conversions, 61; funerals, 1; salary, \$1,300.

#### MEMBER OF BIBLICAL CLASS.

*Sorrell, Staley M.*—Sermons, 29; conversions, 88.

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WAKE CHAPEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH,  
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NOVEMBER 19-20, 1946.

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## FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The one hundred twenty-first annual session of the Eastern North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met with Wake Chapel Christian Church, Fuquay Springs, N. C., and was called to order by the president, Rev. J. Frank Apple, at 10:00 A. M. Devotional Services were conducted by Rev. C. Carl Dollar.

### ENROLLMENT.

*Ministers*—J. Frank Apple, Emory M. Carter, James A. Denton, Raymond T. Grissom, Tucker G. Humphries, J. Lee Johnson, A. Greig Ritchie, Allyn P. Robinson, Jr., Thomas D. Sutton.

### *Churches and Delegates.*

*Amelia*—Mrs. Leon Stevens, Mrs. Pearl Coats, Mrs. Lee Penny, Mrs. E. H. Adams.

*Antioch*—Clyde Jones, Miss Audry Jones.

*Auburn*—Mrs. T. E. Peterson, T. E. Peterson, Mrs. Ed Upchurch.

*Bethlehem*—

*Bethel*—E. C. Smith, S. W. Holleman.

*Beulah*—W. C. Barham, A. W. Watkins, Mrs. A. W. Watkins, A. R. Perry, Mrs. A. R. Perry.

*Catawba Springs*—No Report.

*Chapel Hill*—Mrs. S. H. Bashnight, Mrs. Grady Lenard, E. W. Neville.

*Christian Chapel*—No Report.

*Christian Light*—E. M. Blanchard.

*Clayton*—

*Damascus*—Mrs. Doris DeRosa, Mrs. Paul Long.

*Ebenezer*—James Denton.

*Fuller's Chapel*—W. S. Briggs, Mrs. R. E. Moss, Mrs. F. W. Grissom.

*Good Hope*—J. E. Davis.

*Hayes Chapel*—

*Henderson*—Mrs. R. P. W. Seaman, Mrs. Ed Butler, I. H. Vickery, A. S. Newman, Mrs. J. F. Apple.

*Hope Mills*—

*Lebanon*—Mrs. Ernest Brown.

*Lee's Chapel*—Mrs. Junie Gunter, Mrs. J. C. Gray, Mrs. A. C. Smith.



- Liberty (Vance)*—L. L. Stainback, J. R. Collins, Margaret Alston.  
*Martha's Chapel*—W. J. Morgan, Eugene Jenkins, Otis Council.  
*Moore Union*—By Report.  
*Morrisville*—Miss Lessie Pugh, J. F. Hilliard.  
*Mt. Auburn*—J. A. Kimball, Mrs. F. F. Fleming, W. H. Moss, J. Allen Kimball, R. C. Mitchell.  
*Mt. Carmel*—Clifton Blackley, Mrs. Clifton Blackley.  
*Mt. Glead*—C. E. Edens, Mrs. C. E. Edens, Mrs. J. B. Hight.  
*Mt. Hermon*—Guy Smith, J. E. Branch, Mrs. Mamie Munford.  
*New Elam*—G. M. Womble, R. L. Trotter.  
*New Hope*—Mrs. Lera Chamblee, Mrs. Bessie Hunt, Mrs. Eleanor Wheless, S. A. Lester.  
*Niagara*—  
*Oak Level*—W. H. Hudson, C. R. Hudson, G. E. Ball.  
*Piney Plain*—Mrs. W. W. Huneycutt, H. G. Franklin, G. C. Oliver.  
*Pleasant Hill*—Bryon Godwin, Zet Byrd.  
*Pleasant Union*—Mrs. G. M. Long, Mrs. M. E. Wilder, Mrs. W. J. Blanchard, Miss Lula Green.  
*Plymouth*—Grace Stephens, Mrs. H. S. Sauls, S. H. Ball, B. G. Partin.  
*Pope's Chapel*—Med Bragg.  
*Raleigh*—L. L. Vaughan, C. H. Stephenson, W. Stanley Bridges.  
*Sanford*—Mrs. Joe B. Watson, Mrs. Paul Wicker, Mrs. Wm. Poole, Mrs. O. B. Porter.  
*Shallow Well*—Mrs. R. T. Grissom, Mrs. W. S. Matthews, Mrs. Lonnie Watson.  
*Six Forks*—No Report.  
*Southern Pines*—  
*Turner's Chapel*—E. S. Wicker, Mrs. E. S. Wicker, Duke Horton.  
*Wake Chapel*—H. W. Johnson, W. J. Ballentine.  
*Wentworth*—R. H. Brown, R. E. Murry, Mrs. Geo. Williams.  
*Youngsville*—J. L. Brown.

The following visitors were introduced and invited to seats as deliberative members: Rev. Fred Register and Rev. M. A. Pollard of the Western North Carolina Conference; Rev. C. Carl Dollar of the East Alabama Association; Dr. John G. Truitt, Rev. H. E. Crutchfield and Dr. William B. O'Neill of the Eastern Virginia Conference; Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of the Southern Convention; Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, Field Worker for the Young People, Miss Louise Meebold, Missionary to China, and Superintendent Charles D. Johnston of the Christian Orphanage.

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We secured the nomination and authorized the election of delegates to the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, which met in Waverly, Va., April 30 to May 2, 1946.

The letter of transfer of Rev. Frederick D. Utsler, pastor of the United Church, Raleigh, was referred to us and he was received, as an ordained

minister. The transfer came from the New Jersey Association of Congregational Christian Churches.

In accordance with the change in the constitution of the Southern Convention we have elected Mr. L. L. Vaughan to represent our conference on the Executive Board of the Convention.

J. F. APPLE,  
R. T. GRISSOM,  
E. M. CARTER,  
A. H. McIVER,  
*Committee.*

The Program Committee reported and the program presented was adopted, as order of business, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

The president appointed the following Special Committees:

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

*Nominating*—E. W. Neville, J. F. Hilliard, Guy Smith.  
*Finance*—W. S. Briggs, Mrs. Mamie Leonard, Rev. T. D. Sutton.  
*Press*—Dr. W. T. Scott, Rev. Frederick B. Eutsler.  
*Place*—W. H. Hudson, Mrs. S. H. Basnight, J. A. Kimball.  
*Resolution*—A. H. McIver, Rev. A. Greig Ritchie.

The president addressed the Conference, his subject being: "The Supreme Task."

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

We are happy that more and more of our young ministers are accepting membership in the Annuity Fund. In this way they are led to saving from their income, and to their savings is added an appreciable amount each year from the Pilgrim Memorial Fund. At retirement age these men will have stored up a sufficient amount to care for them and their families in retirement. It is the idea of the Annuity Fund that each church assume responsibility for paying one-half of the annual dues of its pastor.

Your Committee on Superannuation feels that it is the duty of our churches to show our appreciation, in a financial way, for the faithful service rendered by our retired ministers and their widows.

We recommend that our churches continue to take an offering at or near Christmas for this purpose.

That, in addition to those already sharing this assistance, the names of the Reverend Herbert Sholtz and the Reverend Jesse E. Franks be added.

We recommend that they receive \$100.00 per annum—\$50.00 be paid in January and \$50.00 to be paid in June.

E. W. NEVILLE,  
MRS. RALPH CLINE,  
W. H. HUDSON,  
*Committee.*

Superintendent Charles D. Johnston gave a report on the Orphanage.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND STANDING OF THE MINISTRY.

In II Timothy 2:15 we read, "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." In the Gospel of Luke 2:52 we read, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man." These scriptures tell us of the great Apostle Paul's philosophy of Christian training of our ministers; and, of

the growth of the Son of God. Jesus, our Example, asked one day, "If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." (Matthew 15:14.)

We, your Committee, feel that our ministers should have all the Christian training they are able to get; that they study the Word of God; that they read more wholesome literature; that those who can, take refresher courses offered by Duke University, and other schools. That our rural ministers avail themselves of the courses given by our universities dealing with the rural church and its problems.

We feel that the standards of our ministry should be high. The most sacred work left to man is the proclaiming of the Gospel message, and it requires leaders with the best of preparation. Elon College offers this kind of training to our young men who are called into the ministry.

Rev. Thomas D. Sutton, who was ordained at our last of conference has been doing a commendable work in a field of our country churches. Brother Sutton was to report to this committee for question and approval. We, your committee, at his own request, recommend brother Sutton's local ordination continue for another year.

Rev. T. Fred Wright comes to our Conference from the Eastern Virginia Conference; Rev. C. Carl Dollar comes from the East Alabama Association; and Rev. Frederick B. Eutsler comes from the New Jersey Association of the Congregational Christian Churches. We recommend that each of these be received, in regular standing, as ordained ministers.

Rev. Martin L. Grissom an ordained minister of this conference, has united with the Episcopal Church. We recommend the removal of his name from our register; and, that he be requested to return his credentials to the Executive Committee.

Your committee is advised that several of our Eastern North Carolina Churches are served by pastors who have no recognized standing as ministers of the Southern Convention. We recommend to our churches that when securing pastors, they make every effort possible to secure men with recognized standing in the Convention.

R. T. GRISSOM,  
A. GREIG RITCHIE,  
E. M. CARTER,  
*Committee.*

Address by Dr. W. T. Scott.

Dr. John G. Truitt addressed the Conference. His subject was: "Evangelism and Spiritual Life."

Rev. Allyn P. Robinson, Jr., gave a verbal report on War Victims and Reconstruction.

The Communion Service was conducted by Rev. J. Lee Johnson, assisted by Rev. E. M. Carter, Rev. J. A. Denton, Rev. C. Carl Dollar and Rev. R. T. Grissom, after which Conference adjourned for lunch. Benediction by Rev. J. Lee Johnson.

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### FRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was called to order by the president.

Devotional Service conducted by Rev. C. Carl Dollar.

A quartette, composed of Mr. Rex Powell, Mr. Joe W. Stephenson, Rev. J. F. Apple and Rev. E. M. Carter, rendered a special song.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The committee wishes to report that no request has been received seeking financial aid for any church or group of churches for the year 1946-47, which involves a direct appropriation from the Home Mission Fund of the Conference. Neither has there been any definite request presented to the committee with reference to aid in securing ministers for individual churches or groups of churches.

While the committee has not held a formal meeting, the chairman has been in correspondence with the other two members and it is interesting to note that all three members are in unanimous accord with respect to: First, increasing the salary of our ministers; second, grouping our churches in parishes wherever possible; and, third, using our Conference Home Missions Funds to help those churches or groups of churches which are in need of Missions aid.

In view of the good work done in a parish which was created some years ago and further, looking toward unifying our churches in definite objective work, the committee wishes to recommend the following:

1. That a study be made of our churches and pastoral relationships looking toward the creating of parishes, self supporting as well as those which may need financial aid.

2. That the Conference take definite steps to investigate and relieve conditions that may exist with reference to the churches in the conference which have no pastor or which have discontinued services in the past year or more.

3. That the studies as recommended in 1 and 2 be made jointly by the Executive Committee of the Conference and the Home Missions Committee, and in cooperation with the Superintendent of the Convention.

4. That we urge each individual church and groups of churches, which may be operating a parish, to give due consideration to the increasing of salaries of our ministers in the conference. We must realize that the high cost of living is as applicable to our ministers and their families as it is to the individual members of the churches and their families. Further, we should be cognizant of the fact that the services rendered our churches by their respective ministers are somewhat in proportion to the remuneration offered by the churches.

L. L. VAUGHAN,

W. S. BRIGGS,

J. A. KIMBALL,

*Committee.*

While the report was pending, Dr. W. T. Scott made an inspiring address on the subject: "Our Home Missionary Task."

The report was adopted.

Rev. W. C. Farrell and Rev. Eugene Tally were introduced to the Conference.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We of the Eastern North Carolina Conference should re-affirm our faith in Foreign Missions, for if there ever was a time when missionary interest should be strengthened, it is today. We should realize that we can not possibly carry out world evangelization on the present scale of missionary work and giving.

Therefore, we urge the churches in the conference not giving one dollar per capita for Foreign Missions per year to cooperate in an effort to raise at least that much or more during the coming year as our part in assuming its pro rata share of the Shaowu Mission, especially since Rev. and Mrs. Richard L. Jackson are going there as our missionaries from the Southern Convention.

Some may say that Foreign Missions have not been effective, that the work has been so slow, but in the eyes of God it has been no small thing, for God has been saving souls one at a time for centuries—it is His way



And when we stop and think what Foreign Missions mean to the saving of those people's souls, to our boys during the war, and the lives that were saved, should make our hearts rejoice that we had a small part through our churches in helping Christian Missions around the world.

The need of the world today is to fill the hearts of men everywhere with the love of Christ. Only the principles of Jesus Christ can win the world. Missions is the transforming power and also the true basis of world peace. Blessed, indeed, will be the world when the nations turn to God. May we unite our efforts during the coming year with the other conferences of the Southern Convention in carrying forward the Foreign Mission work.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET ALSTON.

Miss Elizabeth Chicoine addressed the Conference.

#### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

We, your Nominating Committee, submit the following for officers of the conference for the ensuing year:

*President*—Rev. J. Frank Apple.

*Vice-President*—Rev. R. T. Grissom.

*Secretary*—Rev. E. M. Carter.

*Treasurer*—W. J. Ballentine.

*Representatives to the North Carolina Council of Churches*—

Rev. Allyn P. Robinson, Jr., Rev. T. Fred Wright.

*To the Executive Board*—S. H. Basnight, R. T. Grissom.

E. W. NEVILLE,

J. F. HILLIARD,

GUY SMITH,

*Committee.*

By motion the report was adopted and the secretary cast the deciding vote and the nominees were elected to the respective offices for the ensuing year.

#### REPORT OF APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE.

1. The apportionments of all the churches were revised at a recent session of Conference.

2. No request for changes of apportionments have been received by us.

3. The present apportionments appear to be fair and equitable. We, therefore, recommend that the prevailing apportionments remain unchanged for the conference year ending in November, 1947.

It is possible, however, that some changes may be requested after this report has been submitted. In such an event, we recommend that these cases be considered and acted upon by the conference while it is in session without referring them to the committee.

A. H. McIVER,

S. H. BASNIGHT,

JOE W. STEPHENSON,

*Committee.*

NOTE: Conference Fund and Ministerial Student Scholarship Fund should be paid to Mr. W. J. Ballentine, Conference Treasurer, Fuquay Springs, N. C. All other apportionments should be paid to Dr. Wm. T. Scott, Superintendent, Southern Convention Office, Elon College, N. C.

The report was amended that the secretary be authorized to add prorata the amount of \$225.00, in a special column to be known as "Scholarship Fund" to provide scholarships for ministerial students attending college.

The report was adopted as amended.

## SCHEDULE OF APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1946-47.

	Convention Home Missions	Convention Foreign Missions	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita	Conference Fund	Total Regular Apportionment	Voluntary App't For Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Grand Total Apportionment
.....	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 15	\$ 8	\$ 7	\$ 100	\$ 3.50	\$ 103.50
h .....	6	6	14	14	5	5	10	8	7	75	3.50	78.50
n .....	22	22	40	40	10	10	25	8	13	190	6.50	196.50
.....	12	12	18	18	5	5	15	2	7	94	3.00	97.00
hem .....	5	5	5	5	2	2	9	6	3	42	1.50	43.50
.....	12	12	15	15	5	5	15	22	5	106	2.00	108.00
ba Springs .....	23	23	75	75	11	11	28	10	15	271	7.00	278.00
Hill .....	16	16	28	28	8	8	20	4	11	139	5.50	144.50
an Chapel .....	15	15	26	26	7	7	18	10	13	137	6.50	143.50
an Light .....	18	18	37	37	10	10	21	12	11	174	5.50	179.50
n .....	14	14	27	27	8	8	18	10	7	133	3.50	136.50
cus .....	14	14	24	24	7	7	18	7	7	122	2.00	124.00
er .....	15	15	37	37	8	8	20	10	9	159	4.00	163.00
s Chapel .....	15	15	27	27	7	7	20	9	9	136	4.50	140.50
Hope .....	10	10	15	15	5	5	13	8	5	86	2.50	88.50
Chapel .....	10	10	15	15	5	5	13	5	5	83	2.00	85.00
son .....	25	25	78	78	15	15	30	19	15	300	8.50	308.50
Mills .....	13	13	23	23	7	7	13	3	5	107	2.00	109.00
n .....	8	8	15	15	4	4	12	3	5	74	2.00	76.00
Chapel .....	8	8	16	16	4	4	12	5	5	78	2.50	80.50
(Vance) ....	70	70	178	178	33	33	70	28	37	697	19.50	716.50
's Chapel .....	8	8	10	10	5	5	12	6	5	69	2.00	71.00
Union .....	12	12	19	19	7	7	15	8	7	106	3.50	109.50
ville .....	5	5	17	17	7	7	9	4	9	80	4.50	84.50
uburn .....	30	30	75	75	22	22	32	8	13	307	7.50	314.50
rmel .....	12	12	17	17	5	5	15	8	5	96	3.00	99.00
lead .....	22	22	28	28	10	10	25	14	11	170	6.00	176.00
ermon .....	10	10	28	28	5	5	13	6	5	110	1.50	111.50
lam .....	35	35	51	51	13	13	37	22	17	274	8.50	282.50
Hope .....	15	15	25	25	8	8	18	18	9	141	4.50	145.50
a .....	5	5	8	8	3	3	8	2	13	55	6.50	61.50
evel .....	15	15	26	26	8	8	18	8	9	133	4.50	137.50
y's Chapel ...	3	3	4	4	1	1	8	2	3	29	1.00	30.00
Plain .....	22	22	43	43	10	10	26	6	11	193	5.50	198.50
t Hill .....	12	12	32	32	7	7	15	7	7	131	3.50	134.50
t Union .....	22	22	50	50	10	10	22	12	6	204	3.00	207.00
th .....	12	12	32	32	7	7	15	11	7	135	3.50	138.50
Chapel .....	15	15	30	30	7	7	18	8	9	139	4.50	143.50
.....	40	40	60	60	17	17	38	25	19	316	9.50	325.50
d .....	25	25	68	68	10	10	27	16	13	262	6.50	268.50
y Well .....	22	22	45	45	10	10	25	14	11	204	5.50	209.50
rks .....	5	5	6	6	3	3	9	10	3	50	1.00	51.00
rn Pines .....	25	25	52	52	10	10	27	16	13	230	7.50	237.50
's Chapel ....	12	12	35	35	7	7	15	6	7	136	3.50	139.50
Chapel .....	45	45	182	182	15	15	47	18	25	574	14.50	588.50
orth .....	12	12	46	46	10	10	15	8	5	164	2.50	166.50
ville .....	8	8	15	15	7	7	12	4	5	81	3.00	84.00
Totals .....	\$792	\$792	\$1735	\$1735	\$395	\$395	\$936	\$464	\$448	\$7692	\$225.00	\$7917.00

The Entertainment Committee reported assigning delegates to their respective homes. Conference adjourned after the benediction until Wednesday morning.

### FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Conference was called to order by the Vice-President, Rev. R. T. Grissom.

Song and Devotional Service by Mr. Joe W. Stephenson.

Address by Miss Louise Meebold.

Benediction by Mr. A. H. McIver.

### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference was called to order by the president.

Devotional Service conducted by Rev. Frederick B. Eutsler.

Dr. L. E. Smith and Mrs. L. E. Smith were introduced to the Conference.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

#### REPORT OF TREASURER.

1945	Balance on hand November 15 .....	\$ 184.16
1946	Collections to November 13 .....	344.50
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		\$ 528.66
Dec. 7	Rev. E. M. Carter, Secretary .....	\$ 30.00
7	N. C. Council of Churches .....	25.00
7	Dr. F. H. Lewis, Expense .....	10.00
7	Miss Laura Wall, Expense .....	10.00
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Sept. 13	W. J. Andes, Treasurer, ANNUALS .....	99.66
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		174.60
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	Balance on hand November 13, 1946 .....	\$ 354.06

W. J. BALLENTINE, *Treasurer*.

By motion the report was referred to the Finance Committee.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

To evangelize is to instruct in the Gospel. "Go, therefore, and teach all nations, Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Matthew 28:19-20.)

Since one can not instruct another in a subject with which he himself is not familiar, therefore every Christian should seek to prepare himself with a knowledge of the Scriptures that he could instruct by every possible means those in the home, the church, the nation and the world, in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. "For it is the power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth." (Romans 1:16.)

We have observed that so many who occupy the place of leadership and instruct the minds of thousand are so pitifully ignorant of the Holy Scriptures and their teachings that their teaching serves to confuse rather than

enlighten those with whom they work. Such things so often are what Paul calls another Gospel, which is not another and gives temporary or physical comfort, but does not meet the Scriptural need of the soul. Only the Holy Scriptures themselves will serve the soul's purpose. Therefore we recommend that every Christian worker throughout the Conference, "Study to show themselves approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (II Tim. 2:15.) "For by grace are ye saved through faith." (Eph. 2:8.) And "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God." (Rom. 10:17.)

We respectfully call to our attention the action of the Southern Convention at its session at Waverly, Va., in 1946, when a Committee on Spiritual Life was created "to promote private and family devotions, Bible reading, prayer and person Christian commitment; to promote church attendance and church worship; to attempt to lay upon the hearts of the church members the necessity for more active allegiance to Jesus Christ." We consider this a forward step for our churches of this Convention, and we ask that the churches and pastors of the Conference seek to follow these recommendations, for there is no other way to an effective Christian life.

The Southern Convention also commissioned its Committee on Evangelism, under the impetus and in the spirit of this *new spiritual life movement*, to launch a program of Evangelism to intensify our growth as a church. The Committee on Evangelism has requested that the Eastern North Carolina Conference to set as a minimum goal 425 new members added to our churches for each year during the biennium. This seems to be a small number for our churches to win for Christ and His Church during the whole year, yet if we will examine our records for last year (1944-45) we should be made uncomfortable by our record of only 211 total received by all the churches of this Conference during the whole year! During that same year we lost a total of 116 members! During the previous year, 1943-44, we received only 295 new members, and we lost 128! Are 425 new members won for Christ and His Church a year too many for us to win? Your Committee thinks not, if we are in earnest about our discipleship and witness. Therefore, we urgently request each church to set itself in order spiritually and win followers to Christ and His Church—at least 425 in the Conference. We are under commission to do this as His disciples.

J. A. DENTON,

T. D. SUTTON,

*Committee.*

The report was discussed by Dr. W. T. Scott, Dr. L. E. Smith, Rev. R. T. Grissom and was adopted.

The report on North Carolina Council of Churches was given by Rev. A. Greig Ritchie, who suggested that the Conference donate to the Council \$75.00. By motion the report was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." (I Peter 4:10.) This tells us four things about Stewardship: (1) The Obligation of Stewardship belongs to and devolves upon "every one." (2) The ministering of Stewardship must be "according to the gift received." (3) The scope of Stewardship takes in all the "manifold grace of God." (4) Finally, we are called upon and challenged to be excellent stewards. How then, can we be good stewards of the manifold grace of God?

1. A good steward recognizes God's ownership of all—everything. "The



earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." (Psalm 24:1.)

2. A good steward acknowledges God's right:
  - (1) To improvement of all he has given.
  - (2) To rental—regular returns.
3. A good steward has a definite plan and program to meet his obligations to God. He not only pledges, but makes arrangements to pay his pledges.
4. A good steward studies the needs of the Kingdom and sees how he can make his efforts count for most.
5. A good steward puts first things first—not last as we do. (Matt. 6:33.)
6. A good steward has the glory of a partnership with God in His work. It is required of a steward to be faithful. (I Cor. 4:2.)

We recommend:

- (1) That we give of our time, talent, and material possessions in the work of the Kingdom of God through His Church.
- (2) That each church put on a financial program which will challenge its members.
- (3) That every Sunday school and church member attend regularly the services of his church.
- (4) That we all study to show ourselves approved.

T. D. SUTTON.

While the report was pending, Dr. W. T. Scott spoke and presented the Fellowship of Tithers and the Fellowship of Stewardship. Quite a number signed the cards. The report was adopted.

Dr. L. E. Smith made a strong appeal for the college.

Conference adjourned for lunch. Benediction by Rev. Tucker G. Humphries. —

## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was called to order by the president.

Devotional Service conducted by Rev. Frederick B. Eutsler.

### REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

A terrific impact is being made upon human minds today by the abundance of varied books and magazines and of constant radio programs. The world is standing at the cross roads, and the philosophy of tomorrow will be determined mostly by the choice of reading material we choose, for we are influenced more than we know by our reading.

The Committee on Religious Literature would make the following recommendations:

1. That we use the abundance of good literature published by our denomination. There is none better—for character building, information and inspiration.
2. That each church make available to all teachers of children *Children's Religion*, and the parents be encouraged to use this magazine.
3. That our young people's groups make a wide use of the varied material in our superb publication for youth, *Pilgrim Highroad*. There is no finer magazine for the Christian education of young people.
4. That we urge a wider reading of the *Missionary Herald* for the deepening of our interest in missions, at home and abroad. This magazine is not "for women only."

5. That we have as our ultimate goal: *The Christian Sun* in every home, and that we encourage an increased circulation of our national journal, *Advance*, which is to the denomination as a whole, what *The Sun* is to the Southern Convention.

6. That each church use some plan to get devotional aids into every home. Our own denomination publishes good aids for the different groups.

7. That our Sunday schools gradually accumulate libraries of good literature and encourage its circulation.

8. That pastors and church leaders encourage in every way possible a more extensive and intensive study of the Bible. Observance of Universal Bible Sunday and the reading of the selections suggested on the American Bible Sunday, and between Thanksgiving and Christmas are recommended as means to that end. It would also be good to present every new member with a Bible.

C. CARL DOLLAR.

The report was adopted.

Address by Rev. Tucker G. Humphries.

Address by Miss Louise Meebold.

The treasurer reported that he had collected at this session \$282.50.

Report of Committee on Social Action.

By motion the "resolutions" were rejected except Number 2, as follows: "We, the members of this Conference, resolve earnestly and prayerfully to search the scriptures anew for a deeper understanding of Christian brotherhood."

(NOTE: See Social Action Committee report for North Carolina and Virginia Conference, which was the report presented to the Eastern North Carolina Conference and rejected.)

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Finance, report that we have examined the receipts and disbursements of the Treasurer and find the same correct.

We recommend the payment of the following:

Rev. E. M. Carter, Secretary .....	\$ 50.00
Dr. John G. Truitt, Expense .....	10.00
Miss Louise Meebold, Expense .....	10.00
North Carolin Council of Churches .....	75.00

T. D. SUTTON,

W. S. BRIGGS,

*Committee.*

Adopted.

Moved and carried that the place of meeting for next session be left to the Executive Committee.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

In harmony and cooperation with the Southern Convention emphasis upon Christian Stewardship Year, 1946-47, that we urge our pastors, missionary societies, Sunday schools and young people's societies to present the claim of Stewardship and that we seek to enlist large numbers in the Fellowship of Stewards, of Self Service and Substance.

That we recommend to our churches their general support of the work of our Congregational Christian Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction, for the relief of suffering humanity and the rebuilding of Christian com-

munities destroyed by war. The Convention's goal for the Committee for CWVR is \$7,000 per year and it is urged that our churches seek to enlist regular support through the sacrificial giving.

We recommend to the churches their support of the Convention "Over and Above" gift of \$10,000 annually for the Shaowu Mission in China, and \$10,000 annually for Church Extension—organization and building of new churches within the Convention, in the areas where we are not now operating.

That, in behalf of the entire Conference we express appreciation to all officers and committees for their contribution to the success of this session of Conference.

That we recognize the presence of many visitors who have made excellent contributions to the Conference program. We thank each of them for their presence and help. We urge our people to heed the splendid messages brought by the speakers and resolve to work for greater progress and more effective service in all churches of the Conference.

That we extend a most cordial welcome to Rev. C. Carl Dollar, Rev. Frederick B. Eutsler and Rev. T. Fred Wright as they come into our midst as new members of our Conference and that we pledge to them our efforts equal to their own as we work together for an increase and a deepening of our Spiritual lives.

That we are indebted to the minister and members of Wake Chapel Church for the splendid entertainment provided for delegates and visitors. We regard this as an important part of the Conference work. In discharging this duty, the people of the local church have done an excellent job, for which we are indeed grateful.

As we close this 121st session of our Conference and return to our homes and churches for another year in the Master's service, may we go with a song in our hearts and a prayer on our lips to the end that we may dedicate our all to the task of establishing God's Kingdom on earth and in the hearts of all people.

A. H. McIVER,  
A. GREIG RITCHIE,  
*Committee.*

After some discussion on the question of changing the time of meeting, it was moved that the time of meeting remain as it is.

The motion was amended that the Executive Committee present the change to each church in the Conference for their consideration. The amendment was carried.

Moved and carried that the Committee Reports for the next session of Conference be in the hands of the Secretary thirty days before Conference convenes.

Moved and carried that the minutes be printed in the ANNUAL and that we purchase one hundred and twenty-five copies to be distributed to the churches, ministers and chairmen of committees.

The President appointed Standing Committees as follows:

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Executive*—J. Frank Apple, R. T. Grissom, E. M. Carter, J. A. Kimball, S. H. Basnight.

*Education and Standing of the Ministry*—R. T. Grissom, C. C. Dollar, E. M. Carter.

*Christian Education*—T. G. Humphries, Rex Powell, I. H. Vickery.

*Superannuation*—E. W. Neville, W. S. Briggs, Geo. M. Williams.

*Home Missions*—L. L. Vaughan, Joe W. Stephenson, J. A. Denton.  
*Foreign Missions*—Miss Margaret Alston, J. Lee Johnson, J. F. Hilliard.  
*Apportionments*—A. H. McIver, S. H. Basnight, H. W. Johnson.  
*Stewardship*—C. C. Dollar, T. D. Sutton, Mrs. R. L. Ross.  
*Evangelism*—T. Fred Wright, J. A. Denton, K. G. Weldon.  
*Social Action*—Frederick B. Eutsler, Allyn P. Robinson, Jr., E. M. Blanchard.  
*Religious Literature*—A. G. Ritchie, R. L. Trotter, J. E. Franks.  
*Program*—E. M. Carter, R. T. Grissom, J. F. Apple.  
*War Victims and Reconstruction*—Allyn P. Robinson, F. D. Burchard, Mrs. F. C. Smith.

By motion Conference adjourned, subject to the action of the Executive Committee. Benediction by Dr. W. T. Scott.

J. FRANK APPLE, *President*.

E. M. CARTER, *Secretary*.

#### MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

*Apple, J. Frank*—Sermons, 129; conversions, 21; members, 31; baptisms, 26; prayer meetings, 25; addresses, 8; weddings, 13; funerals, 6; salary, \$2,575.  
*Carter, Emory M.*—Sermons, 61; conversions, 30; members, 35; baptisms, 20; weddings, 1; funerals, 9; salary, \$1,381.  
*Denton, James A.*—Sermons, 90; conversions, 30; members, 22; baptisms, 25; weddings, 6; funerals, 15; salary, \$1,400.  
*Grissom, Raymond T.*—Sermons, 135; members, 31; baptisms, 23; prayer meetings, 120; addresses, 2; weddings, 7; funerals, 26; salary, \$1,900.  
*Howard, Britton J.*—Sermons, 2; funerals, 2; business.  
*Humphries, Tucker G.*—Sermons, 108; members, 16; baptisms, 8; prayer meetings, 10; addresses, 20; weddings, 8; funerals, 10; salary, \$3,800.  
*Johnson, J. Lee*—Sermons, 65; professions, 40; members, 26; baptisms, 18; weddings, 3; funerals, many; salary, \$1,300.  
*Sorrell, M. T.*—Sermons, 124; conversions, 215; members, 128; baptisms, 80; prayer meetings, 23; addresses, 11; weddings, 112; funerals, 39; salary, \$3,245. Superintendent of Faith Home.  
*Sutton, Thomas D.*—Sermons, 94; conversions, 5; members, 70; baptisms, 37; prayer meetings, 90; weddings, 1; funerals, 5; salary, \$1,340.



# Minutes of the Nineteenth Annual Session of the Virginia Valley Central Woman's Missionary Conference.

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BETHEL CHURCH,  
JULY 25, 1946.

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THEME: *Forward—Together—With Christ.*

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## MORNING SESSION.

The Nineteenth Annual Session of the Virginia Valley Central Woman's Missionary Conference of Congregational Christian Churches was called to order by the president, Mrs. R. A. Whitten, at 10:15 A. M. and opened with prayer by Rev. S. E. Madren. The Linville group conducted the morning worship. Mrs. W. H. Alger of the Bethel Church welcomed the conference. Mrs. Noah Painter of Leaksville responded.

The secretary called the roll of churches which showed the following representation:

Antioch, 6; Bethel, 16; Bethlehem, 2; Dry Run, 1; Leaksville, 9; Linville, 10; Mt. Olive (R), 4; New Hope, 1; Newport, 4; Winchester, 19.

All five ministers of the conference were present.

Mrs. Guy Thelin, guest speaker and missionary to China, and Mrs. F. C. Lester, Elon College, N. C., representing the Woman's Board of the Southern Convention, were introduced as visitors.

Reports were given from all five districts by the following: No. 1 and 4, Mrs. S. E. Madren; No. 2 and 3, Mrs. R. E. Newton, and No. 5, Mrs. A. K. Sirbaugh. Rallies were held in all the districts with Mrs. Whitten reviewing the study book, *Cross Over Africa*.

The following committees were appointed by the president:

*Nomination*—Miss Mabel Higgs, Chairman, Mrs. Edgar Nelson, Miss Verdie Showalter, Miss Ella Pickering and Mrs. Joseph Frazier.

*Press*—Miss Verdie Showalter, Miss Catherine Carter, Mrs. Carrol Monger, Mrs. E. Lena Rothgeb and Mrs. F. C. Lester.

*Resolutions*—Miss Amy Louderback, Chairman. Miss Evelyn Allen and Miss Earlene Andes.

*Apportionments*—Mrs. Noah Painter, Chairman. Miss Ella Pickering and Mrs. Mary Davis.

*Place*—Mrs. A. W. Andes, Chairman, Mrs. B. F. McDaniel and Mrs. William Cooper.

Mrs. Whitten presented the missionary highlights of the General Council which was timely and interesting.

Special music was furnished by a group of girls from Bethel.

Mrs. Guy Thelin, missionary to China, addressed the conference on the subject: "China Looks to the Future."

The conference was dismissed for lunch by Rev. Guy H. Veazey. Rev. Roy D. Coulter returned thanks at the lunch table.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened by the singing of "Christ for the World We Sing" and prayer by Rev. R. E. Newton. The devotional service was conducted by a combined group from Newport, Mt. Lebanon and Leaksville in charge of Mrs. Newton.

Mrs. F. C. Lester brought greetings from the Woman's Board of the Southern Convention. She told of plans for the coming year's work and urged the conference to meet later in the year to be line with the denominational work.

It was voted that the Woman's Conference of the Valley meet in September next year, the exact date to be decided by the Executive Board.

Miss Isabelle Sheetz, delegate to the National Pilgrim Fellowship meeting at Doane College, Crete, Nebraska, presented "I Saw a Missionary Commissioned" in a vivid and clear manner.

The following reports from the different conference superintendents were adopted:

#### FRIENDLY SERVICE.

The churches have reported the following:

*Antioch*—Clothing, food and money were sent to War Relief; cards, flowers and fruit were sent to the sick.

*Bethlehem*—Four comforts made and sent to War Relief; fruit, cards and flowers sent to the sick.

*Winchester*—Large donations of food and clothing sent to War Victims, the Junior Society aided in the work.

*Leaksville*—Cards sent to the sick and bereaved; the sick were visited.

*Newport*—Several offerings were given to War Victims; cards and fruit to the sick; helped the poor in the community.

*Dry Run*—Offering and clothing given to War Victims.

*Bethel*—Clothing sent to the Orphanage; cards and flowers sent to the sick.

*New Hope*—Cards and flowers were sent to the sick and bereaved.

*Linville*—Clothing sent to the War Relief, Salvation Army and the Christian Orphanage; cards and flowers were sent to the sick.

The Friendly Service projects for the coming year are as follows:

1. India.
2. Franklinton College, N. C. "Negro College"—they need table linen, bed linen, curtains, rugs and money.
3. Carrol County work.
4. Local Community—make a special effort to see that every child in the community attends some Sunday School.

MRS. A. W. ANDES, *Supt.*

## WOMAN'S WORK.

The following churches have Women's Societies: Bethlehem, Bethel, Leaksville, Linville, New Hope, Newport and Winchester.

VERDIE SHOWALTER, *Supt.*

## JUNIORS.

*Antioch*—13 members, hold monthly meetings in the Sunday school class and in the homes, special emphasis on daily devotions. Raised \$10.

*Leaksville*—This society works along with the Woman's group, has no separate report.

*Winchester*—15 members, hold meetings in Christian Endeavor Society, studied the mission study books in our meetings. Raised \$5.

*New Hope*—(New Society.) Raised \$4.20.

May I make a few suggestion to improve our work for the coming year:

1. Our goal is a Junior Missionary Society in every church with a separate report sent to the superintendent.
2. Each Junior Society to have a definite Friendly Service project.
3. Use the prescribed study books, with the teacher's guide.
4. Use of handwork that fits in with the study materials.

MRS. GROVER DAUGHERTY, *Supt.*

## CRADLE ROLL.

The Master said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Our missionary Cradle Roll is a fine opportunity to help bring the little ones unto Him.

I have reports from the following Cradle Rolls: *Antioch*—1 member, raised \$2.50; *Leaksville*—7 members (1 promoted, 6 new members), raised \$2.00; *New Hope*—8 members (3 promoted, 2 new members), raised \$1.00; *Winchester*—members, 5; raised \$2.50.

MRS. J. E. BRYANT, *Supt.*

## SPIRITUAL LIFE REPORT.

Jesus said, "And this gospel shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations."

We, through our missionary work and efforts are witnessing for Jesus here and abroad to our fellowmen.

Much depends on the spiritual life of each individual as to the interest we will have in our fellowman.

Through our worship and devotional programs we can enrich the spiritual life of our membership; therefore, let us put more emphasis on this important phase of our work.

The topic for the year past has been "Christian Witnessing." The study books recommended were "Concurring Witnesses" and "Say So."

Mrs. O. H. Paris, the Spiritual Life Superintendent of the Southern Convention will be glad to give help and suggestions along this line.

In contacting the different societies, I find all too little has been done through the Spiritual Life Department. May we realize the rich storehouse we have at our disposal and draw strongly therefrom.

Winchester society sends a good report from which we may all take example. The leaders arranged helpful programs. Bible study and private devotions were emphasized. They had a chain of prayer at each meeting in which they prayed for the unsaved in their community as well as the world.

The Antioch society has had for objectives prayer, stewardship of time, daily Bible reading and devotions. The Upper Room was used by some. They also studied, and different members reviewed the lives of Abel, Abraham, Moses, David and Isaiah.

MABEL HIGGS, *Supt.*

## LITERATURE.

The greatest Book of all books is the Bible and we should give it our first consideration. The Bible is God's message of love to man and we never know the Book unless we love its Author. We can plant our feet upon its promises and be safe. We can practice its precepts and be holy. Praise God for this Book of books.

Therefore, we recommend:

1. That we read and study the Bible daily, that we make it the first thing in our lives and study.

2. That parents take special care in selecting literature for their children to read.

3. That our members subscribe for and read our church paper, *The Christian Sun*.

I have the literature report from only one society—Leaksville—which reports 447 articles and 25 books read.

MRS. O. J. SOURS, *Supt.*

## LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMORIALS.

Winchester—2 Life Memberships: Mrs. W. A. McCurdy, Mrs. E. W. Cathers.

New Hope—I Memorial: Miss Alva Liskey.

Leaksville—2 Life Memberships: Mrs. Lena Rothgeb, Mrs. G. W. Rothgeb.

MRS. E. M. SPITZER, *Supt.*

There was no report from the Young People's Superintendent.

An offering was taken amounting to \$31.50.

It was voted that the treasurer be authorized to supplement the conference offering from the treasury to have sufficient funds to meet all bills.

A motion followed and was passed authorizing the treasurer to pay all bills.

It was voted that the Executive Board announce the new deadline for reports in keeping with the new date set by that Board for the Annual Conference.

The report of the Committee on Apportionments was adopted as follows::

## APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1946-47.

Womens Societies—Bethel, \$30; Bethlehem, \$30; Dry Run, \$20; Leaksville, \$70; Linville, \$75; New Hope, \$30; Newport, \$25; Winchester, \$85.

Young People's Societies—Antioch, \$85; Linville, \$20; New Hope \$10; Timber Ridge, \$35; Winchester, \$15.

Juniors—Antioch, \$10; Leaksville, \$5; New Hope, \$10; Winchester, \$5.

Cradle Roll—Antioch, \$2.50; Bethel, \$5; Linville, \$6; New Hope, \$5; Newport, \$3; Winchester, \$2.50.

Churches without societies—Beulah, \$5; Concord, \$5; Mayland, \$10; Mt. Lebanon, \$10; Mt. Olive (R), \$10; Mt. Olive (G), \$15, \$15; Palmyra, \$5;

Wissler's Chapel, \$10; Wood's Chapel, \$5.

MRS. MARY DAVIS,  
MISS ELLA PICKERING,  
MRS. N. F. PAINTER,  
*Committee.*



## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance brought forward .....	\$ 8.15
Conference Offering—1945 .....	13.20

## Received from Women's Societies:

Bethel .....	\$ 62.50	
Leaksville .....	142.00	
Linville .....	12.00	
Mayland .....	7.50	
Mt. Lebanon .....	11.00	
New Hope .....	33.00	
Newport .....	54.10	
Winchester .....	170.00	
		492.10

## Received from Young People:

Antioch .....	\$158.10	
Bethel .....	2.23	
Bethlehem .....	20.07	
Linville .....	42.00	
New Hope .....	9.25	
Timber Ridge .....	20.00	
Winchester .....	35.00	
		286.65

## Received from Juniors:

Antioch .....	\$ 15.00	
New Hope .....	4.20	
Winchester .....	5.00	
		24.20

## Received from Cradle Roll:

Antioch .....	\$ 2.50	
New Hope .....	1.00	
Winchester .....	2.50	
		6.00

Total Received ..... \$ 830.30

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to Mrs. Morgan (Expenses) .....	\$ 12.50	
Paid to Mrs. Whitten (Programs) .....	3.00	
Paid to Treasurer (Postage) .....	1.08	
Paid for Bond .....	5.00	
Paid to Mrs. Leathers .....	759.46	
		781.04

Balance in Treasury July 25, 1946 ..... \$ 49.26

PEARL H. PAINTER, *Treas.*

The report was adopted.

## COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

We have received an invitation from Antioch for the Conference next year.

MRS. A. W. ANDES,  
MRS. BEN MCDANIEL,  
MRS. WILLIAM COOPER,  
*Committee.*

The invitation was accepted.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

1. We express our appreciation of the contribution made to our conference program by Mrs. Guy Thelin, missionary to China.
2. To Mrs. F. C. Lester, representing the Woman's Board of the Southern Convention, for her assistance.
3. To Dr. F. C. Lester, past superintendent of the Southern Convention, for his words of wisdom in installing the officers for the coming year.
4. That we express by a rising vote, our welcome, and the delicious lunch,

EVELYN ALLEN,  
EARLENE ANDES,  
AMY LOUDERBACK,

*Committee.*

The report of the Nominating Committee was adopted. The following officers will serve for the coming year:

*President*—Mrs. R. A. Whitten, Winchester.

*Vice-President and Superintendent of Friendly Service*—Mrs. S. E. Madren, Elkton.

*Secretary*—Mrs. Clyde R. Miller, Route 4, Harrisonburg.

*Corresponding Secretary*—Miss Iris Pugh, Winchester.

*Superintendents*—

Women—Mrs. Joseph Frazier, Route 2, Elkton.

Young People—Mrs. J. E. Bryant, Route 3, Harrisonburg.

Juniors—Mrs. Grover Daugherty, Winchester.

Cradle Roll—Mrs. Carroll Monger, Elkton.

Spiritual Life—Mrs. Mary Davis, Linville.

Literature—Mrs. O. J. Sours, Luray.

Life Memberships and Memorials—Mrs. E. M. Spitzer, Route 3, Harrisonburg.

Family Life—Mrs. W. C. Voorhees, Route 1, McGaheysville.

International Cooperation—Mrs. A. W. Andes, Route 4, Harrisonburg.

*District Superintendents*—

No. 1—Mrs. S. E. Madren, Linville.

No. 2—Miss Goldie Dofflemyer, Elkton.

No. 3—Mrs. R. E. Newton, Route 3, Luray.

No. 4—Miss Ella Pickering, Broadway.

No. 5—Mrs. A. K. Sirbaugh, Winchester.

MABEL HIGGS,  
VERDIE SHOWALTER,  
MRS. EDGAR NELSON,  
MRS. JOSEPH FRAZIER,  
ELLA PICKERING,

*Committee.*

The secretary read the minutes of the day's proceedings.

The conference closed with the installation of the officers for the coming year by Dr. F. C. Lester.

MRS. R. A. WHITTEN, *President.*

MRS. HELEN S. MILLER, *Secretary.*

# Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference.

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HOLLAND CHRISTIAN CHURCH,  
OCTOBER 3, 1946.

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THEME: *Seeking Peace Through Christian Unity.*

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The Thirty-Fourth Annual Session of the Woman's Missionary Conference of the Eastern Virginia Congregational Christian Churches met with the Holland Christian Church on Thursday, October 3, 1946, and was called to order at 10:00 A. M. by the president, Mrs. J. F. Morgan.

Call to Worship: "Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee."—Psalm 67:3.

Conference hymn: "O Young and Fearless Prophet."

Invocation: Dr. W. B. O'Neill.

Worship service: Woman's Missionary Society of the Newport News Church.

The churches responded to the roll call as follows:

Antioch, 5; Bay View, 6; Berea (Nansemond), 7; Berea (Norfolk), 6; Bethlehem (Nansemond), 28; Centerville, 1; Christian Temple, 22; Cypress Chapel, 14; Damascus, 5; Dendron, 5; Elm Avenue, 3; First (Norfolk), 7; First (Portsmouth), 17; Franklin, 17; Holland, 10; Holy Neck, 17; Isle of Wight, 4; Johnson's Grove, 4; Liberty Spring, 24; Little Creek, 9; Mt. Carmel, 9; Newport News, 16; Oak Grove, 11; Oakland, 10; Rosemont, 11; Second Church (Norfolk), 9; Shelton Memorial, 5; South Norfolk, 11; Spring Hill, 4; Suffolk, 30; Union (South.), 7; Wakefield, 5; Waverly, 1; Windsor, 11. Total, 350. Barrett's Bethlehem (Disputanta), Burton's Grove, Eure, First (Richmond), Hopewell, Ivor, New Lebanon, and Union (Surry) were not represented.

The conference was happy to welcome one new society into the membership, which was Johnson's Grove.

Thirteen ministers were present.

The following visitors were recognized: Mrs. F. C. Lester, Superintendent of Literature of the Southern Convention, Woman's Work; Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of the Southern Convention; Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, Southern Convention Field Director for Christian Education and Young People's Organizations; and Mrs. Howard Stone Anderson, National President of Congregational Christian Women, who was the guest speaker for the day.

Rev. James G. Graham, pastor of the First Church, Norfolk, Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Robert E. Kimball, wife of the pastor of the Franklin Church, were introduced to the conference.

The reports of the District Superintendents were presented and adopted as follows:

#### NORFOLK DISTRICT.

The women of the Norfolk District this year have followed the command of Christ to His disciples to launch out into the deep, going beyond their apportionment. I'm sure that each society has received an added blessing in so doing, for Jesus said that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

I hope that each society will have a missionary program in every age group, down to the Cradle Roll, and go over the top next year in every department of the work.

We are especially happy about the new society at Little Creek and congratulate Mrs. Taylor on her faithful work. I extend my thanks and appreciation to all of the societies for their cooperation. When and if I can be of any help, please call on your Superintendent and let's pray for a bigger and better year ahead.

Churches in district, 12; societies in district, 12; women enrolled, 437; societies using packet, 12; societies using Guide Posts, 10; societies using *Missionary Herald*, 12; societies using Study Books, 12; societies using Envelope Series, 2; societies using Social Action, 1; societies holding Bible Study, 12; societies holding a well planned devotional service at each meeting, 12; societies holding a public service, 12; societies sending Friendly Service Gifts, 12; societies helping with community service, 12.

Subscriptions to *Advance*, 24; *Missionary Herald*, 148; *Christian Sun*, 241; *Social Action*, 2; *Church Woman*, 1.

Young people's groups who used study books, 8; young people's groups who sent Friendly Service Gifts, 3; young people who attended Summer Conference, 18; subscriptions to *Pilgrim Highroad*, 13; amount given to Missions this year, \$204.60.

Children's groups who used study books, 2; children's groups who sent Friendly Service Gifts, 4; subscriptions to *Children's Religion*, 17; amount given to Missions this year, \$173.41.

Churches who had active Cradle Roll, 8; churches who held a Cradle Roll Project, 7; churches who held a Cradle Roll Party, 7; children enrolled in Cradle Roll Groups, 229;.

Women who attended the Spring Rally, 78; Fall Conference, 103; World Day of Prayer Service, 209.

All societies met their apportionment in full. The apportionment was \$1,195.00 and the amount raised was \$1,673.45, putting them over the top by \$478.45. The Women's Missionary Societies of the South Norfolk Congregational Christian Church and the Shelton Memorial Congregational Christian Church wish their apportionments raised \$10 and \$5 respectively.

Seven Life Memberships and seven Memorials were sent in. Twelve societies attained the Standard of Excellence. The Honor Roll Societies are as follows: Bay View, Berea, Christian Temple, First Church (Newport News), Rosemont and Shelton Memorial.

MRS. F. H. LEWIS, *Supt.*

#### SUFFOLK DISTRICT.

In the Suffolk District there are eighteen churches and there is a Missionary Society in each church. Johnson's Grove Church organized a society this spring and Suffolk has two societies; hence, we have nineteen societies and eighteen churches. We are most happy to report to this session of Conference that Suffolk District Churches are one hundred per cent organized in missionary giving and interest. There are eight hundred and fifty-five members enrolled in these nineteen societies.



Fifteen societies met all the requirements of the Standard of Excellence. We have thirteen Honor Roll Churches. All of the societies paid their apportionments in full. Three failed to increase their giving over their apportionment for the current year. There was a substantial increase in giving by three societies—Franklin giving the greatest increase of \$103, Cypress Chapel giving an increase of \$32 and Oakland giving an increase of \$25. All of the societies except two made a Thank Offering. Johnson's Grove sent their Thank Offering directly to the Convention Office instead of to our Conference Treasurer. Their Thank Offering was \$20. The largest Thank Offering, which was \$100, made by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Suffolk; the second largest, which was \$76.05, was made by the Suffolk Staley Society, making a total of \$176.05 for the Suffolk Church. The third largest, which was \$75, was made by Liberty Spring Society, in addition to which a \$5 Thank Offering was given by the Children and Cradle Roll, and a \$9 Thank Offering was made by the Young People, making a total of \$94 for the Liberty Spring Church. The fourth largest Thank Offering, which was \$75, was given by our Franklin ladies.

Eighteen societies reported having held their Bible Study, "Concurring Witnesses." Nineteen reported having had a well planned devotional service at each meeting. Every society did Friendly Service work. Ten societies sent gifts of money and supplies to Rev. and Mrs. Allen Gleason for our Carroll County Mission Work. Two sent gifts to the migrant camps at Elizabeth City, N. C. Four societies sent clothing to Europe. Five sent gifts of money and clothing to our Orphanage at Elon. One mailed Overseas Christmas Boxes. Fifteen societies helped in Community Service.

We have three hundred and sixty subscriptions to *The Christian Sun*, one hundred and seventy-seven to the *Missionary Herald*, fourteen to *Advance*, and two to *Church Woman*.

Fifteen societies gave Life Memberships and Memorials, making a total of thirty-four adult certificates and one infant certificate issued. The Bethlehem Society gave the largest number, which was six. The second largest, which was five, was given by our Oakland Auxiliary. Three churches honored young men who made the supreme sacrifice, while serving our country.

The amount of money raised in Suffolk District was distributed as follows:

Women's Apportionments .....	\$2,583.95
Thank Offering .....	648.34
Life Memberships and Memorials .....	341.00
Young People's Apportionments .....	570.24
Young People's Thank Offering .....	73.61
War Victims and Services .....	15.00
Children's Apportionments .....	296.13
Children's Thank Offering .....	5.00
Cradle Roll Contribution .....	291.85
Cradle Roll Thank Offering .....	5.00

Total raised for all purposes in the Suffolk District \$4,830.12

(This does not include Friendly Service Gifts.)

Our District Rally was held in April with our Union (South,) ladies. We had an excellent program, presided over by our efficient retiring Superintendent, Mrs. J. Rollie Gayle. There were one hundred and ninety-four present.

The district enjoyed the inspiring message brought to us by the Rev. Charles Storrs, a returned missionary from China. We were honored by having as our guests, Rev. and Mrs. Barrett, missionaries, and our Conference President, Mrs. Morgan.

I cannot say enough about the good work which was done in the Suffolk District this current year. The women of our churches have deepened their

leadership in the home, community and church and joined hands with other denominations and faiths to help build for a spiritual and practical peace, which we desire in our hearts for the entire world. May I urge you not to halt but to rise to greater heights. The secular world is looking up to us with appreciation and expects great things of us. May God abundantly bless you as you labor in His name.

MRS. WM. T. HARREL, *Supt.*

### WAVERLY DISTRICT

In the Waverly District, there are eleven churches, nearly all small and all rural but two. Ten of these report missionary activity and giving. The one remaining church has a Young People's Society with a splendid membership. We hope that these young people may become interested and active in missionary work. It is surely a field for endeavor.

We have six women's societies with a membership of one hundred and one members.

Of these societies, all use the packet, five use *Guide Posts*, four use *Missionary Herald*, all use the study books, and one uses the Envelope Series. All have their Bible Study and all reported well-planned devotional services at each meeting. Five held public services.

In addition, Burton's Grove has a very active society with a membership composed of both women and young people. Their president is a young man and the society is listed as a Young People's Society, although they follow out the program for Women's Societies.

Our new society for this year is New Lebanon, with a membership of thirty-three, composed of men and women, boys and girls, nearly equaling in number the Sunday school enrollment and with a very high percentage of attendance. They have a devotional service and Bible Study at their meetings and plan to use the study books and hope to reach the Standard of Excellence next year. What an example this small rural church is setting! Many larger churches might do well to follow. Their president is also a young man. Their women members attend the Rally and take part in all District activities.

We hope to be able to report a new society at Centerville next year.

Four of our societies sent Friendly Service Gifts at home and abroad and three helped with community service. Three sent gifts to the Orphanage.

Spring Hill reported for the first time last year, reached the Standard of Excellence this year and sent an amount of money more than double their apportionment.

Two Young People's groups used the study books and two sent Friendly Service gifts.

Two children's groups also used the study books and sent Friendly Service gifts.

Two churches have active Cradle Rolls.

Our Spring Rally was a source of inspiration to all. Thirty-four women attended, and nine attended the Woman's Missionary Conference. Five societies cooperated with other denominations in the World Day of Prayer Service, with fifty-five women attending.

All societies sent to the Conference Treasurer an amount over and above their apportionment. Dendron sent the largest amount, which almost doubled their apportionment. Dendron also met the Standard of Excellence.

Waverly met all requirements as to activities but were not represented at the Woman's Missionary Conference last fall.

Waverly sent one Memorial and Richmond one Life Membership.

All societies report a good percentage of attendance. The highest percentage was reported by Hopewell.

Our goal for next year is:

1. At least one new society.

2. All societies attaining the Standard of Excellence.
3. All societies sending a Thank Offering.
4. A Memorial or Life Membership from every group.
5. Each society striving for an increase in membership and attendance.

MRS. W. H. JOHNSON, *Supt.*

The president appointed the following committees:

*Nominating*—Mrs. Herbert P. Harrell, Mrs. J. Monroe Harris, Mrs. I. W. Johnson.

*Courtesy*—Mrs. Annie Staley Calhoun, Mrs. F. W. Wilson, Mrs. Walter Cox.

*Place*—Mrs. W. V. Leathers.

Rev. J. Everett Neese announced that since Bay View Church is a Mission Project, they had placed a Display Board by the front door, outside of the church, the purpose of which was to inform the members of the conference just what they were doing and hoped to do, and invited everyone to inspect it during the lunch hour.

The recommendations, drafted for 1946, were read as follows, by the secretary, for consideration prior to the vote to be taken at the afternoon session.

1. That our Thank Offering go for the support of Shaowu Mission, China.
2. That the following departments be introduced into our conference:
  - (a) Interdenominational Cooperation.
  - (b) Christian Family Life.
  - (c) Visual and Audio Aids.
3. That our financial goal be \$6,000.
4. That we put forth greater effort toward increased interest and activity in our Young People's Missionary organizations.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. W. B. Williams, was submitted as follows:

#### REPORT OF TREASURER.

##### RECEIPTS.

Balnce in Treasury October, 1945 .....	\$ 131.69
Offering, Young People's Conference, 1945 .....	38.06
Offering, Woman's Conference, 1945 .....	83.44
Women's Societies Apportionment .....	4,141.04
Young People's Societies Apportionment .....	774.83
Junior Societies Apportionment .....	471.93
Cradle Roll Contributions .....	455.30
Life Memberships .....	320.00
Memorials .....	193.00
Thank Offering .....	1,273.19
World Day of Prayer .....	51.13
War Victims and Services Committee .....	15.00
Friendly Service .....	89.00
District Rally Offerings, 1946 .....	73.44
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$8,111.05</b>

##### DISBURSEMENTS.

Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treas., Woman's Board, S. C. ....	\$7,784.42
Rev. R. L. Jackson, Conference Speaker .....	20.00
Mrs. J. F. Morgan (Expenses) .....	3.00
West and Withers (Renew Bond) .....	5.00

Franklin Printing Co. ....	25.00	
Gurley Press .....	9.00	
Mrs. J. Rollie Gayle (Copies of Conference Hymn) .....	1.50	
Frank Printing Co. ....	5.75	
Rev. C. L. Storrs (Spring Rally Speaker) .....	20.00	
Bank Service Charges (Sept., 1945-June, 1946) .....	2.90	
Gurley Press .....	8.50	
Franklin Printing Co. ....	5.50	
		<hr/> 7,890.57
Balance in Treasury .....	\$ 220.48	
Mrs. W. B. WILLIAMS, <i>Treas.</i>		

The foregoing report was adopted as read, after which the entire conference body gave a rising vote of thanks in recognition and appreciation of efficient service rendered.

Mrs. F. C. Lester presented the literature for the coming year and also Year Books, which she had prepared for us, with the assistance of Dr. Lester.

The president's message, "The Tie That Binds," was very impressive. Mrs. Morgan stressed the fact that only good will rooted in Christian teaching will bring peace to the world.

The offering amounted to \$100.25.

A quartette, "The Gospel of Peace," by Slater, was rendered in an *a capella* arrangement by Mrs. Clyde Johnson, Mrs. Sumner Rawles, Mrs. Hendricks Jones and Mrs. E. T. Batten.

Dr. W. T. Scott introduced Mrs. Howard Stone Anderson, who brought the message of the day on the topic, "The Keys of the Kingdom." Mrs. Anderson stirred us with the great need of each individual contribution toward the spiritual and physical sustenance of a suffering and saddened world.

Hymn: "A Charge to Keep I Have."

The morning session adjourned with prayer by Rev. H. E. Crutchfield.

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### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was called to order at 2:00 o'clock by the president.

Hymn: "In Christ There Is No East Or West."

Prayer: Mrs. F. H. Lewis.

Dr. W. T. Scott presented to the conference Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, who spoke briefly.

A timely message on the topic, "Preparing to Live," was delivered by Dr. Scott, who reminded us that we are fighting a battle against secularism and must reexamine our faith and vision that we might prepare to live, while most of the world is preparing to die.



Departmental Meetings were held as follows:

Presidents of the Norfolk District.  
 Presidents of the Suffolk District.  
 Chairmen of Friendly Service.  
 Leaders of Young people.  
 Leaders of Children's Work.  
 Leaders of Cradle Roll.

During the Departmental Conferences, Mrs. Morgan presided in the auditorium, as which time the recommendations were read by the secretary, discussed and approved as follows:

1. That our Thank Offering go for the support of Shaowu Mission, China. (A recent letter from Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Jackson was read by the secretary and further information regarding Shaowu Mission was given by Mrs. Morgan, after which the first recommendation was approved.)

2. That the following departments be introduced into our Conference:

- (a) Interdenominational Cooperation.
- (b) Christian Family Life.
- (c) Visual and Audio Aids.

(Mrs. James Lynch talked to this resolution and brought a message on "Christian Family Life.")

3. That our financial goal be \$7,000. (The original resolution called for \$6,000, but an increase of \$1,000 was approved, thus making the financial goal \$7,000.)

4. That we put forth greater effort toward increased interest and activity in our Young People's Missionary organizations.

The report of the Spiritual Life Superintendent was read by Mrs. J. Rollie Gayle, and approved as follows:

#### REPORT OF SPIRITUAL LIFE SUPERINTENDENT.

For the past year we have had the pleasure of studying "Concurring Witnesses." In this study, we have found that these five witnesses, taken from the Old Testament, came from different walks of life.

Abel was a shepherd. Abraham was a mighty prince and was called "the Friend of God." Moses was a leader, author, lawgiver, statesman, teacher, but best of all he was called "The Servant of the Lord." David was a man of war, sweet singer, skilled musician and king. Isaiah was a major prophet. Thus we see that God needs witnesses in every walk of life, from the humblest to the greatest.

Repeat with me please, the key verses for the year. They are, as you know, the second and third verses of the 107th Psalm. "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; and gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south."

Evidently, the children of God of all ages have been slow to speak of Him and His work, but this fact has never dimmed the Lord's purpose for man. It is clear-shining in His words; "Ye are my witnesses." "Go . . . tell what the Lord hath done for thee." "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so." "And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

The world needs "Say So" Christians—men and women who prove by their lives that they are followers of Christ; who live honest, consecrated, radiant lives, and who speak the simple, straight-forward, sincere word of witness to Christ, telling to others, what the Lord means to them.

When Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved Him, and three times Peter told Jesus that he did, three times Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." So, let each of us do our best not to go to Jesus empty-handed. There is no other joy on earth to be compared to that experienced in being instrumental in bringing someone to Jesus. He stands ready to give us the power we need, if we are willing to step out in faith. The Bible tells us "he that winneth souls is wise." Let us work for that wisdom.

Mrs. William Harrell, Superintendent of the Suffolk District, reported that Antioch, Berea (Nans.), Bethlehem, Cypress Chapel, Damascus, Franklin, Holland, Holy Neck, Isle of Wight, Liberty Spring, Mt. Carmel, Oak Grove, Oakland, Suffolk, Suffolk (Staley), Union (South.) and Widsor had a well planned devotional service, held the Bible Study, observed the World Day of Prayer with a total of two hundred and thirty-one attending.

She had no report from the Eure Society. Damascus and Holland did not count those who attended, or else forgot how many they counted, so there was no record on that item. Johnson's Grove is a new society and they had a well planned devotional service, but did not organize in time to carry out the rest of the program. I am sure that they will this coming year.

Mrs. Frank Lewis, Superintendent of the Norfolk District, reported that Bay View, First Church (Portsmouth), Berea (Norfolk), Elm Avenue, South Norfolk, First Church (Norfolk), Shelton Memorial, Second Church (Norfolk), Christian Temple, Rosemont, Newport News, Little Creek all had a well planned devotional service, held the Bible Study, and observed the World Day of Prayer with a total of two hundred and thirty-four attending the World Day of Prayer.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Superintendent of the Waverly District, hasn't sent in her report yet, but the total of the two Districts reporting, of those attending the World Day of Prayer, is four hundred and sixty-five. Probably, if I had the Waverly report, there would have been enough to make the attendance five hundred. But we should have had at least one thousand present on that important day. The next World Day of Prayer is to be observed on February 21, 1947. Let us try to make the attendance that day one thousand. We can easily do it, if we work for it.

Our study for the coming year, is to be "The Fatherhood of God," and the book to be studied is "The Divine Fatherhood," by Henry M. Bullock, price, 25c, and you can get it from the Methodist Publishing House, Fifth and Grace Streets, Richmond 16, Va.

MRS. I. W. JOHNSON, *Supt.*

This report was followed by prayer by Mrs. J. F. Morgan.

The report of the Superintendent of Friendly Service, Mrs. Wm. T. Harrell, was presented and adopted as read.

#### REPORT OF FRIENDLY SERVICE DEPARTMENT.

The Friendly Service Department of our Church has extended to each Missionary Society an opportunity to share with others "In His name and for their sake."

This year we have given a helping hand to the needy people of war-torn countries, the sick, disabled and bereaved in our individual communities, migrant camps in North Carolina, Elon Orphanage and our Carroll County Christian friends. These deeds of love and kindness have deepened, I am sure, our devotion to Christ and, at the same time, heightened our appreciation of what God has done for us.

The societies of the Eastern Virginia Conference participated in the projects as follows:

1. Carroll County Work: Bay View, Berea (Norfolk), Bethlehem, Christian Temple, Holland, Franklin, Holy Neck, Isle of Wight, Mt. Carmel, Newport News, Oakland, Shelton Memorial, Suffolk, Windsor, Berea (Nansemond), Waverly.

2. Migrant Camps in North Carolina: Berea (Norfolk), Holland, Liberty Spring.

3. Clothing for Europe and Asia: Cypress Chapel, Rosemont, Oakland, Union (Southampton), Eure.

4. Overseas Christmas Boxes: Berea (Nansemond), Dendron, Waverly.

5. Indian Work in North Dakota: Second Church (Norfolk).

The projects for 1946-47 are:

1. Every child in your community attending some Sunday school.

2. Carroll County Work: Rev. and Mrs. Allen Gleason.

3. Franklinton Christain College: Rev. W. M. Lake, Director.

4. India.

Your superintendent will mail you a letter in January giving you detailed information on these projects.

In the Norfolk and Suffolk District all societies did Friendly Service deeds either locally or abroad. The Waverly District Superintendent reports that four sent gifts to Friendly Service projects.

There were more societies this year carrying out our projects. For your interest and support, I wish to express to each society my sincere appreciation for the splendid response to Friendly Service Work this current year.

MRS. WM. T. HARRELL, *Supt.*

Mrs. C. O. Byrd, Superintendent of Life Memberships and Memorials, presented the following report, which was adopted as read.

#### REPORT OF LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMORIALS.

Life Memberships: 32 .....	\$ 320.00
Memorials: 22 (3 Infant) .....	193.00

Total: 54 .....	\$ 513.00
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MRS. C. O. BYRD, *Supt.*

Memoirs were impressively conducted by Mrs. C. O. Byrd, using the topic, "Jesus Is the Door," and speaking from the twenty-eighth chapter of Matthew and the twenty-third Psalm.

Rev. T. Fred Wright offered a special prayer for Mrs. C. H. Rowland and Mr. Herbert P. Harrell, who were then ill.

The secretary was instructed to send a wire of solicitude to Mrs. C. H. Rowland and letters of condolence to Mr. R. B. Wood and Mrs. J. Monroe Harris, husband and sister of the late Mrs. Mamie Pierce Wood.

Mrs. John G. Truitt announced that complimentary literature on "Interdenominational Cooperation" was available to all after adjournment.

The Courtesy Committee presented the following report, which was approved as read.

#### REPORT OF COURTESY COMMITTEE.

We, the members of the Courtesy Committee, wish to express our appreciation of the splendid interest in the thirty-fourth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Conference.

To all who assisted in any way, we are grateful, especially to our President for her message and all of the officers who have served so efficiently; to the quartette who sang so sweetly; to Mrs. F. C. Lester for the Literature Report; for the presence of the ministers; and for the messages from Dr. Scott, our Convention Superintendent. We also wish to express appreciation to the pastor and ladies of the Holland Christian Church for their hospitality and for the marvelous address by Mrs. Howard Stone Anderson of Washington, D. C.

MRS. F. W. WILSON,  
MRS. WALTER COX,  
MRS. ANNIE S. CALHOUN,  
*Committee.*

The report of the Committee on Place was given as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

Two invitations have been extended to our Conference for the next session, namely, Mt. Carmel and Newport News, so I hereby move that the decision be left with the Executive Board.

MRS. W. V. LEATHERS, *Chairman.*

The foregoing report was approved and the above motion carried, the decision to be announced later.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by the Secretary in the absence of the Chairman.

#### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

We, your Nominating Committee, submit the following as the slate of officers for election for the year of 1946-47:

*President*—Mrs. John G. Truitt.  
*First Vice-President*—Mrs. Wm. T. Harrell.  
*Second Vice-President*—Mrs. Russell T. Bradford.  
*Secretary*—Mrs. L. W. Stagg.  
*Treasurer*—Mrs. W. B. Williams.  
*Superintendent of Literature*—Mrs. J. F. Morgan.  
*Superintendent of Spiritual Life*—Mrs. I. W. Johnson.  
*Superintendent of Life Memberships and Memorials*—Mrs. C. O. Byrd.  
*Superintendent of Young People's Work*—Mrs. Jamess Lynch.  
*Ass't Superintendent of Young People's Work*—Miss Julia Anne Matthews.  
*Superintendent of Children's Work*—Mrs. E. H. Stephenson.  
*Superintendent of Cradle Roll*—Mrs. A. J. Holland.

MRS. J. MONROE HARRIS,  
MRS. I. W. JOHNSON,  
MRS. H. P. HARRELL,  
*Committee.*

On motion, the above report was adopted as read and these officers declared elected for the ensuing year.

An Installation Service for the newly elected officers was conducted by Dr. John G. Truitt.

Conference hymn: "O Young and Fearless Prophet."

Benediction by Dr. I. W. Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. F. MORGAN, *President.*  
MRS. A. C. MOORE, *Secretary.*



# Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth Annual Session of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Conference.

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA,  
OCTOBER 1, 1946.

## MORNING SESSION.

The Thirty-Fourth Annual Session of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met at the United Church in Raleigh, N. C., October 1, 1946, at 10:00, with Mrs. J. D. Strader, president, presiding.

Rev. F. B. Eutsler, pastor of the Raleigh Church, conducted the devotional service on our theme: "The Lord Thy God and Neighbor."

Our president brought greetings from the Synodical Woman's Guild of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, in which they stated that they were looking forward to the day when we will merge and be called one great brotherhood.

Our new Superintendent of the Convention, Dr. Wm. T. Scott, was presented, who in turn introduced the ministers present.

The following committees were appointed:

*Courtesy*—Miss Margaret Alston, Mrs. B. J. Earp, Mrs. B. M. Newman.

*Place*—Mrs. E. P. Trollinger, Mrs. O. J. Stuckey, Mrs. A. G. Ritchie.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

### RECEIPTS.

Women's Societies .....	\$7,437.68
Young People .....	357.17
Willing Workers .....	232.71
Cradle Roll .....	168.62
Conference Offering (Elon College) .....	58.90
District Rally Offerings .....	73.19
Special Thank Offering from Rev. & Mrs. Charles L. Storrs .....	20.00
Total Receipts .....	<u>\$8,348.47</u>

### DISBURSEMENTS.

Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treasurer, Woman's Mission Board of  
Southern Convention for:

Thank Offering .....	\$1,887.77
Life Memberships .....	360.00
Memorials .....	200.00
Elon College .....	11.00
Elon Orphanage .....	45.20
Carroll County Mission .....	111.15
World Day of Prayer (Additional) .....	10.00
War Victims and Reconstruction .....	69.99
Post War Emergency Program .....	14.50
Chinese Student Work .....	50.00

Atkinson Memorial .....	1.00	
Milk Fund—European Children .....	4.91	
Missions (General Fund) .....	5,178.45	
		\$7,943.97
Bank Charges .....	\$ 1.62	
Conference Speakers .....	25.00	
Expense of Delegate to Cleveland Conference .....	92.00	
Board Meeting—Transportation and Luncheon .....	38.74	
Expense of the President (2 years) .....	21.70	
Expense of the Treasurer .....	11.68	
Mrs. F. C. Lester—Expense of Literature (Special books— 3 years) .....	5.60	
Convention Office—Projector and Screen .....	69.46	
Hotel Bill (Rev. Charles L. Storrs) .....	14.89	
Special Easter Offering to Elon Orphanage .....	23.00	
World Day of Prayer Offering (N. C. Council of Churches) .....	100.81	
		404.50
Total Disbursements .....		\$8,348.47

SUSIE D. ALLEN, *Treasurer*.

The Treasurer's report was adopted as read.

The Treasurer's report showed an increase of \$1,165.23 over last year, and five additional societies reporting.

Mrs. Wm. T. Scott presented our Thank Offering for the year. In her message to the conference she stressed the importance of "acting the part of God to our neighbor." Mrs. Scott also gave us the following Thank Offering reminders:

1. Mrs. J. D. Bowden is our new Thank Offering chairman.
2. Our Thank Offering will be designated to go to Shaowu, China.
3. The Thank Offering date is November 4.
4. Send in offering as near the designated date as possible.
5. We recommend highly the dedication service.
6. Thank Offering programs have been prepared and will be mailed to each church.
7. Our total Thank Offering goal is \$3,000 and over.
8. We have a plan for receiving our Thank Offering.

Mrs. Strader read a special delivery letter from the Jacksons, stating that they were thinking of us in our meeting.

Mrs. W. E. Wisseman introduced the morning speaker, Mrs. Howard Stone Anderson of Washington, D. C., President of the National Fellowship of Congregational Christian Women in America. Mrs. Anderson gave a most inspiring talk on the work of the Board of Home Missions, showing us just how widespread our work is and where our money is used.

The morning offering received amounted to \$77.45.

Special music was rendered by a member of the United Church.

After the benediction by Rev. C. C. Dollar the meeting adjourned and the following "Workshops" were attended:

1. Program—Friendly Service.
2. Devotional Life.
3. Young People.

4. Children.
5. Home and Family Life.
6. Cradle Roll.
7. Visual Aids.
8. Interdenominational Cooperation.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

In the absence of Rev. Donald Strickler who was scheduled to speak, Rev. Allyn Robinson gave a challenging message on War Victims and Reconstruction. Mr. Robinson stated that the Congregational Christian Committee is trying to meet the needs of human sufferers in the world. Through Church World Service we are trying to help refugees who come to the United States. Through American Friends Service Committee great good has been accomplished. Not only hungry people are fed but hungry souls are fed. Through the work of this committee we are creating world friendship.

Mrs. O. H. Paris gave a brief report on the Grinnell Conference, which was followed by a very interesting skit given by a group of our women about the Conference.

Miss Frances Query, Full Time Consultant on Week Day Religious Education, was introduced. Miss Query made a few remarks in regard to her new work with the North Carolina Council of Churches.

Mr. Eutsler appealed to the conference for assistance in obtaining the names of students of our State College who are of our denomination in order that they may be contacted by his church.

### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

*President*—Mrs. F. C. Lester, Asheboro, N. C.

*First Vice-President and Superintendent of Life Memberships and Memorials*—Mrs. R. M. Cline, Sanford, N. C.

*Second Vice-President and Superintendent of Friendly Service*—Mrs. B. M. Newman, Liberty Vance.

*Secretary*—Mrs. W. W. Tate, Greensboro, N. C.

*Treasurer*—Miss Susie Allen, Raleigh, N. C.

*Superintendent of Spiritual Life*—Mrs. W. W. Hall, Shallow Ford.

*Superintendent of Literature*—Mrs. Wm. T. Scott, Elon College, N. C.

*Superintendent of Young People*—Mrs. W. Millard Stevens, Burlington, N. C.

*Superintendent of Children*—Mrs. Allyn Robinson, Raleigh, N. C.

*Superintendent of Cradle Roll*—Mrs. Kenneth Register, Union.

*Superintendent of Christian Family Life*—Mrs. D. M. Estes, Durham, N. C.

*Superintendent of Interdenominational Cooperation*—Mrs. Carrie Fields, Reidsville, N. C.

MRS. O. H. PARIS,  
MRS. D. J. BOWDEN,  
MRS. KENNETH REGISTER,  
*Committee.*

The report of the Nominating Committee was adopted as read.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

The Burlington Church extended an invitation for the next meeting of the Conference in 1947.

As retiring president, Mrs. Strader expressed her appreciation for the fine cooperation on the part of the Conference and the splendid assistance of all the officers and committees.

#### REPORT OF RESOLUTION AND COURTESY COMMITTEE.

We, the members of the conference wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Strader for her four years of faithful service.

We wish to thank the Raleigh Church for their gracious entertainment and for the kind welcome extended us.

Recommendations to continue the practice of "Workshops" at the next Conference were accepted.

Dr. Wm. T. Scott had charge of the Dedication of Officers.

A very impressive Memorial Service was conducted by Mrs. J. A. May, which concluded the conference.

MRS. J. D. STRADER, *President*.  
MRS. W. W. TATE, *Secretary*.

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#### MINUTES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The North Carolina Woman's Executive Board met in annual session at the United Church, Raleigh, N. C., October 15, 1946, with our president, Mrs. F. C. Lester, presiding.

The following members were present:

Mrs. F. C. Lester, Miss Susie Allen Mrs. Wm. T. Scott, Mrs. Millard Stevens, Mrs. Allyn Robinson, Mrs. Kenneth Register, Mrs. D. M. Estes, Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, Mrs. B. W. Fields, Mrs. L. L. Hooper Mrs. A. G. Ritchie, Mrs. W. J. Andes, Miss Margaret Alston, Mrs. W. W. Hall, Mrs. W. W. Tate.

Visitors included Mrs. J. D. Strader and Mrs. W. E. Wisseman.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. J. D. Strader.

Minutes of the Fall Conference were read, corrected and approved.

The question of more time for the Annual Conference was discussed. It was the general feeling of the Board that we have been trying to crowd too much in one day when probably a two-day session would be advisable. No definite conclusion was reached.

It was suggested that the card system be used for registration at the conference in order to avoid so much confusion and also to save time.

Interesting reports were made by the District Superintendents, all Superintendents being present except Miss Ollie May Beane.

It was voted that the Spring Rallies be held on April 8, 9, 10 and 11 provided it meets with the approval of the Eastern Virginia Conference. Suggested speakers for the Rallies are Miss Pattie Lee Coghill and Mrs. Loy Long.

The following places were designated for the Rallies:

Shallow Well—Randolph District, Chatham-Lee-Moore District.  
Reidsville—Alamance District, Guilford-Rockingham-Forsyth Districts.  
Mt. Auburn—Durham-Wake District, Vance-Warren Districts.  
Lynchburg—Halifax District.



The meeting adjourned for a luncheon at the S. & W. Cafeteria which was arranged by Miss Susie Allen.

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#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Most of the afternoon session was taken up by an informal discussion by the President and Superintendents.

In pointing out some of the duties of the Superintendent of Interdenominational Cooperation, Mrs. Andes emphasized the three days of observance during the year: (1) World Community Day, (2) World Day of Prayer, and (3) May Fellowship Day.

Mrs. D. M. Estes, Superintendent of Christian Family Life, emphasized the importance of the new Department of Work on the Home and Family Life. She stated that the traveling library would be used in connection with this program. It was suggested that special emphasis be placed on Christian Family Week in May.

The Superintendent of Spiritual Life suggested that prayer cards be printed listing the names of our missionaries and that they be distributed among our churches.

Superintendent of Literature stated that packets of material would be available at the conferences for those who desire them.

Friendly Service Superintendent stated that the slogan, "Every Child in Sunday School," should be stressed by the local groups to fit their situation. The Convention Office at Elon will send out material to the different societies for this work.

A motion was made and carried that we contribute \$50.00 to the North Carolina Council of Churches towards the salary of Miss Query, who is to supervise teaching of the Bible in our public schools.

A motion was made and carried that we contribute \$20.00 to the Woman's Department of the North Carolina Council of Churches.

A motion was made and carried that a check for \$25.00 be sent to Mrs. Howard Stone Anderson as an expression of our appreciation for her coming to the conference.

Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, new field worker for our Young People, touched briefly on the work of Young People in our churches.

It was suggested that we as a group send our congratulations to Miss Ollie May Beane, in our Randolph District, who is to be married soon.

It was suggested that the Superintendents of the various departments send in information to Mrs. Lester by November 1st for the news letter or bulletin which she will send out to the local presidents.

Flowers were sent to the funeral of Mrs. C. H. Rowland, former president.

The meeting adjourned.

MRS. F. C. LESTER, *President.*  
MRS. W. W. TATE, *Secretary.*

# Minutes of the Fifty-Fifth Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association.

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NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA,  
DECEMBER 3, 1946.

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The Fifty-Fifth Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association was called to order by the president, Dr. John G. Truitt, Tuesday, December 3, 1946, at 4:30 P. M.

The opening hymn was led by Rev. J. F. Morgan, Second Church, Norfolk.

Prayer by Rev. Robert Kimball, Franklin.

The Financial Secretary, Rev. R. E. Brittle, enrolled and collected the dues. The final enrollment was as follows:

- Bay View*—Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Woman's Fellowship, \$10; Bartholomew Bible Class, \$10; Mrs. L. F. Todd, \$5. Total, \$45.
- Berea (Nansemond)*—Church, \$10; Men's Bible Class, \$10; Ladies' Bible Class, \$10; Ladies' Aid, \$10; R. T. Bradford, \$10; Mrs. R. T. Bradford, \$5; J. C. Matthews, \$10; Mrs. J. C. Matthews, \$5; Mrs. H. P. Harrell, \$5; Miss Julia Anne Matthews, \$5; Mrs. C. P. Darden, \$5; Sunday School, \$10; L. A. Daniels, Jr., by Mr. W. H. Parker, \$5. Total, \$100.
- Bethlehem*—Ladies' Star Class, \$10; Ladies' Aid Circle No. 1, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Church, \$10; Men's Bible Class, \$10; C. F. Savage, \$10; Mrs. C. F. Savage, \$5. Total, \$65.
- Christian Temple*—Twiddy Bible Class, \$10; Dorcas Bible Class, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Sunday School Mission Treasurer, \$10; R. E. Brickhouse, \$10; Mrs. R. E. Brickhouse, \$5; T. E. Brickhouse, \$10; Mrs. T. E. Brickhouse, \$5; Mrs. J. R. Wilson, \$5; Church Mission Fund, \$20; Church Treasurer, \$20; Mrs. L. W. Stagg, \$5; Young Adult Class, \$10; Friendship Class, \$10; Women's Council, \$20; E. M. Albright, \$10; Mrs. E. M. Albright (In memory of E. M. Albright, Jr.), \$10; Templeton Bible Class, \$10; F. M. Brewer, \$10. Total, \$200.
- Cypress Chapel*—Young Ladies' Bible Class, \$10; Men's Bible Class, \$10; Woman's Missionary Society, \$10; Agness Brittle Circle of the Missionary Society, \$10; Young People's Missionary Society, \$10. Total, \$50.
- Elm Avenue*—Sunday School, \$25. Total, \$25.
- First, Norfolk*—Rev. James G. Graham, \$10; Mrs. James G. Graham, \$5; Men's Bible Class, \$10. Total, \$25.
- First, Portsmouth*—Women's Missionary Society, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Church, \$10; Men's Bible Class, \$10; Mrs. C. F. Rudd, \$5. Total, \$45.
- Franklin*—L. R. Jones, \$10; J. A. Williams, \$10; Men's Bible Class, \$10; Mrs. E. P. Jones, \$5. Total, \$35.
- Holland*—Mrs. R. H. Riedel, \$5; Mrs. J. D. Rawles, \$5; Woman's Bible Class, \$10; Men's Bible Class, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Church, \$10. Total, \$50.
- Holy Neck*—Bible Class, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Church, \$10. Total, \$30.
- Isle of Wight*—Sunday School, \$10. Total, \$10.

*Liberty Spring*—Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; R. E. Rogers Class, \$10; A. H. Savage Class, \$10; Friendship Class, \$10; Bertie Johnson Class, \$10; Joel E. Harrell, \$10; Mrs. Joel E. Harrell, \$5; Mrs. James C. Lynch, \$5; I. W. Johnson, \$10; Mrs. I. W. Johnson, \$5; I. T. Byrd, \$10; G. O. O'Berry, \$10; Mrs. G. O. O'Berry, \$5; Walter O'Berry, \$5; Mrs. F. F. Brinkley, \$5; Kay Culver Brinkley, \$5; Fermer Perry, \$10; Mrs. Fermer Perry, \$5; Frank Perry, \$5; Zack Perry, \$10; Mrs. Zack Perry, \$5; Joe Perry, \$10; Starkley Perry, \$10; Mrs. J. Starkley Perry, \$5; Carolyn Sue Harrell, \$5; Mrs. P. S. Harrell, \$5; Mrs. J. Lewis Horton, \$5; Mrs. Howard Rhodes, \$5; Mrs. William Harrell, \$5; H. E. Savage, Sr., \$10; Mrs. H. E. Savage, Sr., \$5; Mrs. H. E. Savage, Jr., \$5; Eva Lee Savage, \$5; R. E. Rogers, \$10; Mrs. R. E. Rogers, \$5; Mrs. John L. Rawles, \$5; Mrs. W. E. Duke, \$5; Mrs. W. L. Turner, \$5; Mrs. J. W. Duke, \$5; Mrs. C. E. Byrd, \$5; Miss Lizzie Harrell, \$5; Mrs. E. C. Skinner, \$5; Mrs. E. F. O'Berry, \$5; N. W. Byrd; Mrs. M. E. Harcum, \$5; Miss Hontas Rawles, \$5; Mrs. B. L. Boisseau, \$5; Mrs. Wesley Harrell, \$5; Mrs. Ralph O'Berry, \$5; Mrs. Roscoe Harrell, \$5; Park C. Brinkley, \$10; Mrs. Park C. Brinkley, \$5; E. F. O'Berry, \$10; Woman's Missionary Society, \$10; Young People's Missionary Society, \$10; Mrs. Luther Wilkins, \$5; Mrs. Ralph Duke, \$5; Graham Copland, \$5; Richard Fairlee Brinkley, \$5; Wesley Harrell, \$10; Mrs. Joe Perry, \$5. Total, \$420.

*Little Creek*—Church, \$10; West Bible Class, \$10; Ladies' Auxiliary, \$5. Total, \$25.

*Newport News*—Church, \$50; Choir, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Woman's Auxiliary, \$30; Newman Bible Class, \$10; Golden Rule Bible Class, \$10; Annie Smith Class, \$10; Robert Lee House Class, \$20; Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, \$10; R. L. Baker, \$10; C. D. West, \$10; W. B. Williams, \$10; Rufus Powell, \$10; R. J. Moberg, \$10; W. H. Baker, \$10; Carson Coats, \$10; Vista Class, \$10; Charles England, \$10; L. L. Taylor, \$10; Mrs. W. H. Baker, \$5; Mrs. R. L. Baker, \$5; Mrs. W. B. Baker, \$5; Mrs. J. T. Irby, \$5; Mrs. R. C. Jarrett, \$5; Mrs. R. E. Pulley, \$5; Mrs. F. W. Vaughn, \$5; Mrs. G. G. Givens, \$5; Mrs. J. E. Rich, \$5; Miss Grace Spivey, \$5; Mrs. W. B. Williams, \$5; Mrs. C. L. Pope, \$5; Memorial to Mrs. Laura Butler, \$5; Mrs. H. R. Byrd, \$5; Miss Ruby Pope, \$5; Miss Katherine Harrell, \$5; Mrs. H. D. Edwards, \$5; Mrs. R. C. Luke, \$5; Miss Jane Collins, \$5; Mrs. L. L. Taylor, \$5; Mrs. R. J. Moberg, \$5; Mrs. G. C. Hopkins, \$5; Mrs. O. H. Griggs, \$5; Mrs. A. G. Simmons, \$5; Mrs. Frank Cannon, \$5; Mrs. J. H. Duling, \$5; Mrs. W. R. Cole, \$5; Mrs. S. E. Holland, \$5; Mrs. J. W. Holland, \$5; Mrs. R. L. Smith, \$5; Mrs. L. J. Brown, \$5; Mrs. H. B. Barnes, \$5; Mrs. I. W. Ashburn, \$5; Mrs. Edna R. Webb, \$5; Miss Rachael Watson, \$5; Miss Sandra Cutchins, \$5; Mrs. H. E. Corbit, \$5; Mrs. F. F. Foster, \$5. Total, \$450.

*Oakland*—Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; F. M. Class, \$10; I. W. Johnson Class, \$10; Alton Wagoner, \$10; W. K. Wagoner, \$10; Mrs. E. E. Wagoner, \$5; Mrs. P. D. Howell, \$5; Mrs. C. C. Johnson, \$5; Mrs. E. L. Pruden, \$5; R. B. Wood, \$10; Dr. N. G. Newman, \$10; M. E. Godwin died Dec. 2, 1946), \$10; Mrs. J. T. Brock, \$5; Ladies' Auxiliary, \$10; R. B. Wood (In memory of Mrs. R. B. Wood), \$5. Total, \$130.

*Richmond*—J. H. Newman, \$10; Holmes Bible Class, \$10; Carlton Bible Class, \$10; Rev. R. L. House, \$10; Mrs. J. T. Kernodle (memorial to Mrs. P. J. Kernodle), \$5; Mrs. D. F. Cofer (memorial to Miss Tamar Savedge), \$5. Total, \$50.

*Rosemont*—Church, \$10; H. R. Morrison, \$10; Mrs. H. R. Morrison, \$5; Mrs. O. F. Smith, \$5; John Morrison Bible Class, \$10; Mrs. O. S. Mills, \$5; Woman's Missionary Society, \$10; L. L. Milteer, \$10; Cofield & Richardson, \$10; Mrs. H. L. Bondurant, \$5; H. S. Hardcastle, \$10. Total, \$90.

*Shelton Memorial*—Church, \$10; Ladies' Guild, \$10. Total, \$20.

*Second, Norfolk*—J. F. Morgan, \$10; Morning Star Class, \$10; Men's Bible Class, \$10; Ladies' Bible Class, \$10. Total, \$40.

*South Norfolk*—Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Ladies' Bible Class, \$10; L. L. Webb, \$10; Mrs. E. J. King, \$5; Mrs. Hugh Rawles, \$5; Y. P. C. E. Society, \$10; Primary Department, \$5; New Century Class Senior Department, \$5; Intermediate Department, \$10; Mrs. Patrick White, \$5; O. D. Poythress, \$10; Mrs. P. D. Evans, \$5; Huber Class, \$10; Dorcas Class, \$10; Junior Department, \$10; Onward Bible Class, \$10. Total, \$140.

*Suffolk*—Mrs. A. H. Holland, \$5; Church, \$10; John G. Truitt, \$10; Philathea Class, \$20; J. E. West, \$10; Woman's Missionary Society, \$10; W. W. Staley Missionary Society, \$10; Mrs. J. M. Darden, \$5; Dr. D. L. Rawles, \$10; J. Parker Cross, \$10; W. S. Beamon, \$10; H. H. Holland, \$10; Mrs. Annie Staley Calhoun, \$5; Ladies' Benevolent & Social Union, \$20; Junior Philathea Class, \$10; Mrs. C. B. Duke, \$5; Sunday School, \$20; J. Carr Hill, \$10; Mrs. J. D. McClenny, \$5; Dr. D. L. Harrell, \$10; Mrs. W. V. Leathers, \$5; Mrs. J. E. Rawles, \$5; Mrs. C. A. Shoop, \$10; Miss Jamie Felton, \$5; Young People, \$10; Mrs. A. A. Turner, \$5; Miss Susie Holland, \$5; Baraca Class, \$10; Mrs. George W. Nurney, \$5; E. H. Rawles (Contribution), \$10; Julia A. Brinkley, \$5. Total, \$280.

*Wakefield*—Young People's Bible Class, \$10; Men's Bible Class, \$10. Total, \$20.

*Waverly*—Sarah Johnson Class, \$10; Church, \$10; A. Paul Hartz (Membership for Mrs. A. B. Hartz), \$5; Garland Gray, \$20; Garland Gray (Memorial to Mrs. Ella V. Gray), \$5; Ladies' Aid Society, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Acorn Bible Class, \$10; C. D. West (Memorial to Mrs. R. T. West), \$5. Total, \$85.

*Windsor*—Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$10. Total, \$20.

Total Receipts—\$2,640.

The president appointed the following committees:

*Nominating*—Rev. R. L. House, Dr. W. B. O'Neill, M. E. Taylor.

*Resolutions*—Rev. J. F. Morgan, Mrs. L. E. Rawles, Rev. H. E. Crutchfield.

*Place of Meeting*—W. H. Baker, Rev. R. E. Brittle.

*Press*—Dr. W. T. Scott, Rev. R. L. House.

*Plans Committee*—(Standing Committee)—Dr. I. W. Johnson, Rev. O. D. Poythress, Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, Mrs. James Lynch, Rev. Peter Young, Mrs. W. V. Leathers.

The Treasurer's report was presented and adopted as follows:

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

##### RECEIPTS.

Received from W. V. Leathers, Treasurer, C. M. A., balance carried over from 1945 .....	\$1,452.30
Membership Fees to December 1, 1946 .....	2,085.00
Total Receipts .....	\$3,537.30

##### DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to Mr. M. E. Taylor, salary, Little Creek, for the year \$ 800.00	
Paid to Rev. J. Everette Neese, salary, Bay View, for the year 300.00	
Paid to Rev. J. Everette Neese, Secretary, expense .....	1.25
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	1,101.25
Cash in Bank Novmber 30, 1946 .....	\$2,436.05

E. L. RAWLES, *Treasurer*.



The report of the Executive Committee was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee presents the printed program as the order for the day subject to any changes deemed necessary.

J. EVERETTE NEESE, *Secretary*.

Report adopted.

The report about the work at Little Creek was presented by Mr. M. E. Taylor.

The report about the work at Bay View was presented by Mr. L. R. Bartholomew, Mrs. W. M. Fisher and Mrs. B. G. Harrell.

Special music was rendered by Miss Jean Hook, minister of music at the host church.

Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of the Southern Convention, spoke to the Association, using as his subject: "The C. M. A.—Our Challenge."

The afternoon session closed with the Benediction by Dr. Will B. O'Neill.

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#### EVENING SESSION.

The evening session was a supper meeting with Dr. John G. Truitt, toastmaster.

The report of the Plans Committee was presented and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE PLANS COMMITTEE.

We, the Plans Committee, submit the following report:

1. Recommend we appropriate \$300 to Bay View for pastor's salary, payments to be made monthly.
2. Recommend we appropriate \$900 to Little Creek for pastor's salary, payments to be made monthly.
3. Recommend we appropriate \$1,000 to Bay View on their Building Fund, to be held in treasury until the new building is started.
4. Recommend we appropriate \$1,000 to Damascus on the Building Fund for the new church.
5. Recommend that between now and the next meeting, plans to be made for the establishment of a new church.

I. W. JOHNSON,  
MRS. W. V. LEATHERS,  
O. D. POYTHRESS,  
H. S. HARDCASTLE,  
MRS. JAS. C. LYNCH,  
*Committee.*

The Committee on Place of Next Meeting reported as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Place of Next Meeting has received one invitation for the next session of the Christian Missionary Association. This invitation was extended by the Suffolk Church. We recommend that this invitation be accepted.

R. E. BRITTLE.

Report adopted.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Your Committee on Resolutions submits the following:

1. That we express, by standing vote, our thanks to the Newport News Church for the gracious manner in which they have entertained this session of the C. M. A.

2. That we express our appreciation to the President, Dr. J. G. Truitt and the other officers, and to all who have in any way helped to make this session of the C. M. A. a success.

3. That we give our thanks to Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent, for his fine and helpful address.

4. That the Secretary send regrets to the family of the late M. E. Godwin expressing sympathy in their recent bereavement; and a letter to Col. J. E. West, extending to him our best wishes and expressing to him our deepest appreciation for his many years of service in the Association; and a letter to Dr. N. G. Newman expressing our appreciation for his long and faithful service in the C. M. A. and extending to him our sincere prayers for a speedy recovery.

J. F. MORGAN,  
MRS. L. E. RAWLES,  
H. E. CRUTCHFIELD,

The following report, presented by the Nominating Committee, was adopted:

#### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Your Nominating Committee recommends the election of the following officers for the C. M. A. for the coming year:

*President*—Dr. John G. Truitt.

*Vice-President*—Rev. B. H. Watkins.

*Secretary*—Rev. J. Everette Neese.

*Financial Secretary*—Rev. R. E. Brittle.

*Treasurer*—Mr. E. L. Rawles.

The following church, having previously received aid from the C. M. A., expressed their appreciation to the Association and gave a brief report on their present activities: Christian Temple—Rev. Peter Young; Newport News—Mrs. W. B. Williams; First, Portsmouth—Rev. R. C. Mason; Rosemont—Dr. H. S. Hardacastle.

Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, pastor of the Elon College Community Church, presented the program of the "Fellowship of Stewards and Tithing."

Motion made and carried that the Treasurer pay the expense accounts presented by the Secretary and President.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with the Suffolk Church December 2, 1947, at 4:30 in the afternoon.

JOHN G. TRUITT, *President*.  
J. EVERETTE NEESE, *Secretary*.

# Minutes of Fourteenth Annual Session of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Missionary Association.

UNION CHRISTIAN CHURCH,  
NOVEMBER 13, 1946.

Meeting called to order by the president, Rev. M. M. Stevens, in connection with the Conference on November 13, 1946.

Minutes of the last annual meeting were read and accepted as written in ANNUAL of 1945.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted as follows:

## REPORT OF TREASURER.

### RECEIPTS.

December .....	\$ 706.00
January .....	50.00
February .....	20.00
May .....	15.00
Dr. Harrell .....	300.00
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	\$1,091.00

### DISBURSEMENTS.

Graham, Providence Memorial .....	\$ 300.00
Long's Chapel .....	275.00
Winston-Salem .....	300.00
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	875.00

Balance .....	\$ 216.00
Money collected just before and during this Conference session	442.00
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Total now in hand .....	\$ 658.00

WALSTEIN W. SNYDER, *Treasurer.*

The Committee on Finance made its report as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Finance Committee, have examined the books of the Treasurer and find them as reported to the C. M. A.

We recommend the Treasurer of the C. M. A. be reimbursed for stationery, postage and record books needed for his work.

W. T. DUNN,  
W. WALTER HALL,  
*Committee.*

The following applications were granted: Providence Memorial, \$200; Winston-Salem, \$200.

Motion was made and accepted that C. M. A. approve the proposed projects of two new churches in the Burlington area; that the officers be entrusted to proceed with plans for purchasing suitable locations with the solicitation of funds to be made through the C. M. A., the churches, the Mission Board and the National Board of Home Missions for the development of these projects.

Upon report of the Nominating Committee, the following officers were elected for 1946-47:

*President*—Rev. W. M. Stevens.  
*Vice-President*—Rev. M. V. Welch.  
*Secretary*—Rev. K. D. Register.  
*Treasurer*—Rev. W. W. Snyder.

Floor opened for new and renewed memberships. The list of members are as follows:

*Apple's Chapel*—Church (5 memberships).  
*Berea*—Church (2 memberships), Sunday School, Philathea Class.  
*Belew's Creek*—Church.  
*Bethel*—Mrs. Ida P. Murray, Sunday School.  
*Bethlehem*—Ladies' Aid Society, Church, L. F. Troxler, Mrs. Martha Madren, Ida Simpson, Mrs. Carl H. Gilliam, Mrs. J. L. Neese, Rev. J. L. Neese.  
*Burlington*—Miss Edith Walker, Miss Sadie Fonville, W. Millard Stevens, Mrs. June J. Stevens, Garland Huffman, W. R. Sellars (4 memberships), Herman Truitt, Mrs. W. R. Sellars, Wayne Morton, Woman's Bible Class, Miss Wilma Holt, Mrs. Harold Ingle, Mr. Harold Ingle, Miss Sarah Ingle, Rev. Allen Hurdle, Mrs. Wayne Morton, D. R. Fonville.  
*Concord*—Church, Sunday School, W. B. Simpson, Mrs. Sallie Tate.  
*Durham*—Dr. S. C. Harrell, Church (5 memberships), Mrs. W. H. Boone, Harrell Class.  
*Elon College*—Dr. L. E. Smith, George Colclough, Dr. D. J. Bowden.  
*Graham, Providence Memorial*—Sunday School (2 memberships), Rev. Bernard Munger, Church.  
*Greensboro, First*—Mrs. S. E. Foster, W. E. Wisseman, W. B. Truitt, Philathea Class, Woman's Auxiliary, O'Kelly's Class.  
*Greensboro, Palm Street*—Rev. M. A. Pollard.  
*Happy Home*—Church, A. J. Powell.  
*Hebron*—Church.  
*Hine's Chapel*—Mrs. A. D. Gerringer, Miss Vera Gerringer, Holt Gerringer, Mrs. Rowland Isley, Missionary Society, Mr. O. W. Hines.  
*Ingram*—Kent Bible Class, L. E. Carlton.  
*Lebanon*—Church.  
*Liberty*—Church.  
*Long's Chapel*—Adult Bible Class (2 memberships), Young People's Class, Sunday School.  
*Lynchburg*—W. T. Dunn.  
*Monticello*—Church.  
*Mt. Zion*—Church, Sunday School, Georgia Bradly, Walstein W. Snyder.  
*Reidsville*—Miss Effie Pickeral, Woman's Society (2 memberships) Sunday School, Church, Baraca Class, Rev. Joe A. French, H. C. DeGrotte, John Dockery, George R. Pruitt, C. H. McKinney.  
*Salem Chapel*—Miss Frankye Marshall.  
*Shallow Ford*—Christian Endeavor, Church, W. E. Walker, Missionary Society, Mrs. R. S. Crawford, Mr. R. S. Crawford, Wiling Workers Class, Sunday School.  
*Union Ridge (N. C.)*—Woman's Society, Mrs. Mollie Graham, Mrs. Jasper Garrison, Hustler's Class.  
*Union (Va.)*—Church (4 memberships).  
*Winston-Salem*—W. J. Andes, Missionary Society, Mrs. R. O. Rudd.

KENNETH D. REGISTER, *Secretary*.



# Minutes of the Fourth Annual Session of the Western North Carolina Christian Missionary Association.

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SMITHWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH,  
NOVEMBER 6, 1946.

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The Christian Missionary Association of the Western North Carolina Conference met on recess of Conference at Smithwood November 6, 1946, immediately following the devotional service of the afternoon session.

Rev. Ben Joe Earp made the motion that present officers be re-elected and same be continued as Finance Committee. Motion carried.

New members secured as a result of the efforts of President Pollard and Dr. Scott, were:

Chas. D. Johnston, \$5; W. D. Murchison, \$5; J. H. Register, \$5; S. H. Pell, \$5; Dr. W. T. Scott, \$5; Rev. P. W. Fishers, \$5; Rev. G. C. Crutchfield, Mrs. Ollie Mae Stewart, \$2.50; Mrs. S. H. Pell, \$2.50; Mrs. W. H. Berry. Total, \$42.50.

Dues collected from old members were as follows:

Rev. J. Q. Pugh, \$5; Rev. B. J. Earp, \$5; Rev. T. J. Green, \$5; Rev. M. A. Pollard, \$5; Rev. L. M. Presnell, \$5; Rev. E. C. Brady, Dr. L. E. Smith, \$5; Geo. T. Gunter, \$5; Cyrus Shoffner, \$5; Dr. F. C. Lester, \$5; Ladies' Class (Asheboro Church), \$5; Mrs. H. V. Cox, \$2.50; Mrs. S. A. Morton, \$2.50; Miss Ava Lee Brown, \$2.50; Mrs. H. K. Routh, \$2.50; Master Harry Thos. Lester, \$2.50; Mrs. J. Q. Pugh, \$2.50; Albemarle Men's Bible Class, \$5; High Point Church, \$5; Priscilla League, Albemarle, \$5; Pleasant Ridge Young People's Class, \$5. Total, \$90.

Total Collected .....	\$ 132.50
Balance on hand .....	37.50

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Total in Treasury November 6, 1946 .....\$ 170.00

Dr. Lester moved that C. M. A. funds be made available to the Conference Home Mission Committee (with the approval of the Finance Committee of C. M. A.).

The Association adjourned to meet next year in connection with the annual conference.

M. A. POLLARD, *President.*  
W. T. MADREN, *Ass't Sec'y-Treas.*  
BEN JOE EARP, *Vice-President.*  
E. CARL BRADY, *Sec'y-Treas.*

# Ministerial Directory.

## MINISTERS IN FULL STANDING

Churches Served—1946-47 (or Other Status)

Name	Address	
*Andes, William J.,	637 S. Sunset Drive,	Winston-Salem 7, N. C.... Winston-Salem; Pfafftown.
*Andes, Mark W.,	Box 5397, Duke University,	Durham, N. C..... Hebron; Lebanon; Liberty; Union, Va.
*Apple, J. Frank,	427 Rowland St.,	Henderson, N. C..... Henderson; Mt. Carmel.
Baggett, John W.		
*Beale, Carroll,	Wakefield, Va.....	Barrett's; Burton's Grove; Wakefield.
Bowden, Daniel J.,	Elon College, N. C.....	Elon College, Dean.
*Bowers, Thurman F.,	Route 4, Box 132,	Greensboro, N. C..... Christ Temple; Happy Home.
*Brady, E. Carl,	Box 26, Robbins N. C.....	Spoon's Chapel; Union Grove.
*Brittle, R. E.,	Route 1, Suffolk, Va.....	Bethlehem (N.); Cypress Chapel; Union (South.).
Brooks, Arthur C.,	Asheville Boys School,	Asheville, N. C..... Asheville Boys School Faculty.
Carden, John S.,	906 Shepherd St.,	Durham, N. C..... Retired.
*Carter, Emory M.,	Youngsville, N. C.....	Fuller's Chapel; Good Hope; Mt. Auburn; Mt. Hermon; Youngsville
*Clark, Ellis N.,	Route 5, Burlington, N. C.....	Long's Chapel.
Clem, H. Russell,	208 Maple Ave.,	Burlington, N. C..... Business.
Clem, William M.		
Cornwell, Kenneth,	Hope, Kan.....	Fundamental Gospel Church.
*Coulter, Roy D.,	High View, W. Va.....	Timber Ridge.
*Council, H. G., Jr.,	3507 Bainbridge Blvd.,	Norfolk 6, Va..... Norfolk, Rostmont.
*Cox, H. Vance,	Ramseur, N. C.....	Bennett; Ether; Flint Hill (M); Shady Grove.
*Crutchfield, Gaither C.,	Route 4, Burlington, N. C.....	High Point; Flint Hill (R), Sophia.
*Crutchfield, Henry E.,	Holland, Va.....	Holy Neck; Oak Grove; Sunbury, "Damascus."
*Denton, James A.,	Route 3, Apex, N. C.....	Ebenezer; Grace's Chapel; Ramseur.
*Dollar, C. Carl,	6 Third St.,	Sanford, N. C..... Sanford.
*Dollar, Jesse H.,	Elon College, N. C.....	Elon College Community Church.
*Earp, Ben Joe,	338 Concord Rd.,	Albemarle, N. C..... Albemarle, First.
*Eutsler, Frederick B.,	The United Church,	Raleigh, N. C..... Raleigh, United.

Churches Served—1946-47 (or Other Status)

Name	Address	
*Farrell, Earl, Haw River, N. C.....	Haw River; Student at Duke.	
*Fisher, Park W., Box 183, Sanford, N. C.....	Providence Chapel; Mt. Pleasant.	
Flowers, A. R., Sims, N. C.....	Educator.	
*Fogelman, James U., Route 6, Burlington, N. C.....	Pleasant Cross.	
Franks, Jesse E., Route 1, Apex, N. C.....	Business.	
*French Joe A., 43 Montgomery St., Reidsville, N. C.....	Reidsville, First.	
Fuller, Walter B., 225 W. Market St., Harrisonburg, Va.....	Business.	
*Graham, James G., 129 Hardy Ave., Norfolk, First.	Norfolk, First.	
Green, Edward F., Box 576, Southern Pines, N. C.....	Retired.	
Green, Thomas J., Route 1, Ramseur, N. C.....	Retired.	
Griffin, Johnson, Windsor, Va.....	Student at Duke.	
*Grisson, Raymond T., Jonesboro, N. C.....	Amelia; Shallow Well; Turner's Chapel.	
Grisson, William A., Warrenton, N. C.....	Business.	
*Hall, W. Walter, Route 3, Burlington, N. C.....	Carolina; Shallow Ford.	
*Hardcastle, Howard S., 2308 Roanoke Ave., Newport News, Va.....	Newport News, First.	
*Harrell, Stanley C., 1010 W. Markham Ave., Durham, N. C.....	Durham, First.	
Howard, Brittain J., 230 McCauley St., Chapel Hill, N. C.....	Business.	
*House, Robert Lee, 3206 Grove Ave., Richmond 21, Va.....	Richmond, First; Editor, <i>The Christian Sun</i> .	
*Humphries, Tucker G., 6 S. Bennett St., Southern Pines, N. C.....	Hope Mills; Niagara; Southern Pines.	
Jackson, Richard L., American Bd. Mission, Shaowu, Fukien, China.	Missionary, Shaowu, China.	
Jackson, William P., Coburn Apts., Kemberley Ave., Asheville, N. C.....	Retired.	
*Johnson, I. W., 201 Linden Ave., Suffolk, Va.....	Berea (Nansemond); Liberty Spring; Oakland.	
*Johnson, J. Lee, Fuquay Springs, N. C.....	Catawba Springs; Piney Plain; Pleasant Union.	
Johnson, Samuel M., Route 1, Swannanoa, N. C.....	Retired.	
Jones, Elwood W., Homewood Apts., Baltimore 18, Md.....	Retired.	
*Kimball, Robert M., 414 N. Hight St., Franklin, Va.....	Franklin; Johnson's Grove.	
Lankford, G. Otis, Elon College, N. C.....	Retired.	
Lassiter, Lucius L., Suffolk, Va.....	Business.	
Lee, James H., Route 3, Raleigh, N. C.....	Retired.	
*Lester, Fletcher C., 840 Sunset Ave., Asheboro, N. C.....	Asheboro.	
*Lewis, Frank H., 1057 Leckie St., Portsmouth, Va.....	Portsmouth, Shelton Memorial.	

- Lucas, A. L., Route 3, Asheboro, N. C..... Beacon Community.
- \*Lowdermilk, Benjamin H., Randleman, N. C..... Bailey's Grove; Pleasant Union; Randleman.
- \*McCauley, Joseph E., Waverly, Va..... Centerville; Spring Hill; Waverly.
- \*Madren, Silas E., Elkton, Va..... Bethel; Mt. Olivet (G); Mt. Olivet (R).
- \*Madren, Weldon T., Route 4, Burlington, N. C..... Student at Duke; Pleasant Ridge (R).
- Martin, W. C., Biscoe, N. C..... Business.
- Moffitt, D. Rufus, Coleridge, N. C..... Business.
- Moody, C. LeGrand, Jr..... Chaplain U. S. Navy.
- \*Moore, Wilson C., 326 N. Bradford St., Dover, Del..... Dover, Del., "Epworth."
- \*Morgan, J. Frank, 1042 W. 35th St., Norfolk 8, Va..... Norfolk, Second (changed from "Old Zion").
- \*Morgan, C. Shannon, Windsor, Va..... Antioch; Isle of Wight; Mt. Carmel; Windsor.
- Mueller, Robert C. H., American Board, Marathi Mission, Ahmednagar, Western India..... Missionary, Marathi, India.
- \*Munger, Bernard V., 232 McCauley St., Chapel Hill, N. C..... Student at Duke; Graham, Chapel Hill.
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STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 1—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—VIRGINIA VALLEY CONFERENCE

CHURCH	Year Organized	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Young People's Societies	Christian Sun Goal	Christian Sun Subscribers
Antioch.....	1833	S. E. Madren.....	E. A. Showalter, R4, Harrisonburg	Leon Frank, Harrisonburg.....	98	5	5	1	3	100	13	62	21	20	14
Bethel.....	1898	S. E. Madren.....	Mrs. Lacy Monger, Elkton.....	Mrs. K. B. Dofflemeyer, Elkton.....	180	4	4	2	3	181	12	120	50	10	7
Bethlehem.....	1850	G. H. Veazey.....	Miss Ella Pickering, R1, Broadway	Clarence Phillips, Timberville.....	86	7	8		2	92	16	100	35	5	5
Beulah.....	1898	S. E. Madren.....	Mrs. J. M. Tibbins, Keezletown.....	Miss D. Armentrout, Keezletown.....	21					21	7	35			1
Concord.....	1891	G. H. Veazey.....	Mrs. R. L. Smith, Timberville.....	R. L. Smith, R. 1, Timberville.....	57					57	8	38		5	2
Dry Run.....	1879	R. E. Newton.....	W. B. Burke, Seven Fountains.....	W. B. Burke, Seven Fountains.....	96			1	2	94	5	30		8	2
Joppa.....	1838	R. E. Newton.....	Miss E. Nicholson, Rd., Edinburg.....	(No Sunday School)	35					35				5	
Leaksville.....	1880	R. E. Newton.....	R. O. Rothget, Luray.....	John D. Miller, Luray.....	185	5	5			190	17	92	25	20	16
Linville.....	1871	S. E. Madren.....	Mrs. H. F. Rhodes, R. 1, Linville.....	Robt. Miller, R. 2, Harrisonburg.....	200	8	9	8	10	199	8	195	18	15	10
Mayland.....	1898	G. H. Veazey.....	Mrs. L. C. Litten, New Market.....	R. D. Crider, R. 1, Broadway.....	84	8	9	1	1	92	8	45		15	3
Mt. Lebanon.....	1879	R. E. Newton.....	Mrs. D. A. Kite, Shenandoah.....	Mrs. E. E. May, Shenandoah.....	111	15	16			127	11	106		8	1
Mt. Olivet (G).....	1895	Roy D. Coulter.....	Miss Thelma Morris, Dyke.....	N. W. Morris, Dyke.....	128	4	7	2	3	132	10	65	21	18	8
Mt. Olivet (R).....	1899	Roy D. Coulter.....	Miss Ethel V. Lam, R. 2, Elkton.....	Warren Good, R. 2, Elkton.....	148			2	3	145	12	110	40	12	3
New Hope.....	1895	S. E. Madren.....	H. F. Liskyer, R. 3, Harrisonburg.....	C. R. Suter, R. 3, Harrisonburg.....	66			3	3	63	7	48		8	6
Newport.....	1867	R. E. Newton.....	C. W. Louderback, R1, Shenandoa	Miss Mabel Higgs, Shenandoah.....	169	10	10	2	4	175	14	102	25	10	6
Palmyra.....	1885	G. H. Veazey.....	Mrs. Shirley Oliphant, Edinburg.....	Clarence Rush, Edinburg.....	99	2	2	3	3	98	7	35		5	5
Timber Ridge.....	1812	Roy D. Coulter.....	Walton E. Brill, Lehigh, W. Va.....	Elroy O. Seldon, Gore.....	230	2	2	3	3	229	14	89		15	
Winchester.....	1911	R. A. Whitten.....	R. A. Larrick, 367 E. Pleadilly St.	O. A. Bazzle, 316 Fairview Ave.....	292	8	14	4	7	299	24	167	35	20	18
Wissler's Chapel.....	1906	G. H. Veazey.....	John C. Deane, Quicksburg.....	Selena Himes, Quicksburg.....	50	2	2			52	7	38		5	
Woods Chapel.....	1897	G. H. Veazey.....	Mrs. Austin Kippis, Quicksburg.....	G. C. Hidden, R. 1, New Market.....	94					94	6	31		5	2
Totals.....					2,429	80	93	32	47	2,405	206	1,508	270	219	109





STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 3—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Young People's Societies	Christian Sun Goal	Christian Sun Subscribers
Antioch.	T. Fred Wright.	Eddie Tamlin, Zuni.	J. T. Godwin, Windsor.	1864	2	2	2	21	139	9	81	12	15	18
Barrett's.	Carroll H. Beale.	P. B. Barrett, Sedley.	John Sims, Jr., Sedley.	1792	59	6	6	2	63	6	150	26	8	6
Berea (Nansmond).	I. W. Johnson.	Mrs. H. P. Harrell, B. 104, Driver.	R. T. Bradford, R. 2, Suffolk.	1858	114	11	17	1	130	10	160	10	10	10
Berea (Norfolk).	B. H. Watkins.	Mrs. Eva Dozier, R. 4, Norfolk.	Ernest Waterfield, R. 1, Hickory.	1871	166	19	32	1	188	23	226	18	15	15
Bethlehem (Dispt.).	Andrew F. Slabeey.	John C. Tomko, Prince George.	Alvin H. Sykora, Prince George.	1886	127	3	6	3	130	7	232	40	2	2
Bethlehem (Nans.)..	R. E. Brittle.	W. E. White, Chestnut St., Suffolk.	C. F. Savage, R. 3, Suffolk.	1848	490	11	18	2	500	16	593	54	35	37
Bethlehem's Grove.	Carroll H. Beale.	Mrs. G. C. Brittle, Wakefield.	P. N. Gay, Wakefield.	1886	40	1	1	40	40	7	30	25	6	6
Centerville.	J. E. McCauley.	J. M. Morris, Disputanta.	G. W. Bain, Disputanta.	1885	363	2	2	2	65	8	32	14	5	25
Cypress Chapel.	R. E. Brittle.	Mrs. G. C. Mann, Cypress Chapel.	J. C. Lynch, R. 1, Suffolk.	1795	632	15	19	1	378	30	212	51	35	25
Dendron.	J. M. Roberts.	Waverly S. Barrett, Dendron.	E. T. Atkinson, Dendron.	1901	41	3	3	2	42	10	47	7	12	12
Dover, Del., Epworth	W. C. Moore.	J. H. Lilley, Eure, N. C.	T. A. Eure, Eure, N. C.	1912	324	6	6	4	319	7	65	..	..	..
Eure.	J. M. Roberts.	N. T. Barron, 212 South St.	L. C. Johnston, Holland.	1862	381	5	36	1	415	19	272	25	..	..
Franklin.	Robt. M. Kimball.	Miss Frances Holland, Holland.	Harry Lee Weaver, R. 1, Holland.	1883	420	6	11	3	428	17	167	30	35	35
Holland.	Will B. O'Neill.	Emmett G. Harrell, Holland.	F. W. Lowe, 213 15 Ave, Hopewell.	1796	285	10	20	7	298	18	170	26	45	45
Holy Neck.	H. E. Crutchfield.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hopewell.	D. D. Nash.	Mrs. F. Sodomka, 104 City Pt. Rd.	Chas. T. Darden, Isle of Wight.	1927	196	12	16	1	211	9	69	14	10	12
Isle of Wight.	T. Fred Wright.	Mrs. W. E. Wills, Isle of Wight.	J. J. Barlow, Jr., Norfolk.	1891	81	1	2	1	81	11	67	..	3	3
Johnson's Grove.	Robt. M. Kimball.	Mrs. B. F. Hancock, Sedley.	..	1867	62	..	..	..	61	..	..	..	65	65
Liberty Spring.	I. W. Johnson.	E. B. Rawles, Box 398, Suffolk.	Weslie Harrell, R. 1, Suffolk.	1869	398	11	17	3	410	25	206	132	22	25
Mt. Carmel.	T. Fred Wright.	Mrs. F. H. Johnson, Zuni.	Z. T. Harrell, Walters.	1875	219	10	13	3	222	21	238	21	22	25
Mt. Zion.	Randall C. Mason.	Mrs. George Dixon, Eclipse.	G. B. Martin, Eclipse.	1890	35	2	2	1	36	13	55	9	8	8
New Lebanon.	Jesse H. Dollar.	Ollie V. Cockes, Elberon.	Ollie V. Cockes, Elberon.	1882	59	..	..	..	59	9	40	25	..	..
Newport News.	..	Mrs. R. J. Moberg, 1128 17th St.	W. B. Williams, 1253 24th St.	1901	516	12	36	4	519	34	344	32	50	45
Norfolk.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bay View.	J. Everett Neese.	Mrs. B. C. Haskett, 2533 Ches. (3).	W. M. Fisher, 200 Beaumont St.	1920	124	7	14	1	126	13	136	..	8	8
Christian Temple.	Peter Young.	Mrs. E. G. Downing, 605 W. 34th.	A. C. Godfrey, 605 W. 34th St.	1921	793	18	26	5	808	37	427	50	100	68

First.....	1847	Jas. C. Graham.....	J. A. Hall, 1409 Colon Ave.....	Mrs. J. M. Harris, 201 Poplar Ave..	390	...	...	...	5	315	10	106	...	...	...
Little Creek.....	1938	M. E. Taylor*.....	Mrs. W. B. Bowden, 3200 Shore Dr.	A. J. Scarbrough, 3200 Shore Dr...	15	6	17	1	1	311	9	90	...	12	8
Rosemont.....	1902	H. S. Hardcastle.....	Mrs. G. C. Dyer, 3605 Bainbridge.	W. H. Farrow, 911 Crowell Ave...	481	30	57	2	12	526	39	433	...	...	...
Second.....	1900	J. F. Morgan.....	C. C. Etheridge, 529 Burleigh Ave.	W. W. Starnes, 6818 Granby St...	210	7	9	1	6	213	14	138	20	...	...
Oak Grove.....	1903	H. E. Crutchfield.....	W. K. Parker, Sunbury, N. C.....	W. K. Parker, Sunbury, N. C.....	98	3	3	...	9	92	8	51	8	8	8
Oakland.....	1869	I. W. Johnson.....	Mrs. J. Rollie Gayle, Carrolton...	C. W. Darden, R. 4, Suffolk.....	403	11	23	8	14	412	12	273	53	35	35
Portsmouth:															
Elm Avenue.....	1920	J. S. Taylor.....	J. A. Branch, 602 Bradley Lane....	B. P. Deans, 107 Baldwin Ave....	113	...	12	2	2	123	11	91	40	...	...
First.....	1901	R. C. Mason.....	E. G. Story, 421 King St.....	H. Harcum, 1910 Richmond Ave...	200	7	15	2	12	203	13	126	25	50	12
Sheton Memorial...	1905	Frank H. Lewis.....	W. F. Lawrence, 1724 Matthews Tr.	L. C. Padden, 501 1st Ave, North..	113	14	21	3	13	121	11	51	12	8	4
Richmond First...	1920	Robert Lee House...	Miss Ruth Burgess, 3220 Floyd....	L. S. Webb, 2325 Rosewood Ave....	162	3	13	...	2	173	15	123	...	...	...
South Norfolk.....	1904	O. D. Poythress.....	C. E. Hollowell, 1231 Chesapeake..	R. D. Holland, 1541 Chesapeake...	677	28	32	11	22	687	58	550	47	75	42
Spring Hill.....	1860	J. E. McCauley.....	E. B. Richardson, Jr., Waverly....	G. C. White, Waverly.....	74	...	...	...	...	74	7	47	15	8	8
Suffolk.....	1860	John G. Truitt.....	J. D. MacClenny.....	W. S. Beamon.....	1,463	35	80	13	70	1,473	49	881	75	150	130
Sunbury, Damascus.	1832	H. E. Crutchfield.....	L. E. McCoy, Sunbury, N. C.....	W. K. Parker, Sunbury, N. C.....	170	...	...	...	1	169	8	85	...	...	16
Union (South.)...	1826	R. E. Brittle.....	Frances Blythe, R. 2, Franklin....	S. M. Joyner, R. 2, Franklin....	170	6	6	...	3	173	7	75	18	15	16
Union (Surry)...	1848	J. M. Roberts.....	R. T. Brittle, Dendron.....	G. S. Huber, Spring Grove.....	30	...	...	1	1	29	6	26	...	...	...
Wakefield.....	1906	Carroll H. Beale.....	Wallace F. Brittle, RFD, Waverly..	F. E. Branch, Wakefield.....	123	7	8	1	6	125	13	72	15	...	...
Waverly.....	1883	J. E. McCauley.....	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Waverly.....	Louis Tomlinson, Waverly.....	206	...	1	4	9	198	29	186	20	22	8
Windsor.....	1879	T. Fred Wright.....	Mrs. E. R. Lane, Windsor.....	Dr. F. I. Steele, Windsor.....	124	8	23	2	4	143	10	170	23	5	12
Totals.....					10,665	335	625	93	342	10,858	688	6,988	1007	797	743

NOTE.—\*Asterisk indicates Licentiate. †Double dagger indicates not member Congregational Christian Denomination.

### STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 4—FINANCE—EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	Paid on Conference Fund	Paid on Conference Missions	Paid on Per Capita for General Council	Paid on Convention Fund	Paid on Conventions	Paid on Convention Foreign Missions	Raised for Elion College	Raised for Superannuation	Raised for Christian Education	Raised for Orphanage	Total Paid on Apportionment	Raised by Woman's Missionary Society	Raised by Christian Missionary Assoc'n	Other Benevolences and Missions	For Virginia Council of Churches	Total Benevolences and Missions	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Paid on Misc. Current Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries	Paid on Indebtedness and Improvement	Total Raised on Local Expense	GRAND TOTAL	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness on Church Property
Antioch.....	\$ 5	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 30	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 70	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 195	\$ 84	.....	\$ 25	\$ 5	\$ 309	\$ 350	\$ 280	\$ 200	\$ 830	\$ 1,139	\$ 5,000	\$ 800
Barrett's.....	5	5	5	5	5	5	15	5	5	5	60	184	75	400	2	62	200	503	703	703	703	2,000	
Berea (Nansemond).....	15	25	10	35	35	35	50	20	20	90	340	184	75	400	4	1,003	600	4,500	5,100	5,100	6,103	15,000	
Berea (Norfolk).....	15	35	15	50	45	55	30	25	25	50	345	80	10	60	5	1,422	2,080	4,500	5,287	5,287	5,787	28,000	
Bethlehem (Disputan.).....	10	5	10	5	10	10	5	5	5	10	75	80	10	300	4	379	945	1,422	1,785	1,203	1,582	5,000	
Bethlehem (Nans.).....	5	50	35	50	50	50	100	60	30	220	660	492	65	310	15	1,542	900	849	1,749	1,749	3,291	15,000	
Burton's Grove.....	5	5	2	10	5	5	6	5	5	8	56	34	.....	7	1	98	200	476	374	476	574	2,000	
Centerville.....	5	5	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	27	33	37	.....	13	2	54	168	137	305	305	359	1,500	
Cypress Chapel.....	15	50	22	45	50	55	95	25	207	600	600	395	20	972	11	1,998	800	1,636	2,436	2,436	4,434	25,000	
Dendron.....	3	2	2	5	15	15	15	11	3	87	158	127	.....	85	1	371	200	674	874	874	1,245	4,500	
Dover, Del., Epworth.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	72	.....	25	10	449	180	403	583	583	1,032	2,500	
Eure.....	10	25	25	40	30	25	90	10	10	77	342	72	.....	13	10	1,451	2,406	1,118	5,524	5,524	6,008	60,000	
Franklin.....	15	5	22	100	100	100	200	60	20	120	822	448	45	157	12	1,915	2,500	1,932	4,432	4,432	6,347	50,000	
Holland.....	10	75	28	120	110	90	225	59	27	276	1,019	330	25	529	12	1,915	2,500	2,872	4,375	4,375	5,019	17,000	
Holy Neck.....	10	10	18	50	30	30	96	25	40	77	386	115	30	104	9	644	1,503	2,872	4,375	4,375	5,019	17,000	
Hopewell.....	5	4	10	5	10	10	5	10	5	15	79	36	.....	6	121	925	925	340	265	265	1,386	7,000	900
Isle of Wight.....	10	10	5	20	12	15	62	5	5	25	169	56	.....	72	2	299	350	690	1,040	1,040	1,339	3,000	
Johnson's Grove.....	5	3	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	15	57	20	.....	2	79	161	600	45	206	206	285	2,500	
Liberty Spring.....	15	40	22	45	40	40	120	37	15	179	553	470	360	1,966	12	3,361	600	2,477	3,077	3,077	6,438	20,000	
Mt. Carmel.....	15	35	15	50	57	57	109	20	20	229	607	174	10	75	7	873	400	1,696	2,096	2,096	2,969	5,000	
Mt. Zion.....	5	5	4	5	5	5	10	5	5	5	54	.....	.....	4	2	60	629	2,989	3,618	3,618	3,678	8,000	958
New Lebanon.....	10	10	5	15	15	15	25	10	5	10	120	20	.....	25	2	167	204	97	97	97	264	4,000	
Newport News.....	25	100	30	170	279	278	419	203	50	442	1,996	125	405	1,807	15	4,348	3,600	45,535	4,396	53,531	57,879	125,000	27,000
Norfolk: Bay View.....	10	5	5	20	16	15	30	7	5	25	138	82	20	84	4	324	1,900	2,088	4,388	4,388	4,712	11,000	
Christian Temple.....	35	100	80	375	330	350	750	25	60	305	2,530	583	170	1,950	31	5,264	4,200	11,240	15,440	15,440	20,704	310,000	

First Church.....	10	5	20	65	69	69	141	38	20	152	619	85	.....	195	9	908	1,215	2,243	.....	3,458	4,366	40,000		
Little Creek.....	2	2	5	2	3	3	3	2	12	12	35	30	2	32	2	119	375	1,237	.....	1,612	1,131	3,000		
Rosemont.....	25	30	176	560	560	440	440	75	75	1,214	235	702	45	3,542	14	7,538	3,600	1,838	.....	7,432	14,976	48,000		
Second.....	10	30	14	55	40	40	125	30	10	170	524	122	50	53	3	752	2,470	1,880	1,200	5,550	6,302	20,000		
Oak Grove.....	5	10	7	25	20	20	50	5	5	28	175	57	.....	14	3	249	200	1,159	.....	359	608	3,000		
Oakland.....	10	35	25	40	45	45	100	20	15	130	465	262	130	935	10	1,802	600	1,279	.....	1,879	3,681	15,000		
Portsmouth: Elm Ave.	5	30	30	32	57	.....	.....	.....	10	30	214	40	25	1,468	.....	1,747	2,020	2,681	.....	4,701	6,448	10,000		
First Church.....	10	35	10	70	121	121	193	35	20	225	840	215	35	498	6	1,594	2,400	7,421	.....	9,821	11,415	60,000		
Shelton Memorial.....	10	5	15	20	17	17	10	10	10	49	163	244	10	123	3	543	1,525	1,609	.....	3,134	3,677	26,000		
Richmond First.....	15	50	16	50	50	50	150	20	10	100	511	50	50	31	5	647	2,400	3,141	.....	5,541	6,188	120,500		
South Norfolk.....	15	60	42	85	85	85	240	25	20	158	815	90	95	200	10	1,210	3,640	12,940	.....	16,580	17,790	125,000		
Spring Hill.....	5	10	20	16	16	16	13	5	5	37	127	25	.....	4	2	158	180	128	.....	308	466	3,500		
Suffolk.....	40	300	100	395	375	375	875	150	75	660	3,345	1,175	265	3,315	43	8,143	3,600	16,596	.....	28,339	177,000			
Sunbury, Damascus.....	10	15	12	30	25	20	60	10	5	52	239	110	.....	10	5	364	301	25	.....	326	690			
Union, (Southampton).	20	15	10	25	37	37	60	14	7	97	322	31	.....	32	5	390	402	352	.....	754	1,144	4,000		
Union (Surry).....	.....	.....	3	5	16	16	15	5	5	52	117	.....	.....	.....	.....	117	120	41	.....	161	278	2,750		
Wakefield.....	5	10	9	20	22	22	50	5	10	25	178	90	.....	.....	4	272	458	1,106	.....	564	836	10,000		
Waverly.....	10	23	15	80	60	60	150	10	10	60	480	75	10	50	5	620	650	2,947	.....	4,507	5,217	34,000		
Windsor.....	15	30	10	40	45	45	134	15	15	170	519	150	10	237	4	920	780	752	.....	1,832	2,452	9,000		
Totals.....	\$496	\$1,467	\$721	\$2,492	\$2,935	\$2,957	\$5,349	\$1,259	\$	735	\$5,922	\$	24,333	\$	74	\$3,807	\$	\$53,733	\$146,432	\$7,981	\$208,146	\$261,953	\$1,369,450	\$7,408



STATISTICAL TABLE No. 5—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number	Lost by Death	Total Number	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Young People's Societies	Christian Sun	Christian Sun Goal	Subscribers
Albemarle	B. J. Earp	Alfred Plyler, 160 Depot St.	Roy Harper, 731 Watts St.	253	3	4	1	6	251	18	189	35	20	7	
Antioch (C)	W. C. Farrell	Mrs. Geanie Lassar, Pittsboro.	Raymond Elkins, R2, Bear Creek.	103	103	1	5	99	99	9	89	9	9	11	
Asheboro	F. C. Lester	Mrs. Orva Brown, 967 Straight St.	L. T. Brown, 833 Dixon Ave.	57	4	7	2	62	63	13	102	14	5	11	
Bailey's Grove	B. H. Cox	Mrs. Pearl Allred, R1, Asheboro.	Fred Smith, Asheboro.	39	39	1	1	38	41	6	41	4	2		
Bennett	H. V. Cox	L. M. Murray, Bennett.	J. C. Phillips, Bennett.	41	41	1	1	40	6	6	41	2			
Big Oak	J. Q. Pugh	Maurne Morrison, Eagle Springs.	Alton Richardson, Eagle Springs.	67	67	1	6	68	7	7	90	14	23		
Brown's Chapel	J. Q. Pugh	Mrs. Iola McDuffie, Sties.	J. W. H. Moore, Robbins.	218	7	2	3	16	209	7	90	24	10	5	
Ether	H. V. Cox	Mrs. Helen Phillips, Ether.	H. J. Cochrane, Ether.	105	2	3	5	102	6	34	70	4	4	3	
Flint Hill (M)	H. V. Cox	Quentin Britt, R1, Biscoe.	Benton Britt, R1, Biscoe.	51	40	40	1	51	6	70	4	4	3		
Flint Hill (R)	G. C. Crutchfield	Miss Lola Farlow, R1, Sophia.	W. R. Lanier, R3, Asheboro.	40	40	16	1	164	40	10	40	4	4	3	
Grace's Chapel	J. A. Denton	Mrs. Ralph Foushee, R2, Sanford.	A. L. Craig, R3, Sanford.	149	10	3	2	208	12	150	17	18			
Hank's Chapel	R. E. Tally	Miss Lucille Farrell, Pittsboro.	Clifford Blaylock, Pittsboro.	208	3	5	2	208	12	150	17	18			
High Point	G. C. Crutchfield	Mrs. B. P. Moffit, R5, High Point.	W. R. Jones, 1228 Redding St.	80	4	12	1	91	11	160	11	11			
Liberty	W. T. Madren	Mrs. J. P. Shoffner, Liberty.	Lester York, R2, Liberty.	75	1	1	4	71	8	64	4	4			
Mt. Pleasant	Park W. Fisher	Z. V. Brooks, R2, Cameron.	E. M. Marks, R2, Cameron.	113	1	1	1	109	7	91	8	4			
Needham's Grove	Mack V. Welch	Helen Comer, R1, Steeds.	W. W. Ritter, R1, Steeds.	125	14	14	2	136	10	125	9	9			
New Center	J. Q. Pugh	A. L. Davis, R1, Seagrove.	David Chriscoe, R1, Steeds.	89	2	2	5	86	5	45	9	2			
Pleasant Cross	J. U. Fogleman	Mrs. J. Q. Pugh, Sr., R1, Asheboro.	Harry Smith, R1, Asheboro.	43	4	4	2	43	5	30	10	2			
Pleasant Grove	L. M. Presnell	J. M. Brown, Bennetts.	M. E. Jones, Bennetts.	323	4	4	2	322	8	165	30	7			
Pleasant Hill	W. T. Madren	L. C. Fogleman, R2, Snow Camp.	W. D. Hinshaw, R2, Liberty.	229	1	2	2	229	11	208	20	7			
Pleasant Ridge	W. T. Madren	Mrs. Ollie M. Stewart, Ramseur.	S. H. Pell, R1, Asheboro.	144	...	3	1	145	16	102	16	10			
Pleasant Union	B. H. Lowdermilk	Mrs. Ira McDowell, R2, Asheboro.	Lewis Trotter, Jackson's Creek.	34	...	...	...	34	6	111	4	2			
Providence Chapel	Park W. Fisher	H. B. J. Moore, R2, Robbins.	Jack White, Ramseur.	19	1	7	1	20	20	15	12	2			
Ramseur	J. A. Denton	Roy Smith, Ramseur.	Vance Dorsett, Randleman.	121	7	3	1	125	47	75	21	2			
Randleman	B. H. Lowdermilk	W. G. Lamb, Randleman.	R. J. Lawrence, R1, Seagrove.	45	1	3	1	47	6	92	5				
Seagrove	L. M. Presnell	Miss Imogene King, Seagrove.	B. B. Martin, Troy.	70	5	9	2	75	10	92	5				
Shady Grove	H. V. Cox	Mrs. Charlie Singleton, Troy.	E. C. Deane, R1, Ramseur.	69	3	3	1	68	6	50	8				
Shiloh	W. C. Farrell	E. P. Stout, R1, Ramseur.	E. C. Deane, R1, Ramseur.	110	3	4	1	112	7	76	12	4			
Smithwood	W. T. Madren	Thos. B. Lowe, R1, Liberty.	Thos. B. Lowe, R1, Liberty.	185	4	3	5	184	9	122	25	16			
Sophia	G. C. Crutchfield	Mrs. Troy Hall, Sophia.	Stacy Hayes, Sophia.	62	1	1	1	62	7	77	6	3			
Spoon's Chapel	R. G. Brady	Mrs. Ruth Manes, R1, Asheboro.	Ralph Craven, R1, Asheboro.	30	...	...	...	30	13	52	20	3			
Union Grove	J. Q. Pugh	Harvey S. Allen, R4, Asheboro.	J. A. Ferree, R4, Asheboro.	102	...	...	1	100	14	94	10	...			
Totals				3,399	75	108	39	86	3,421	284	2,979	130	339	57	

NOTE.—\*Asterisk indicates Licentiate; †Double Dagger, not affiliated with Congregational Christian Denomination. No reports were received from: Antioch (R.), Biscoe, Glendon, Parks Cross Roads, Patterson's Grove, or Zion.

CHURCH	CHURCH																Indebtedness on Church Property				
	Paid on Conference Fund	Paid on Per Capita for General Council	Paid on Convention Fund	Paid on Convention Home Missions	Paid on Convention Foreign Missions	Raised for Elton College	Raised for Supernannuation	Raised for Christian Education	Raised for Orphanage	Total Paid on Apportionment	Raised by Woman's Missionary Society	Raised by Christian Missionary Assoc'n	Other Benevolences and Missions	Total Benevolences and Missions	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Paid on Misc. Current Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries		Paid on Indebtedness and Improvement	Total Raised on Local Expense	GRAND TOTAL	Value of Church Property
Albemarle.....	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 44	\$ 48	\$ 48	\$ 60	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 60	\$ 340	\$ 76	\$ 13	\$ 125	\$ 554	\$ 2,000	\$ 6,754		\$ 8,754	\$ 9,308	\$ 20,250	
Antioch (C).....	9		10	3	3	22	3	2		52		52			173	247		420	472	1,500	
Antioch (R).....																					
Asheboro.....	18	5	20	18	18	30	9	9	30	157	87		120	364	425	786		1,211	1,575	13,105	
Bailey's Grove.....	11			10	10	36			15	36			36	36	131	116		247	283		
Bennett.....	48	2	10	12	12	20	4	3	20	126	132		16	126	119	105		224	350	2,500	
Big Oak.....			13	20	20	34	10	10						148	139	139		278	426		
Biscoe.....																					
Brown's Chapel.....	14	4	15	14	14	11	8	6	19	105			13	118	117	309		426	544	3,000	
Ether.....				25	25	16	10	4	89	169				169	302	114		416	585	1,000	
Flint Hill (M).....																					
Flint Hill (R).....	11	3	12	8	11	18	6	4	28	44	10			54	88	147		235	289	500	
Glendon.....									10	10				10	93	124		217	335	2,500	
Grace's Chapel.....	60	5	50	6	72	60	32	16	173	130			50	180	517	587		1,104	1,284	8,000	
Hank's Chapel.....	20	4	25	20	20	20	10	18	45	182	69		419	962	500	630		1,130	2,092	3,750	
High Point.....	20	4	25	20	20	45	18	18	173	474			20	202	1,300	3,575	\$ 1,200	6,075	6,277	\$1,000	
Liberty.....	15	4	20	25	41	30	8	8	25	176			35	211	225	489		788	999	4,500	295
Mt. Pleasant.....	14	3	12	14	14	20	10	6	30	123			34	157	180	394		574	731	3,000	
Needham's Grove.....	14	4	14	14	14	20	10	6	28	124			8	132	460	225		685	817	2,000	
New Center.....	2	3	14	14	14	58	10	6		121				121	326	362		688	809	2,000	
Parks Cross Roads.....											11								11		
Patterson's Grove.....																					
Pleasant Cross.....	5		21	20	20	14	10	10	68	168				168	319	292		611	779	2,000	
Pleasant Grove.....	20	5	25	25	25	30	16	14	45	205			9	214	300	605		905	1,119	2,500	
Pleasant Hill.....	65	9	45	60	60	65	20	20	177	521	77		94	692	592	1,747		2,339	3,031	5,000	
Pleasant Ridge.....	65	12	40	110	189	365	31	20	253	1,085	60	5	115	1,265	625	569		1,194	2,459	3,000	
Pleasant Union.....	5								121	126				126	500	1,192		1,692	1,818	1,800	
Providence Chapel.....	7	2	6	5	5	10	5	5	7	52			38	90	134	84		218	308	1,500	
Ramseur.....									281	281	30		317	628	300	517		817	1,445	10,000	
Randleman.....	15	3	15	20	20	40	5	5	60	183	12		28	223	529	627		1,156	1,379	8,000	
Seagrave.....	30	3	35	30	30	30	10	10	44	222			10	232	421	256		677	909	7,000	
Shady Grove.....	7	1	4	2	4		3		1	25			2	27	217	225		442	469	1,000	
Shiloh.....	25								104	129				129	400	230		630	759	1,000	
Smithwood.....									37	140	10		25	175	886	170		1,056	1,231	6,500	
Sophia.....	13	2	15	10	10	25	8	1	32	116				116	322	445		767	883	2,000	
Spoon's Chapel.....	15	2	25	10	10	25	5	5	26	123			32	155	201	102		303	458	1,200	
Union Grove.....			8	25	13	15	3	3	37	112				112	150	1,061		1,211	1,323	2,000	
Zion.....									199	199				199					199		
Totals.....	\$ 551	\$ 103	\$ 520	\$ 599	\$ 741	\$ 969	\$ 273	\$ 220	\$2,305	\$ 6,281	\$ 467	\$ 18	\$1,510	\$ 8,276	\$ 12,991	\$ 23,225	\$ 1,274	\$ 37,400	\$ 45,766	\$125,605	\$1,295

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 7—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	Year Organized	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Young People's Societies	Christian Sun Goal	Christian Sun Subscribers
Apple's Chapel.....	1834	J. L. Neese.....	Mrs. R. E. Apple, R1, Whitsett.....	J. J. Busick, R1, Brown Summit.....	445	28	28	7	8	465	15	220	27	48	.....
Asheville.....	1914	A. C. Todd.....	Mrs. Robt. Crane, 27 Fenner Ave.....	Mrs. A. C. Todd, 41 Larchmont.....	106	1	10	1	1	115	9	.....	.....	13	.....
Belew Creek.....	1893	F. E. Reynolds.....	Mrs. H. C. Murray, Belew Creek.....	Mrs. Emma Martin, Belew Creek.....	117	1	1	1	1	117	8	60	.....	12	8
Berea.....	1902	M. W. Andes.....	Mrs. G. H. Pritchette, R1, Elon.....	Lawrence Boone, R2, Elon College.....	122	7	9	1	2	129	7	94	16	16	7
Bethel.....	1890	W. W. Snyder.....	Mrs. Ida P. Murray, R3, Mebane.....	T. P. Miles, R3, Burlington.....	179	9	9	1	8	180	9	.....	.....	19	15
Bethlehem.....		J. L. Neese.....	Clyde Iseley, R4, Burlington.....	L. E. Foster, RFD, Elon College.....	354	5	8	3	8	354	17	387	50	36	.....
Burlington.....	1884	W. M. Stevens.....	E. N. Pearce, B. 916, Burlington.....	J. V. Simpson, 207 Tarpley St.....	819	25	53	8	31	841	38	501	135	92	65
Carolina.....	1930	W. W. Hall.....	J. W. Trollinger, Sr., R3, Burlington.....	J. W. Trollinger, Sr., R3, Burlington.....	81	1	1	1	1	81	10	134	10	9	5
Concord.....	1814	W. W. Snyder.....	Mrs. W. B. Simmons, R2, Elon.....	H. P. Terrill, R1, Elon College.....	115	4	4	4	1	118	6	46	.....	14	13
Danville.....	1914	M. T. Sorrell.....	Mrs. W. V. Crawford, 1471 Myrtle.....	P. H. Ricketts, 2075 Rocklawn.....	807	70	88	7	39	856	37	800	125	63	.....
Durham.....	1887	S. C. Harrell.....	J. O. Kimrey, 807 W. Club Blvd.....	J. A. Riggsbee, 104 E. Seman St.....	442	8	23	3	12	453	29	274	125	58	38
Elk Spur.....	1889	H. A. Gleason, Jr.*.....	Norma Cole, R2, Fancy Gap, Va.....	Mrs. Lannie Utt, R2, Fancy Gap.....	50	2	2	2	2	53	9	92	16	10	.....
Elon College.....	1889	L. E. Smith.....	Miss Nannie D. Reitzel, Elon.....	G. D. Colclough, Elon College.....	375	6	28	3	23	380	25	175	52	52	19
Gibsonville.....	1939	Harold Lomant.....	Miss Opal M. Isley, Gibsonville.....	C. P. Younger, Gibsonville.....	215	15	22	2	2	235	15	278	40	6	7
Graham-Prov.-Mem.....	1763	B. V. Munger.....	Mrs. W. H. Holt, 403 N. Main St.....	R. M. Russell, Graham.....	82	5	9	2	4	87	10	85	10	5	.....
Greensboro, First.....	1901	W. E. Wiseman.....	R. G. Moffitt, 218 E. Bragg St.....	Hinton Rountree, 510 Mendenhall.....	457	4	23	7	22	458	20	265	40	54	.....
Greensboro, Palm St.....	1905	M. A. Pollard.....	A. H. Hinshaw, R2, Br. Summit.....	Max Fulk, Revolution Apts.....	266	15	15	15	15	280	15	185	30	39	8
Happy Home.....	1874	C. Shannon Morgan.....	Clarice Gunn, R3, Reidsville.....	G. W. Searee, Jr., R3, Reidsville.....	281	3	4	4	17	264	12	126	26	29	23
Haw River.....	1894	Earl Farrell.....	Mrs. Fannie Byrd, Haw River.....	Paul Bacon, R1, Mebane.....	162	3	3	3	8	157	11	18	11	11	.....
Hebron.....	1882	Allen L. Hurdle*.....	Kent Rice, Nelson, Va.....	H. W. Williamson, Buffalo Jc., Va.....	114	5	6	2	7	113	5	46	.....	17	3
Hines Chapel.....	1860	M. V. Welch*.....	L. V. Smith, R1, McLeansville.....	J. W. Barker, R5, Greensboro.....	224	3	4	3	4	225	8	136	.....	29	10
Hopedale.....		Harold Lomant.....												12	.....
Howard's Chapel.....														3	.....
Ingram.....	1891	Allen I. Hurdle*.....	Mrs. P. W. Farthing, Ingram, Va.....	J. K. Landrum, Vernon Hill, Va.....	209	1	1	2	6	204	10	74	.....	24	17
Ivy Hill.....		H. A. Gleason, Jr.*.....		Mrs. B. McMillan, Fancy Gap, Va.....	5					5	2	18	.....	2	.....



Kallam's Grove.....	M. T. Sorrell.....	Miss Mildred Payne, R2, Madison.....	Quil Washburn, R2, Madison.....	55	2	4	1	7	57	6	30	9
Lebanon.....	C. E. Newman.....	T. J. Earp, Milton.....	H. G. Earp, Milton.....	133	5	10	2	8	126	13	118	16
Liberty.....	C. E. Newman.....	C. S. Wilkins, Nathalie, Va.....	Edward Landrum, Nathalie, Va.....	207	16	18	2	4	209	13	118	22
Long's Chapel.....	E. N. Clark.....	W. J. Fonville, R5, Burlington.....	R. W. Barnette, R1, Mebane.....	137	2	6	2	2	151	13	115	30
Lynchburg.....	G. W. Wolford.....	C. T. Dudson, 1400 Radcliffe Ave.....	H. B. Brooks, 4623 Myrtle St.....	123	2	6	2	2	127	17	98	14
Mebane.....	Baxter Twiddy*.....	Miss Lillie D. Fowler, Mebane.....	Lloyd Moore, Mebane.....	31	2	2	2	7	24	6	35	4
Monticello.....	M. V. Welch*.....	Mrs. J. W. Kernodle, Br. Summit.....	J. E. Cumbie, Brown Summit.....	83	6	12	1	1	94	10	85	10
Mt. Bethel.....	M. A. Pollard.....	Mrs. E. W. Simpson, R2, Stokesd.....	Martin Barham, R2, Stokesdale.....	65	9	10	1	2	73	9	79	16
Mt. Zion.....	W. W. Snyder.....	Sam George, R3, Mebane.....	Gattis Carden, R3, Mebane.....	139	15	15	2	2	152	8	60	24
New Lebanon.....	M. T. Sorrell.....	Miss Carrie Sharpe, R4, Reidsville.....	J. I. Sharpe, R4, Reidsville.....	195	10	10	1	2	203	9	140	15
Pfafftown.....	W. J. Andes.....	Mrs. Ruth Hill, Pfafftown.....	E. B. Luper, Pfafftown.....	25	3	3	1	1	27	10	69	8
Pleasant Grove.....	W. E. Wiseman.....	Betty Fleming, R1, Guilford Col.....	J. W. Pegram, R1, Guilford Col.....	267	2	9	2	4	267	5	50	35
Pleasant Ridge.....	Joe A. Gleason, Jr.*.....	Mrs. E. H. Abell, 231 Lawsonville.....	E. L. Andrews, 137 Barnes St.....	68	13	25	1	7	73	34	402	12
Reidsville.....	H. A. Gleason, Jr.*.....	C. Edwards, Fancy Gap, Va.....	Clarence Edwards, Cana, Va.....	563	2	2	2	36	581	4	402	75
Rocky Ford.....	F. E. Reynolds.....	Selma Marshall, R2, Walnut Cove.....	W. L. Marshall, R2, Walnut Cove.....	83	2	2	2	6	49	7	87	9
Salem Chapel.....	W. W. Hall.....	Ethel Barber, R2, Elon College.....	Sam. K. Barber, R2, Elon College.....	137	2	2	1	3	133	22	175	20
Shallow Ford.....	F. W. Murtfeldt.....	Miss Julia Whittlesey, Tryon.....	Nelson Jackson, Jr., Tryon.....	209	18	19	8	10	225	12	94	25
Tryon Erskin Mem.....	K. D. Register.....	Mrs. A. Blalock, R2, Burlington.....	Algie Blalock, R2, Burlington.....	185	3	11	8	332	186	27	197	45
Union (N. C.).....	C. E. Newman.....	R. A. Dunkley, R1, Virgilina, Va.....	A. R. Seat, Virgilina, Va.....	323	4	30	4	21	332	27	197	25
Union (Va.).....	W. J. Andes.....	Ruth Willis, 1180 N. Sunset Dr.....	W. L. Padgett, 1234 E. 24th St.....	440	10	11	8	15	436	7	77	20
Winston-Salem.....	W. J. Andes.....			38	3	5	5	43	43	10	49	8
Totals.....				9,542	347	549	87	353	9,738	556	5,956	1067
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†1945 Membership.



STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 8—FINANCE—NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	Paid on Conference Fund		Paid on Per Capita for General Council		Paid on Convention Fund		Paid on Convention Home Missions		Paid on Convention Foreign Missions		Raised for Elion College		Raised for Superrannuation		Raised for Christian Education		Raised for Orphanage		Total Paid on Apportionment		Raised by Woman's Missionary Society		Raised by Christian Missionary Assoc'n		Other Benevolences and Missions		Total Benevolences		Paid on Pastor's Salary		Paid on Misc. Current Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries		Paid on Indebtedness and Improvement		Total Raised on Local Expense		GRAND TOTAL		Value of Church Property		Indebtedness on Church Property	
	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢
Apple's Chapel.....	32	8	35	64	48	42	111	32	30	114	508	182	25	569	1,284	1,200	481	158	1,839	3,123	14,000	3,804																				
Asheville.....	6	8	35	11	17	22	21	6	21	108	100		106	314	1,875	1,713	278	3,866	4,180	26,500																						
Below Creek.....	17	9	35	21	13	37	16	12	24	184		5		189	500	105		805	794	5,000																						
Berea.....	17	10	35	19	16	43	9	13	55	217	44		147	408	800	554	229	1,583	1,991	3,000																						
Bethel.....	9	14	18	18	18	50	9	9	72	217	36	15	5	273	557	179		736	1,009	6,000																						
Bethlehem.....	32	27	65	49	42	116	30	30	346	737	5		72	814	1,200	1,926		3,126	3,940	6,000																						
Burlington.....	115	64	205	143	522	500	541	110	3,378	5,578	1,183	100	942	7,803	3,600	10,079	9,197	22,876	160,000																							
Carolina.....	15	6	30	13	6	22	7	10	15	124	28		10	162	910	359		1,509	1,671	8,300																						
Concord.....	18	9	30	21	15	44		10	39	201	32	25	10	268	467	53		900	1,420	4,000																						
Danville.....	25		45	120			55	15	50	315			120	435	2,700	33,849	2,300	38,849	39,284	100,000																						
Durham.....	93	35	20	197	190	440	112	90	494	1,671	500	35	319	2,525	3,120	2,621	1,473	7,214	9,739	62,000																						
Elk Spur.....	12	2	15	7	13	9		5	10	75			10	85		40	35	75	160	3,250																						
Elion College.....	65	35	155	144	138	360	70	70	259	1,286	358	25	740	2,419	900	910	155	1,965	4,384	5,000																						
Gibsonville.....					63		63		63	189				189	2,080	3,000	2,000	7,080	7,269	15,000																						
Graham-Prop.-Mem.....	13	6	15	12	5	19	5	8	29	112	38	15	55	220	1,200	904	100	2,204	2,424	4,000																						
Greensboro First.....	76	36	190	274	314	440	145	70	494	2,039	812	35	948	3,834	3,450	5,417		8,867	12,701	67,500																						
Greensboro Palm Street.....	18	21	36	36	36	94	27	18	109	395	30			425	2,285	2,483		4,768	5,193	14,600																						
Happy Home.....	27	22	55	42	42	90	27	30	178	513	121		32	666	1,430	668	268	2,366	3,082	6,350																						
Haw River.....	27	13	45	38	63	88	19	20	77	390	58		33	481	1,200	1,138		2,338	2,819	5,000																						
Hebron.....	18	9	20	20	16	40	20	10	30	183			15	198	300	190		490	688	1,500																						
Hines Chapel.....	28	17	55	41	41	100	27	20	155	484	231	25	374	1,114	786	414	115	1,315	2,429	3,500																						
Hopedale.....																																										
Howard's Chapel.....																																										
Ingram.....	36	17	65	56	51	82	28	30	219	584	140		48	772	445	292		727	1,499	10,000																						
Ivy Hill.....																				4																						

	16	5	7	8	10	4	5	8	10	4	5	8	71	.....	.....	.....	71	300	65	400	765	836	6,000
Kallam's Grove.....	16	11	30	21	14	10	12	66	236	207	94	5	35	271	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon.....	18	14	30	21	14	54	10	66	236	207	94	5	35	271	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Liberty.....	19	16	30	21	14	44	9	13	41	207	383	20	25	331	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Long's Chapel.....	21	13	35	27	26	57	13	70	277	37	32	19	383	1,020	261	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lynchburg.....	21	10	40	27	20	57	13	43	246	72	37	20	23	346	1,462	365	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mebane.....	12	2	5	4	2	17	5	10	82	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Monticello.....	16	7	26	15	8	25	8	10	135	72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Bethel.....	11	5	22	22	22	55	11	60	219	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion.....	19	13	40	24	18	52	11	42	234	10	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Lebanon.....	15	13	40	58	80	.....	18	20	157	481	63	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pfafftown.....	14	2	15	10	4	24	6	22	107	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Grove.....	.....	21	45	3	33	64	22	20	115	353	91	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Ridge.....	16	4	20	15	20	29	16	10	65	195	83	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Reidsville.....	40	44	80	64	98	160	40	25	440	1,891	356	57	267	2,571	2,350	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rocky Ford.....	12	2	15	7	3	9	2	5	10	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salem Chapel.....	16	10	30	15	9	30	6	10	157	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shallow Ford.....	23	16	50	41	41	68	15	15	197	466	100	15	100	681	735	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tryon-Erskin-Mem.....	28	16	50	49	43	98	20	25	100	429	120	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union (N. C.).....	50	20	56	35	34	80	17	25	69	392	230	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union (Va.).....	28	35	50	40	34	94	24	25	110	440	150	20	64	674	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Winston-Salem.....	16	3	15	15	7	20	18	8	112	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	\$1,110	\$ 671	\$1,910	\$1,881	\$3,079	\$3,834	\$1,548	\$ 930	\$7,932	\$ 22,895	\$5,559	\$ 442	\$6,634	\$ 35,530	\$ 45,941	\$ 82,105	\$ 25,916	\$153,962	\$189,492	\$776,300	\$3,804	.....	.....

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 9.—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	Year Organized	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Young Peoples Societies	Christian Sun Goal	Christian Sun Subscribers
Amelia.....	1888	R. T. Grissom.....	Mrs. Leon Stevens, R2, Clayton.....	M. B. Smith, R2, Clayton.....	119	10	15	1	3	131	16	105		6	
Antioch.....	1892	Herbert Scholz.....	H. L. Wall, Elams.....	S. B. Spragin, Gasburg.....	88			1	3	85	6	40		5	
Auburn.....	1889	W. C. Farrell.....	Mrs. Gladly Allen, R2, Raleigh.....	T. E. Peterson, R2, Raleigh.....	141	4	4			145	18	75		6	
Bethel.....	1889	W. C. Farrell.....	S. W. Hollerman, Holly Springs.....	No Sunday School.....	24			2	2	22				3	
Bethlehem.....	1900	Herbert Scholz.....			78					**78				3	
Beulah.....	1855	T. D. Sutton.....	A. W. Watkins, R4, Zebulon.....	W. C. Barham, R2, Wake Forest.....	292	12	22	1	8	306	8	150		9	
Catawba Springs.....	1912	J. L. Johnson.....		Lindsay Neville, 4 Oakwood Dr.....	75		5			80	7	48		14	
Chapel Hill.....	1910	A. G. Ritchie.....		E. M. Ansley, R1, Fuquay Spgs.....	171	3	3	1	1	173	10	104		9	
Christian Chapel.....	1820	G. M. Tally.....												8	
Christian Light.....	1886														
Clayton.....	1920														
Damascus.....	1797	A. G. Ritchie.....	Mrs. Paul Long, R3, Chapel Hill.....	Mrs. Paul Long, R3, Chapel Hill.....	78			1	4	74	6	25		4	
Ebenezer.....	1883	J. A. Denton.....	Mrs. O. J. Smith, R6, Raleigh.....	Junius Dillard, R1, Cary.....	194	7	7	1	1	200	7	60		10	
Fuller's Chapel.....	1901	E. M. Carter.....	Margaret Edwards, Henderson.....	W. S. Briggs, R4, Henderson.....	117	6	6	2	121	121	8	67		11	
Good Hope.....	1810	E. M. Carter.....	Volda Davis, R1, Youngsville.....	Vivian Davis, R1, Youngsville.....	111			2	4	107	7	40		5	
Hayes Chapel.....	1870	W. C. Farrell.....			66					66				4	
Henderson.....	1905	J. Frank Apple.....	Mrs. J. A. Hall, Henderson.....	John Allen Hall, Henderson.....	264	12	23	2	7	280	12	176		4	
Hope Mills.....	1839	T. E. Humphries.....			38					38				5	
Lebanon.....	1923	R. E. Tally.....	Mrs. Ralph Stevens, R2, Sanford.....	Mrs. Ralph Stevens, R2, Sanford.....	45		1			46				2	
Lee's Chapel.....		R. T. Grissom.....	Mrs. Jim. Gunter, R1, Moncre.....	J. R. Underwood, R5, Sanford.....	59			2	2	57	6	25		3	
Liberty (Vance).....	1869	F. C. Lester.....	Margaret Alston, R1, Henderson.....	F. B. Fuller, R1, Henderson.....	378	3	8	3	9	377	25	222		28	
Martha's Chapel.....	1803	Charlie Gray.....	Mrs. C. J. Lawrence, R2, Apex.....	W. J. Morgan, R3, Apex.....	77	2	2	1	6	73	6	55		4	
Moore Union.....		G. M. Tally.....	Mrs. J. U. Lett, R2, Jonesboro.....	N. G. Burnes, R2, Sanford.....	101	5	5			102	6	40		6	
Morrisville.....	1872	Ellis N. Clark.....	R. H. Cotton, Morrisville.....	Mrs. R. H. Cotton, Morrisville.....	45					45	7	27		3	
Mt. Auburn.....	1820	E. M. Carter.....	W. H. Moss, RFD, Manson.....	J. Allen Kimball, Manson.....	121	6	6	1	4	123	8	58		10	

Mt. Carmel.....	1881	J. F. Apple.....	Mrs. R. L. Pearce, R1, Franklinton...	111	6	2	117	6	54	6		
Mt. Gilad.....	1876	J. F. Apple.....	Esther Wester, R2, Louisburg.....	168	2	2	164	9	47	8		
Mt. Hermon.....	1879	E. M. Carter.....	Mrs. Mamie Mumford, Garner.....	81	6	6	87	14	59	4		
New Elam.....	1863	R. E. Talley†.....	Lola Jones, R2, New Hill.....	275	4	4	279	8	91	12		
New Hope.....	1881	T. D. Sutton.....	John Chamblee, R1, Louisburg.....	242	24	31	271	9	166	10		
Niagara.....	1913	T. G. Humphries.....	J. W. Hudson, R1, Youngsville.....	23	1	1	223	8	76	2		
Oak Level.....	1842	T. D. Sutton.....	Mrs. J. P. Stevens, R4, Raleigh.....	78	2	2	127	8	76	9		
O'Kelly's Chapel.....	1800	Ellis N. Clark.....	J. L. Stephens, R4, Raleigh.....	86	2	2	75	12	35	7		
Piney Plain.....	1891	J. Lee Johnson.....	Sidney Barbons, Benson.....	126	11	13	88	6	56	5		
Pleasant Hill.....	1863	J. Lee Johnson.....	Mrs. Meldon Gardner, R2, Angier...	143	10	11	139	9	140	7		
Pleasant Union.....	1883	R. T. Grissom.....	S. H. Ball, R3, Willow Springs.....	120	2	2	152	10	87	6		
Plymouth.....	1794	T. D. Sutton.....	Med Bragg, R1, Franklinton.....	350	2	1	116	7	63	9		
Pope's Chapel.....	1881	Fred. B. Eutsler.....	W. G. VanNote, 2214 Anderson Dr.	196	9	16	349	17	100	15		
Raleigh.....	1881	C. Carl Dollar.....	R. M. Cline, R2, Sanford.....	205	5	10	206	16	230	14		
Sanford.....	1903	R. T. Grissom.....	S. S. Thomas, R2, Jonesboro.....	227	5	9	214	12	165	14		
Shallow Well.....	1894	T. G. Humphries.....	Mrs. R. L. Ross, Colon.....	90	28	30	227	10	65	8		
Six Forks.....	1895	R. T. Grissom.....	W. H. Johnson, Fuquay Springs...	211	4	5	99	10	65	5		
Southern Pines.....	1856	Fred Register.....	Mrs. G. M. Williams, 1205 Watanga	111	4	1	235	12	110	15		
Turner's Chapel.....	1898	W. C. Farrell†.....	Mrs. W. G. Scarborough.....	44	1	1	111	7	78	7		
Wake Chapel.....	1886	E. M. Carter.....	S. L. Hobgood, Youngsville.....	5,695	186	260	43	10	37	5		
Wentworth.....												
Youngsville.....												
Totals.....				5,695	186	260	28	104	5,751	345	2,976	357

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†1945 Membership.



STATISTICAL TABLE No. 10—FINANCE—EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	Paid on Conference Fund	Paid on Per Capita for General Council	Paid on Convention Fund	Paid on Convention Home Missions	Paid on Convention Foreign Missions	Raised for Elton College	Raised for Supranunnation	Raised for Christian Education	Raised for Orphanage	Total Paid on Apportionment	Raised by Woman's Missionary Society	Raised by Christian Missionary Assoc'n	Other Benevolences and Missions	Total Benevolences and Missions	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Paid on Misc. Current Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries	Paid on Indebtedness	Total Raised on Local Expense	GRAND TOTAL	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness on Church Property
Amelia.....	\$ 7	\$ 8	\$ 15	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 18	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 18	\$ 100	.....	.....	\$ 150	\$ 250	\$ 475	\$ 535	.....	\$ 1,010	\$ 1,260	\$ 2,000	.....
Antioch.....	7	8	10	6	6	14	5	5	14	75	.....	.....	75	75	125	505	.....	630	705	2,000	.....
Auburn.....	.....	.....	.....	42	30	10	17	3	93	195	\$ 60	.....	153	408	300	127	.....	427	835	3,000	.....
Bethel.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	5	5	171	191	.....	.....	69	260	153	50	.....	203	463	600	.....
Bethlehem.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beulah.....	5	22	15	12	9	15	5	5	93	181	17	.....	430	628	500	198	.....	698	1,326	2,500	.....
Catawba Springs.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	213	224	.....	.....	224	224	.....	.....	.....	.....	224	.....	.....
Chapel Hill.....	.....	2	20	16	16	28	8	8	28	126	27	.....	70	223	1,000	1,207	.....	2,207	2,430	29,300	.....
Christian Chapel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Christian Light.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	35	.....	.....	126	161	379	478	.....	857	918	3,000	.....
Clayton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Damascus.....	18	7	7	7	7	10	7	7	10	80	.....	.....	.....	80	190	726	.....	916	1,096	.....	.....
Ebenezer.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	10	31	43	.....	.....	43	43	500	435	.....	935	978	2,000	.....
Fuller's Chapel.....	9	9	20	15	15	30	10	12	61	181	37	.....	20	238	200	150	.....	350	588	3,500	.....
Good Hope.....	5	8	13	10	10	15	5	5	15	86	.....	.....	.....	86	191	105	.....	296	382	2,500	.....
Hayes Chapel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	13	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	.....
Henderson.....	15	19	30	25	25	78	15	15	80	302	150	.....	8	460	2,100	3,637	.....	5,737	6,197	16,000	.....
Hope Mills.....	.....	3	13	13	13	23	7	8	50	130	5	.....	14	149	.....	.....	.....	.....	149	1,000	.....
Lebanon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	15	.....	.....	.....	15	75	.....	.....	75	80	1,200	.....
Lee's Chapel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	10	.....	.....	.....	10	108	151	.....	259	269	.....	.....
Liberty (Vance).....	37	28	70	76	76	178	33	33	246	777	152	.....	245	1,174	1,285	1,356	.....	2,641	3,815	22,000	.....
Martha's Chapel.....	10	.....	.....	3	2	.....	.....	.....	10	25	.....	.....	13	38	175	496	.....	671	709	1,500	.....
Moore Union.....	5	.....	5	12	12	3	3	2	19	61	.....	.....	61	61	200	75	.....	275	336	5,000	.....
Morrisville.....	9	4	9	24	21	46	28	7	57	205	.....	.....	9	214	180	83	.....	263	477	3,000	.....
Mt. Auburn.....	13	8	32	42	42	80	22	22	76	337	152	.....	58	547	400	377	.....	777	1,324	7,000	.....

Mt. Carmel.....	5	8	15	12	12	12	17	5	5	17	96	8	104	250	85	335	439	3,000
Mt. Gilad.....	11	14	25	22	22	28	28	10	10	28	170	.....	170	225	189	384	594	1,500
Mt. Hermon.....	5	6	13	11	10	10	10	5	5	28	93	.....	93	258	580	838	931	1,600
New Elam.....	17	20	37	35	35	28	28	13	13	94	232	15	307	350	545	895	1,202	3,000
New Hope.....	9	18	18	15	15	25	25	8	8	85	201	5	222	300	778	1,078	1,300	3,500
Niagara.....	.....	1	8	5	5	8	8	3	3	8	41	.....	41	.....	.....	.....	41	1,500
Oak Level.....	9	8	18	16	16	26	26	8	8	.....	137	134	271	250	637	887	1,158	5,000
O'Kelly's Chapel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	20	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	20	3,000
Piney Plain.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	82	36	200	264	221	485	635	3,000
Pleasant Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	32	.....	32	194	30	224	256	1,500
Pleasant Union.....	6	.....	.....	31	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	197	265	715	980	600	1,615	2,215	3,195	6,000
Plymouth.....	7	11	15	12	12	32	32	7	7	106	209	.....	209	400	1,220	1,530	1,839	4,000
Pope's Chapel.....	9	8	18	15	15	30	30	7	7	30	139	.....	139	290	12	302	441	2,500
Raleigh.....	19	25	38	40	40	60	60	17	17	60	316	275	725	3,300	3,356	6,656	7,351	125,000
Sanford.....	13	13	27	25	25	68	68	10	10	80	274	160	809	1,465	1,565	3,030	3,839	13,000
Shallow Well.....	11	14	25	22	22	45	45	10	10	71	230	80	384	500	653	1,153	1,537	5,000
Six Forks.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Southern Times.....	13	16	27	25	25	52	52	10	10	52	230	185	425	.....	.....	.....	425	49,000
Turner's Chapel.....	7	6	15	12	12	35	35	7	7	35	136	75	232	500	218	718	950	5,000
Wake Chapel.....	25	18	47	107	108	182	182	15	15	2,003	2,520	35	2,555	770	152	922	3,477	15,000
Wentworth.....	5	8	15	13	14	46	46	10	10	73	194	.....	284	300	162	462	746	1,500
Youngsville.....	5	4	12	8	8	15	15	7	7	15	81	17	123	300	187	457	580	5,000
Totals.....	\$ 354	\$ 327	\$ 632	\$ 741	\$ 723	\$1,255	\$ 339	\$ 294	\$4,485	\$ 9,150	\$1,329	\$3,203	\$ 13,682	\$ 19,052	\$ 22,846	\$ 41,898	\$ 55,580	\$364,700

TABLE No. 11—SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE STATISTICS

NAME OF CONFERENCE	Membership Reported Last Year.	Received by Confession.	Total Number Received.	Number Lost by Death.	Total Number Lost.	Present Membership.	Sunday School Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in Sunday School.	Number Organized Young People.	Christian Sun Goal	Number Subscribing for Christian Sun.
Virginia Valley Central.....	2,429	80	93	32	47	2,405	206	1,508	270	219	91
Eastern Virginia.....	10,665	335	625	93	342	10,858	688	6,988	1,007	787	743
North Carolina & Virginia.....	9,542	347	549	87	353	9,738	556	5,956	1,067	1,099	402
Western North Carolina.....	3,399	75	108	39	86	3,421	284	2,979	130	339	57
Eastern North Carolina.....	5,695	186	260	28	104	5,751	345	2,976	.....	357	.....
Totals.....	31,730	1,023	1,635	279	932	32,173	2,079	20,407	2,474	2,811	*1,293

\*Incomplete. There are approximately 2,000 subscriptions to the Christian Sun.

CONFERENCE	Paid on Conference Fund	Paid on Conference Missions	Paid on Per Capita for General Council	Paid on Convention Fund	Paid on Convention Home Missions	Paid on Foreign Missions*	Raised for Elion College	Raised for Supernannuation	Raised for Christian Education†	Raised for Orphanage	Total Paid on Apportionment	Raised by Woman's Missionary Society	Raised by Christian Missionary Assoc'n	Other Benevolences and Missions	Total Benevolences and Missions	Paid on Pastors' Salary	Paid on Misc. Current Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries	Paid on Indebtedness and Improvement	Total Raised on Local Expense	GRAND TOTAL	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness on Church Property
Virginia Valley Central.....	\$ 650	\$ 63	\$ 174	\$ 436	\$ 503	\$ 444	\$ 632	\$ 193	\$ 185	\$ 1,198	\$ 4,474	\$ 827	\$ 127	\$ 1,727	\$ 7,155	\$ 7,850	\$ 7,379	\$ 65	\$ 15,294	\$ 22,449	\$ 116,800	\$ 7,408
Eastern Virginia.....	496	1,467	721	2,492	2,935	2,937	5,349	1,259	735	5,922	24,333	7,480	1,980	20,014	53,807	53,733	146,332	7,981	208,146	261,933	1,368,450	3,804
North Carolina & Virginia..	1,110		671	1,910	1,881	3,079	3,854	1,948	930	7,932	22,895	5,559	442	6,634	35,530	45,941	82,105	25,916	153,962	189,482	776,300	1,295
Western North Carolina.....	551		103	520	599	741	969	273	220	2,305	6,281	467	18	1,510	8,276	12,991	23,225	1,274	37,490	45,706	125,005	
Eastern North Carolina.....	354		327	632	741	725	1,255	339	294	4,485	9,150	1,329		3,203	13,682	19,052	22,846		41,898	55,580	364,700	
Totals.....	\$3,161	\$1,530	\$1,996	\$5,990	\$6,658	\$7,944	\$12,039	\$3,612	\$2,364	\$21,839	\$67,133	\$15,662	\$2,567	\$33,088	\$118,450	\$139,567	\$281,987	\$35,236	\$456,790	\$575,240	\$2,752,855	\$12,507

\*In addition to total Foreign Missions, approximately \$12,000 was received for Shaowu, or a grand total of approximately \$19,944 for Foreign Missions.

†In addition to total contributed by churches to Christian Education, the Board of Christian Education received \$1,304 from Sunday school Conventions, as follows: Virginia Valley, \$105; Eastern Virginia, \$650; North Carolina & Virginia, \$200; Western North Carolina, \$124; Eastern North Carolina, \$225.

TABLE NO. 12—THE CONVENTION FUNDS

NAME OF FUND	CONFERENCE	Appt'd by Con- vention	Abbt'd by Con- ference	Paid by Churches
Home Missions— \$6,000.00	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 500	\$ 377	\$ 502
	Eastern Virginia.....	2,300	2,297	2,935
	North Carolina & Virginia..	1,800	1,773	1,881
	Western North Carolina...	600	765	599
	Eastern North Carolina...	800	797	741
	Total.....	\$ 6,000	6,009	6,658
Foreign Missions— \$6,000.00	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 500	\$ 377	\$ 444
	Eastern Virginia.....	2,300	2,291	2,957
	North Carolina & Virginia..	1,800	1,805	3,079
	Western North Carolina...	600	765	741
	Eastern North Carolina...	800	797	723
	Total.....	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,035	\$ 7,944
Elon Orphanage— \$12,500.00	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 800	\$ 593	\$ 1,195
	Eastern Virginia.....	4,000	3,965	5,922
	North Carolina & Virginia..	5,000	5,083	7,932
	Western North Carolina...	950	1,128	2,305
	Eastern North Carolina...	1,750	1,750	4,485
	Total.....	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,519	\$ 21,839
Elon College—	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 800	\$ 593	\$ 632
	Eastern Virginia.....	5,000	4,965	5,349
	North Carolina & Virginia..	4,000	3,990	3,834
	Western North Carolina...	950	977	969
	Eastern North Carolina...	1,750	1,750	1,255
	Total.....	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,275	\$ 12,039
Christian Education— \$3,000.00	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 250	\$ 186	\$ 185
	Eastern Virginia.....	1,100	666	735
	North Carolina & Virginia..	1,000	968	930
	Western North Carolina...	250	297	220
	Eastern North Carolina...	400	490	294
	Total.....	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,517	\$ 2,364
Superannuation— \$3,000.00	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 250	\$ 186	\$ 193
	Eastern Virginia.....	1,100	1,094	1,259
	North Carolina & Virginia..	1,000	987	1,548
	Western North Carolina...	250	532	273
	Eastern North Carolina...	400	400	339
	Total.....	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,999	\$ 3,612
Convention Fund \$7,000.00	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 600	\$ 446	\$ 436
	Eastern Virginia.....	2,500	2,422	2,492
	North Carolina & Virginia..	2,250	2,167	1,910
	Western North Carolina...	700	743	520
	Eastern North Carolina...	950	945	632
	Total.....	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,773	\$ 5,990
Per Capita Dues for The General Council— 8 Cents per Member	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 191	\$ 193	\$ 174
	Eastern Virginia.....	862	725	721
	North Carolina & Virginia..	765	764	671
	Western North Carolina...	293	151	103
	Eastern North Carolina...	430	467	327
	Total.....	\$ 2,540	\$ 2,300	\$ 1,996



TABLE No. 13—TOTAL CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS

NAME OF CONFERENCE	Apportioned by Con- vention	Apportioned by Con- ference	Amount Raised
Virginia Valley Central.....	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,642	\$ 4,474
Eastern Virginia.....	18,300	20,744	24,333
North Carolina & Virginia.....	16,850	18,735	22,895
Western North Carolina.....	4,300	5,879	6,281
Eastern North Carolina.....	6,850	7,759	9,150
Totals.....	\$ 50,000	\$ 56,741	\$ 67,133

TABLE No. 14—MISSIONS

SOURCE	Home Missions	Foreign Missions Regular	Foreign Missions Shaowu	C. W. V. R.	Total
Conference Apportionment.....	\$ 6,658	\$ 7,944	.....	.....	\$ 14,602
Special Over & Above.....	7,496	7,254	\$ 9,175	\$ 5,784	14,959
Woman's Convention.....	2,567	.....	3,116	.....	*17,866
C. M. Association.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,567
Total.....	\$ 16,721	\$ 15,198	\$ 12,291	\$ 15,784	\$ 49,994

\*Receipts, 11-46-11-47. Figures compiled from Year Book of Woman's Convention, show the total giving by Woman's Societies of \$17,289.

†Does not include amount sent direct to Congregational Christian Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction, but only that sent through Convention office.

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BETHLEHEM CHURCH, TENTH LEGION, VA.  
MARCH 27, 1947.

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THEME: "*Keeping Faith With Christ.*"

SCRIPTURE: "*He who conquers and who keeps my works unto the end, I will give him power over the nations.*"—Revelations 2:26.

## MORNING SESSION.

The morning session was called to order by the President, Roy A. Larrick, at 10:00 A. M. The hymn, "The Church's One Foundation," was sung by the congregation.

The worship service was conducted by Rev. S. E. Madren.

## ENROLLMENT.

*Conference Officers*—President, Roy A. Larrick; Secretary, S. E. Madren; Treasurer, O. W. Andes; Assistant Treasurer, J. M. Lohr; Conference Missions Secretary, R. O. Rothgeb; Trustee, H. E. Liskey.

*Ordained Ministers*—Roy D. Coulter, M. L. Weekley, Mark Andes, S. E. Madren.

## *Churches and Delegates.*

*Antioch*—E. A. Showalter, Mrs. B. F. Frank.

*Bethel*—M. A. Dofflemeyer, Mrs. M. A. Dofflemeyer, Mrs. Carroll Monger, Mrs. Minnie Hensley.

*Bethlehem*—H. G. Brown.

*Beulah*—Mrs. Joe Tibbins.

*Concord*—

*Dry Run*—W. B. Burke, Mrs. R. T. Holder.

*Joppa*—

*Leaksville*—B. F. McDaniel, Mrs. Oscar Sours, Mrs. Lena Rothgeb.

*Linville*—Mrs. R. R. Hosaflook, Mrs. Emma Rhodes, Mrs. Mary Davis, Frank Liskey.

*Mayland*—J. M. Lohr, D. C. Golladay.

*Mt. Lebanon*—Mrs. J. S. Supples.

*Mt. Olivet (G)*—

*Mt. Olivet (R)*—Mrs. Dewey Bateman, Mrs. Julia Fry, Mrs. Joseph Frazier.

*New Hope*—H. E. Liskey, Mrs. Ernest Spitzer.

*Newport*—Russel Alger, Elmer Rinehart, Mrs. Ruby Rinehart.

*Palmyra*—

*Timber Ridge*—Mrs. Fred L. Oates, Mrs. Ernest Anderson.



*Winchester*—O. A. Bazzle, Mrs. Roy A. Larrick, Mrs. L. H. Hook, L. H. Hook.

*Wissler's Chapel*—

*Wood's Chapel*—Mrs. Florence Day, Mrs. Austin Kipps.

Rev. Roy D. Coulter presented Rev. W. T. Scott, D. D., Superintendent of the Southern Convention; Rev. Thomas A. Tripp, D. D., Executive Secretary of the Department of Town and Country Churches of the General Council; and Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, Field Director of the Southern Convention, who were seated as deliberative members. Each brought words of greeting.

Mrs. R. A. Whitten, President of the Valley Woman's Missionary Conference, was recognized.

H. E. Liskey, President of the Valley Sunday School and Pilgrim Fellowship Convention, was recognized.

Dr. Thomas A. Tripp addressed the conference on "The Task of the Rural Church."

Closing hymn, "Lead on, O King, Eternal."

The Conference adjourned for lunch following the benediction by Rev. Mark Andes.

The Executive and Home Mission Committee reported as follows:

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEES.

##### REPORT NO. 1.

The Executive and Home Mission Committees of the Valley Virginia Central Conference met in annual session at Bethlehem Christian Church, October 7, 1946.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P. M. by the president, R. A. Larrick.

Prayer was offered by Rev. R. A. Whitten.

Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of the Southern Convention was introduced and spoke briefly regarding the action of the Mission Board. Dr. Scott stated that the Mission Board had granted \$1,500.00 to the Valley Conference to be appropriated by the Committee.

Motion carried that Dr. Scott be seated as a deliberative member.

Each pastoral group was given consideration regarding the amount the churches paid and the amount received from the Mission Board and Home Mission Committee the past year.

After determining how much each pastor would receive from the churches during the present year, the Committee made appropriations as follows:

Timber Ridge—\$600 divided as follows: \$330 to Mission Board; \$300 to Conference.

Elkton—\$600 divided as follows: \$300 to Mission Board; \$300 to Conference.

Newton—\$200 divided as follows: None to Mission Board; \$200 to Conference.

Veazey—\$600 divided as follows: \$300 to Mission Board; \$300 to Conference.

Madren—\$575 divided as follows: \$275 to Mission Board; \$300 to Conference.

It was moved and carried that in view of the parsonage program at Timber Ridge that Mr. Seldon go back to the church and make an earnest effort to increase the pastor's salary to bring it to the minimum of \$1,800.00. The remainder to be supplemented by the Mission Board together with the aid of the Home Mission Committee of the Valley Conference. Whitten, Newton.

It was moved and carried that the appropriations to Elkton and Timber Ridge be left to the discretion of the President of the Conference. Coulter, Whitten.

Moved and carried that the bill (\$72.00) for annuals be paid the Central Publishing Company.

Moved and carried that Rev. G. H. Veazey and Rev. S. E. Madren, with Dr. W. T. Scott, visit Dr. M. L. Weekley to confirm the need and his request to be considered as annuitant. Whitten, Coulter.

Moved and carried that \$25.00 be paid to the Virginia Council of Churches.

*Members Present.*—J. C. Bradford, Melvin Seldon, J. M. Lohr, M. A. Dofflemyer, O. W. Andes, R. O. Rothgeb, R. A. Whitten, G. H. Veazey, R. E. Newton, S. E. Madren, Roy D. Coulter.

On motion the Committee adjourned.

Dr. W. T. Scott led the closing prayer.

#### REPORT No. 2.

A joint session of the Executive and Home Mission Committees was called by President Roy A. Larrick to meet during the lunch hour of the Mid-Year Session of Conference.

It was voted to pay Dr. Warren H. Denison \$50.00 on expenses for services in Stewardship Institutes conducted in the Conference, January 13-26, 1947.

Representatives from Timber Ridge Church stated that Timber Ridge will pay \$12.50 plus \$75.00 they are now paying on pastor's salary per month, if the Mission Board and Home Missions Committee will pay the remainder to make the salary \$1,800.00 per year when Mr. Coulter moves on the field.

It was moved and carried that for the month of March the Mission Board pay \$15.00 and the conference pay \$15.00 and Timber Ridge pay \$30.00 additional to the regular \$75.00. (This was done because Mr. Coulter could not move, the parsonage not having been completed.)

It was moved and carried that \$40.00 be paid out of the Conference Fund and \$22.50 be paid by the Mission Board per month on the Timber Ridge appropriation. The same to begin when Mr. Coulter is located on the field.

It was moved and carried that due to the critical illness in Rev. G. H. Veazey's family, we recognize the \$100 increase in salary that Mayland has made and that the appropriation from the Mission Board and the Conference Fund continue for the rest of the year as originally made.

It was moved and carried that the Board of Superannuation be asked to make some appropriation to Brother Veazey as an emergency assistance.

*Members Present.*—Roy A. Larrick, J. M. Lohr, M. A. Dofflemyer, O. W. Andes, R. O. Rothgeb, S. E. Madren, Roy D. Coulter, and W. T. Scott (visitor).

#### AFTERNOON SESSION:

The Conference was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by the president.

Hymn: "O Worship the King."

Miss Elizabeth Chicoine addressed the conference on, "Youth at the Cross Roads."

The report of the apportionment Committee was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE.

We, your Apportionment Committee, in call meeting at Bethlehem Church, voted to ask a raise in Conference Fund of 50 per cent.

L. H. HOOK,  
MRS. ROY A. LARRICK,  
E. A. SHOWALTER,  
B. F. McDANIEL,  
O. W. ANDES,

*Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the report of the apportionment committee be adopted.

Dr. William T. Scott addressed the Conference.

The report of the Committee on the Ministry was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY.

At his request, Rev. Mark W. Andes wishes a letter of transfer from the Virginia Valley Central Congregational Christian Conference to unite with the North Carolina and Virginia Congregational Christian Conference.

Rev. D. M. Spence requests a letter of dismissal from the Virginia Valley Central Congregational Christian Conference since he has united with and is serving churches of the Methodist denomination.

ROY D. COULTER,  
S. E. MADREN,  
*Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the requests be granted. The report was adopted.

Closing hymn: "Blest Be the Tie."

Prayer and Benediction by Dr. W. T. Scott.

ROY A. LARRICK, *President.*  
S. E. MADREN, *Secretary.*

# Proceedings of Ninety-Ninth Annual Session of the Virginia Valley Central Congregational Christian Conference.

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MT. OLIVET (R) CHURCH,  
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VA.,  
AUGUST 6-7, 1947.

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THEME: "*Abiding Values.*"

SCRIPTURE: "*Righteousness Exalteth a Nation.*"

## WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The ninety-ninth annual session of the Virginia Valley Central Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met at Mt. Olivet (R) Church, McGheysville, Virginia, Wednesday and Thursday, August 6-7, 1947.

The conference was called to order at ten o'clock by President Roy A. Larrick. Opening hymn: "Come Thou Almighty King." The worship service was conducted by Rev. S. E. Madren, pastor of the host church.

### ENROLLMENT.

*Conference Officers*—President, Roy A. Larrick; Vice-President, R. A. Whitten; Secretary, S. E. Madren; Assistant Secretary, Clarence A. Phillips; Treasurer, O. W. Andes; Director of Religious Education, R. E. Newton; Conference Missions Secretary, R. O. Rothgeb; Representative on the Executive Board of the Southern Convention, R. E. Newton.

*Ordained Ministers*—R. A. Whitten, R. E. Newton, Roy D. Coulter, M. L. Weekley, W. B. Fuller, S. E. Madren.

### *Churches and Delegates.*

*Antioch*—Mrs. B. F. Frank, E. A. Showalter.

*Bethel*—D. F. Day, Mrs. L. W. Snyder, Mrs. Carroll Monger, Mrs. Howard T. Hensley.

*Bethlehem*—Miss Ella Pickering, C. A. Phillips, Mrs. Jean White.

*Beulah*—Mrs. Howard Michael.

*Concord*—Russell Smith, Mrs. Russell Smith.

*Dry Run*—

*Joppa*—

*Leaksville*—Miss Joanna Griffith, Mrs. O. J. Sours, Mrs. N. F. Painter.

*Linville*—Mrs. Harold F. Rhodes, Samuel Earman, Miss Bertha Kratzer.

*Mayland*—Thomas F. Stones, Paul Layman.

*Mt. Lebanon*—Mrs. Allene Kite, Mrs. E. E. May.

*Mt. Olivet (G)*—Mrs. R. C. Marshall, John T. Marshall, Mrs. Perry Monger.

*Mt. Olivet (R)*—Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. Warren Good, Mrs. Joseph Frazier.



*New Hope*—Mrs. J. E. Bryant, Mrs. E. H. VanPelt.

*Newport*—Miss Mabel Higgs, Mrs. Grover C. Stoneburger, Grover C. Stoneburger.

*Palmyra*—Mrs. Margaret Baker, Miss Catherine Baker.

*Timber Ridge*—Mrs. A. C. Oates, Mrs. C. A. Nelson, Mrs. W. J. Muse, Mrs. Vernon Whitmore.

*Winchester*—Mrs. Edgar Nelson, Miss Betty Sheetz, Mrs. Thelma Daugherty, Wayne Spaid.

*Wissler's Chapel*—A. N. Green, J. C. Dean.

*Wood's Chapel*—Mrs. Austin Kipps, Mrs. Florence Day.

The following visitors were presented to conference: Dr. W. T. Scott, Dr. L. E. Smith, C. D. Johnston, Rev. Walstein Snyder, Rev. Paul Helm, Rev. O. B. Michael.

It was moved and carried that the visitors be seated as deliberative members of conference.

It was moved and carried that the program be adopted as the order of business for this session of conference, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

Charles D. Johnston, Superintendent, addressed the conference on the work of the Christian Orphanage. Dr. Scott spoke briefly, complimenting Mr. Johnston and the work he is doing at the Orphanage.

Dr. L. E. Smith, President of Elon College, addressed the conference.

Mrs. R. A. Whitten, President of Woman's Conference, and H. E. Liskey, President of the Valley Sunday School and Pilgrim Fellowship Convention, were recognized.

The President called attention to the critical illness of Mrs. G. H. Veazey. Rev. R. E. Newton led a prayer in behalf of the family.

Mrs. R. A. Whitten presented the report of the Woman's Conference as *Good Hope*—By report.

#### REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

"Forward-Together-With Christ" was the theme of the Woman's Conference of the Valley which met at Bethel Church in July, 1946. A brief review of their work will show that the women took their theme seriously, as well as their responsibility to Christ and His Cause.

There are twenty churches in our Valley Conference with a total membership of less than twenty-five hundred. Within these churches only seven woman's societies were reported last year, with seven young people's, four Juniors, and four Cradle Rolls. Since the final reports are not in it is not possible to give exact figures but it is certain that several new societies have been organized. Much work along these lines remains to be done if we would be fruitful servants of our Lord in the advancement of His Kingdom on the earth.

The Valley Woman's Conference has sought to promote its work in line with the program and plan of the Southern Convention. The study books on "Race" and "India" have been presented through local societies. Conference officers have worked with Convention officers. The Thank Offering this year, again, was given to Shaowu. Our Conference was greatly benefited by a visit from Miss Pattie Lee Coghill in June of this year. She spoke in Linville, Leaksville, Mt. Olivet, R. Bethel and Winchester, bringing inspiring messages from her visit with our neighbors in other parts of the world, particularly India.

It is felt that a progressive step was made when our women voted to hold their Conference in early September rather than July, thus putting our work in much better line with Convention schedules.

It was in faith that we dared to challenge ourselves to a goal of \$1,000.00 for the year 1947.

Our new Conference year closes July 31st and the last day for reports and apportionments to the Treasurer was set at August 15th. My heart was made very glad when a card from our Treasurer under date of August 1st, reported \$1,020.00 for the year, and fifteen more days to go!

But the dream for more societies has not been fully realized. The year's work has been gratifying but much more remains to be done.

It is with joy and thanksgiving for the accomplishments of the past year that we make this report in humility; but with the prayer that the coming year may see "greater things than these," in the strength and for the glory of Him who said, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ROBT. A. WHITTEN,  
*President Woman's Conference,*

MRS. A. W. ANDES,  
MRS. J. E. BRYANT.

It was moved and carried that the report become a part of the minutes. A rising vote of thanks was extended to the Woman's Board for the fine work done during the year.

Dr. M. L. Weekley led the closing prayer and gave thanks for lunch.

The conference adjourned for lunch.

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### WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference called to order at 1:30 P. M. Hymn, "Stand Up for Jesus," was sung. Rev. O. B. Michael, minister of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, conducted the devotions.

Dr. W. T. Scott addressed the conference on "The Proposed Merger Between the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church."

Hymn, "How Firm A Foundation," was sung.

Rev. Paul Helm, pastor of the Evangelical and Reformed Church of Harrisonburg, Virginia, addressed the conference on "The Abiding Church."

The report of the Committee on Christian Union was read by Rev. S. E. Madren as follows:

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN UNION.

In St. Louis, where the ministers of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Churches enjoyed close cooperation for a long time, the idea of the proposed union of the two denominations had its beginning. The matter was presented to the members of the Congregational Christian Commission on Interchurch Relations and Christian Unity in 1940. They conferred with the Evangelical and Reformed General Synod, inviting informal conversations with the Evangelical and Reformed Committee on Closer Relations with Other Churches. These conversations were made official by the national bodies of the two communions in 1942. In 1944 the national bodies voted to carry forward a process of mutual acquaintance looking toward possible union.

The first issue of "The Basis of Union" appeared in March 1943. Subsequent revisions were made. The final revision took place at a meeting of the Joint Committee held at Cleveland, Ohio, on January 22, 1947. It is being presented to the two communions for official action.

On April 30, 1947, at Columbus, Ohio, the Executive Committee met with representatives sent by the conference groups of General Council members and decided

to send the Basis of Union officially to the conferences, associations, and churches. It is now presented to this conference.

It is proposed that before April 1, 1948, the churches and their members, and before June 1, 1948, the conferences and associations, vote approval or disapproval of the Basis of Union.

In June 1948, at the regular meeting of the General Council, the delegates will vote on the basis of the previous votes taken by the conference, associations, churches and church members on the question of effecting union.

"It is recommended that the General Council vote approval of the union if seventy-five per cent of the conferences voting, seventy-five per cent of the associations voting, seventy-five per cent of the churches voting, and seventy-five per cent of the members voting have already approved the Basis of Union." (From the Basis of Union) Therefore we recommend that this conference go on record as receiving with interest the Basis of Union as submitted by the joint Committee of Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church and presented to this session of conference; that our local churches and ministers be urged to study it, and vote upon it; and, that we instruct the mid-year conference which meets in March 1948 to take final action.

*Note:* By common consent this recommendation carried with it the vote of conference on receiving the Basis of Union. The motion was made Wednesday.

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. MADREN,  
MRS. JOSEPH FRAZIER,  
MRS. W. J. MUSE,

*Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the report be adopted as read.

The C. M. A. was called into business session by Rev. S. E. Madren, president. Following the business session of the C. M. A. the conference resumed its program.

Mr. K. T. Rothgeb addressed the conference on "What Responsibility Does the Layman Have in Helping to Establish Righteousness in a Nation?"

The Report of the Committee on the Ministry was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY.

Your committee submits the following report: A letter of transfer was granted Rev. Mark W. Andes, to the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, and a letter of dismissal to Rev. D. M. Spence was authorized, being issued at the Mid-Year Conference.

Your committee is happy to report that James Madren, son of Rev. and Mrs. S. E. Madren, will enter his junior year at Elon College this September. Your committee recommends that he be continued as a member of the Biblical Class.

Also, your committee rejoices to learn that another son of Rev. and Mrs. S. E. Madren, Willie Madren, has reached a decision to study for the Ministry and expects to enter Elon College at this fall term. We recommend that he be admitted to the Biblical Class.

Your committee is painfully aware that one of the groups of churches in our conference has been for sometime, and continues to be without a pastor. We recommend that some definite action be taken by the conference referring the matter to the Executive Committee of the Conference, urging them to do all possible to help secure a pastor for this, or any other church or churches asking aid in a similar problem.

The shortage of Ministers and other Christian service workers presents a serious problem to which we need to give immediate attention and pray to God "To send forth laborers into His vineyard." Recently the chairman of the Commission on the Ministry of the Southern Convention, called a meeting of members of the Commission, inviting, all the Ministers in the Convention to attend. Every Minister in this Conference, we believe, was present at this important conference, hearing Dr.



F. L. Fagley, Chairman of the General Council's Commission on the Ministry and participating in discussions of ways and means of enlistment of our young people in life service. Literature was suggested. Ministers were requested to preach on the matter and we were urged to pray God to lay it upon the hearts of youth to enlist for Christ.

If we are to provide churches with pastors in tomorrow's world; if the Church of Christ meets the obligation of presenting the Gospel of Salvation to our confused, despairing and needy world; a world broken by war, but looking with eager eyes for the way of life, Christians must begin to be concerned enough to work for and pray for young men to yield to the call of God for men ready to serve. God calls us all to our life's work. God has a definite plan for every Christian. Every Christian living a life devoted in service of Christ's cause was called of God in his vocation. We would urge, each delegate to return to his or her Church with a sense of the urgency of this serious problem and try to do something about the matter. There will be literature for distribution. Ministers will preach sermons on the subject but all this must be followed up by personal work and prayer.

We most heartily recommend Elon College as an institution worthy of our gifts, our prayers and our earnest efforts and that we interest our young people in the college for training that will adequately prepare them for life's service.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT A. WHITTEN,  
ROY D. COULTER,  
R. E. NEWTON,  
S. E. MADREN,

*Committee.*

Remarks on the report were made by Rev. S. E. Madren, Rev. R. E. Newton, Dr. W. T. Scott, and Dr. L. E. Smith.

The report was adopted.

The President appointed the following committees:

*Resolutions*—Clarence A. Phillips, Miss Betty J. Sheetz, Mrs. A. W. Andes.

*Finance*—O. A. Bazele, M. A. Dofflemyer, H. E. Liskey.

*Place*—Mrs. B. F. Frank, Mrs. O. J. Sours, Mrs. W. J. Muse, Samuel Earman, John T. Marshall.

*Nominations*—J. M. Lohr, Miss Amy Louderback (appointed), E. A. Showalter, R. O. Rothgeb, Mrs. Joseph Frazier (elected by Conference).

Following announcements, the conference session was adjourned until evening.

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### WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The evening session was called to order by the Vice-President, Rev. R. A. Whitten.

The devotional service, conducted by the young people of the Winchester Church, was led by Miss Evelyn Allen. Miss Isabelle Sheetz, President of the Valley Pilgrim Fellowship Conference, presided during the session of the Pilgrim Fellowship.

The officers for 1947-48 were elected as follows:

*President*—Willie Madren, Elkton, Va.

*Vice-President*—Nelson Liskey, Rt. No. 3, Harrisburg, Va.

*Secretary-Treasurer*—Miss Betty Showalter, Rt. No. 4, Harrisonburg, Va.

*Assistant Secretary-Treas.*—Miss Gene Fahnestock, Rt. No. 2, Harrisonburg, Va.

*Superintendent of Devotional Life*—Miss Winifred Whitlock, Winchester, Va.

*Superintendent of Missions*—Mrs. Ruth Strickler Good, Rt. No. 2, Elkton, Va.



*Superintendent of Social Action*—Miss Maxine Dofflemyer, Rt. No. 2, Elkton, Va.  
*Reporters*—Miss Evelyn Allen, Winchester; Wayne Spaid, Winchester, Page Painter, Luray, Va.

*Pastor Counselors*—Rev. S. E. Madren, Rev. R. A. Whitten.

*Lay Counselors*—Roy A. Larrick, B. F. McDaniel.

*Representative to the Southern Convention Pilgrim Fellowship Council*—Mrs. Carroll Monger, Elkton, Va.

Dr. L. E. Smith delivered an address on the subject: "What Will You Do With Your Life?"

Dr. W. T. Scott conducted the installation service for the new officers of the Pilgrim Fellowship.

Dr. Smith pronounced the benediction.

## THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The conference was called to order at ten o'clock by President Larrick.

Rev. R. E. Newton conducted the devotions.

Minutes of previous day's session were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was read by Rev. Roy D. Coulter.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

The measure of success which any local church achieves in the fulfilling of its opportunities in its community is a good indication of the manner in which it has used the resources at its command. As a local church, and as a conference, if we are good stewards over the resources of time, talent, and material assets, we will make noticeable progress with our opportunities.

Jesus tells us about two men who used their talents, and both doubled them, but there was another man—one who was given one talent and refused to use it, and as a result it was taken from him. Jesus said more about the sins of getting, hoarding, spending, giving, than about any other one subject in the entire Bible which records His sayings. Perhaps He knew more about the weakness of our present generation than we realize. He knew the art of putting our talents to good use would determine our whole character as human beings.

In Luke 16:1, Jesus tells us about "a certain rich man who had a steward, and the same was accused by him that he had wasted his goods. He called him, and said unto him, 'How is it that I hear this of thee? Give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward'."

What would the Lord say about our stewardship? Could we pass as stewards, or would we hear the words, "thou mayest be no longer steward?"

One cannot read the Old Testament without recognizing that the Hebrew people acknowledged their everlasting debt to God, and they gave Him His share of what they earned—whether little or great. The good steward must return to his Master the Master's own, or be no longer counted worthy. And when we turn to the New Testament—the highest authority of all our learning—we find Jesus leaves absolutely do doubt as to a Christian's duty regarding his time, talents, and money. We have on record in the Bible 29 parables of Jesus. Thirteen of them refer directly to the right use of possessions.

The best known parable of Jesus, the parable of the Good Samaritan, is a great lesson in giving of what God has blessed us with. The priest was a good man who could perform the ritual in the Temple and lead in the responses and carry out the minute details of religious ceremonialism. But the Samaritan was a good man who knew how to love in the right kind of giving. Jesus says to us, "Go and do that."

Stewardship in its fullness means our whole lives to be entrusted and kept until

the Master comes and asks for an accounting before Him. In our service to God and man we must not fail Him. Your Committee therefore recommends.

That every emphasis be given to the Stewardship:

OF TIME, to do the work of the Master as He would want it.

OF TALENTS, that we may use them for the glory of God and His Kingdom—regardless of skill and ability.

OF MONEY, that the Kingdom may spread abroad and at home into hearts without God until they shall know of His plan of Salvation.

G. H. VEAZEY, *Chairman,*

E. F. SHOWALTER,

R. D. COULTER,

*Committee.*

It was voted that the report be adopted.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was read by Clarence A. Phillips as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

The report on Evangelism is made year after year, as are many other reports from committees. Many good things are said and many new proposals are made. These reports are accepted and recorded in the minutes of our conference. There they remain untouched, inasmuch as we fail to carry out the recommendations and proposals made. Action and less time spent in writing and commenting upon what ought to be done should be our aim. No building has ever been built except by action of the carpenter after his plans have been made. No Kingdom of God will be built unless there is action by his people.

From statistics gotten from the Conference Annual, the 1945-46 issue, there is an increase of only 443 new members for the entire Convention. Our own Virginia Valley Central Conference reported an increased membership of 46. These figures are not very impressive considering the number of workers and the recent impetus placed upon the securing of new members through personal Evangelism, and we believe that this is a good method. The committee is convinced that it is the ability of the workers that counts and apparently there is not a considerable quantity of the workers available for work.

We believe that too many church people are trying to run the church as an ordinary business enterprise, and that spiritually they are not qualified to be the type of Evangelists to win souls for the Kingdom of God. The moral and religious fiber is lacking. These same workers many of them cannot truly pray, and things can be wrought by prayer. These same workers, many of them do not have a knowledge of the Bible; therefore, cannot make a commitment as to what they actually believe and stand for. One must be convinced what he believes himself before he can lead someone else to believe and stand with him. In other words, we mean to say that there is too much "Churchanity" and not enough Christianity. We stand convinced that church people must pray, must read their Bibles regularly, must know what they believe and live what they believe. We believe that if this is done one will not stop here but will go out and work earnestly in the Evangelistic Campaign for fifty-thousand by 1950. We believe that this Evangelistic Campaign must be carried into all the avenues of life. The Layman of the church as well as the minister of the church has a very definite part in the work of evangelism.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY FOLTZ,

ELLA PICKERING,

DOROTHY FOLTZ,

*Committee.*

The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. S. E. Madren. He used as his subject: "Values That Do Not Fade."

The report of the Director of Religious Education was read by Rev. R. E. Newton as follows:

#### REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

In view of the appalling ignorance of the Bible, the Church and Christianity in general, on the part of the average young person outside of the Church and Sunday School—this applies to many adults as well—we who are interested in these matters should be deeply concerned. We should use every method possible to reach the uninformed in these matters. Religious Education has a decided challenge here to aid Evangelism.

Many churches are not interested in this department for several reasons. I shall mention only the two main ones: 1. They do not know its value, 2. They misunderstand its objectives. In the days the Old Testament tells us about, every Hebrew child was taught the Scriptures. Paul reminds Timothy of his training at the lap of his "Mother Eunice and grandmother Lois." Paul also stated that he was brought up at the feet of Gamaliel, the greatest teacher of his day. Jesus would not send out His disciples until He had given them three years of thorough training. Therefore we should give the more earnest heed to the things which we have learned that we may pass them on to others. Here are some of the goals the Valley Churches should strive to reach:

1. A campaign to increase attendance and membership in Sunday School.
2. In every Sunday School a teacher-training class and a monthly teachers meeting to study methods and problems.
3. In every church a Pastor's Class to give instruction in the Bible and in the Meaning of the Church.
4. In every Sunday School a Daily Vacation Bible School.
5. In every Home a Bible study and prayer period.

We are glad to report that Powell's Fort Camp was a splendid success. It deserves your encouragement and hearty support in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. NEWTON, *Director.*

It was moved and carried that the report be adopted.

The report of Conference Mission Secretary was made by R. O. Rothgeb as follows:

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE MISSION SECRETARY.

With each passing year, the need of an awakened, Spirit-filled, Christ-willed church becomes more and more apparent.

The great conflict which we called World War No. 2 has ceased; but there is no peace. The mighty conflict between the forces of evil and the forces of righteousness rages on.

Only the Gospel of Christ, the Prince of Peace, in the hearts of men and women, boys and girls, can bring peace to this sin cursed world. The Church is the only agency to proclaim and promote this Gospel of Peace. How seriously are we as a church accepting our responsibility? How joyfully are we using our opportunities to make Christ known to the world?

That our churches are becoming more interested in Missions, there is no doubt. Our records reveal this fact as shown by the steady increase of our contributions to the cause from year to year by the various organizations of the church.

The following figures are encouraging and I feel should inspire us to greater activities in the greatest cause on earth.

During the Conference year 1946-47, the Churches and Sunday Schools contributed as follows:

To Home Missions .....	\$ 533.71
To Foreign Missions .....	480.80
To Church Extension .....	208.18
To Shaowu Mission .....	822.80
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Total by Churches and Sunday Schools .....	\$ 2,105.49
The Missionary Societies contributed .....	1,020.00
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Total for this Conference year .....	\$ 3,125.49
The same organizations contributed last year .....	2,656.24
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Net increase .....	\$ 469.25

This is the greatest increase in one conference year of which I have any record.

The above does not take into account the record of the Conference Missionary Association, and perhaps a brief review of that record on this would be of interest:

This organization was born into the Conference while in annual session at the Bethlehem Church on August 14, 1908, with 23 members, and dues to the amount of \$112.50. Nineteen years later at the conference held at Leaksville Church, the report shows that it had grown to the size of 50 members and \$250.42 in dues was collected, and last year which was another nineteen years, at the conference held with the New Hope Church, the report showed a membership of 62, with dues collected to the amount of \$305.18.

Yes, we are growing, but is our growth as vigorous and as healthy as we should like it to be?

My only recommendation is, that we give serious thought to these things.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. ROTHGEB,

*Conference Mission Secretary.*

It was moved and carried that the report be adopted.

Rev. O. B. Michael, pastor of the Evangelical and Reformed Church at Mt. Jackson, Virginia, addressed the conference on "The Teaching Task of the Church." In the message he gave a brief history of the Evangelical and Reformed Church colleges.

Announcements were made.

Rev. O. B. Michael led the closing prayer and offered grace for lunch.

The conference adjourned for lunch.

#### THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The conference was called to order at 1:45 o'clock by the President.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. Roy D. Coulter.

The report of the Committee on Social Service was read by Mrs. S. E. Madren as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICE.

Our world has become one large community of people. What goes on in Europe or some other country, greatly affects the whole world. "For none of us liveth unto himself, and no man dieth to himself." (Romans 14:7.) We have not realized our whole duty to the society in which we live. Our responsibility as a church is great. The Church should render a definite service to the social order of which she is a part. We may not be able to do everything, but we surely can be on the job. May we be found doing more, and rendering service wherever duty calls us.



We therefore recommend:

1. That a study be made by church groups, and by programs in the church, of international relations in order that there may be a better understanding among our people with regard to national and international affairs.
2. That we give our support to all organizations and efforts that seek to promote understanding and good will between races.
3. That we support our State and Nation in the promotion of better health conditions and standards of living.
4. That we heartily endorse the recommendations made by other religious groups in regard to the liquor traffic. It is a great social evil of our modern life. We urge courageous action on the part of individuals and churches to teach their children the evil effects of alcohol; and, where possible, to speak and vote against its legal sale.
5. That our churches give their generous support to the work of the committee on War Victims and Reconstruction. Literature on the work of this committee should be placed into the hands of the church membership and, at least, two public offerings taken during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. S. E. MADREN,  
MRS. G. H. VEAZEY,  
MRS. ORVILLE HOOVER,

*Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the report be adopted.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read by Mrs. A. W. Andes as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Present conditions and movements on the part of the liquor traffic to promote their business should arouse every Christian, especially parents to immediate action for the welfare of children.

We are told in authentic statements that drinking throughout the nation has decreased. We trust that this is true, but even more reliable authorities tell us that drinking in Virginia has increased sixteen per cent this year over last, which was the highest record in all time. These facts should prove to everyone the danger of having drink enter our homes, so now is the time to work to outlaw liquor before we have a new generation of drinkers.

We recommend that we teach and preach that which we believe to be true that total abstinence is the most effective and certain means of both prevention and cure of alcoholism and we should make some effort which would prohibit the interstate advertising of alcoholic beverages in newspapers, magazines, on billboards and over the air.

We recommend that the ministers of our churches preach a temperance sermon at least once a year, also that the conference appoint two delegates to the State W. C. T. U. Convention Meeting in Harrisonburg, Virginia, September 16-18, 1947, and that a report be made next year at our conference with definite recommendations to be presented to the various churches of our conference.

MRS. B. F. SINE, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted.

The President appointed Mrs. B. F. Sine and Mrs. A. W. Andes as delegates to the State W. C. T. U. Convention meeting in Harrisonburg, Virginia, September 16-18, 1947. It was moved and carried that the expense of these delegates be paid by this conference.

It was moved and carried that the Secretary of the conference write a letter to the *Daily News Record*, Harrisonburg, Virginia, expressing to them our gratitude for not carrying advertising of intoxicants.

The report of the Sunday School and Pilgrim Fellowship Convention was made by H. E. Liskey as follows:

# REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP CONVENTION.

The Sunday School and Pilgrim Fellowship Convention of the Virginia Valley Conference met with the Mayland Christian Church on June 12, 1947. The theme of the Convention was "Letting Your Light Shine."

Rev. G. H. Veazey, the host pastor, conducted the morning worship service, followed by the enrollment of officers and delegates who gave reports on what their Sunday Schools had been doing the past year. The report showed an increase in enrollment, average attendance, and a larger amount of money raised through the Sunday Schools. Dr. Wm. T. Scott gave the morning address on "What and How Jesus Taught." The afternoon worship service was in charge of the Pilgrim Fellowship with Nelson Liskey, Vice-President, presiding. Following the worship service Miss Betty Chicoine addressed the Convention. An offering of \$19.32 was taken to help expenses of the summer camp at Powell's Fort.

Mr. Roy A. Larrick gave the closing address. The addresses by Dr. Scott, Miss Chicoine and Mr. Larrick were inspiring and helpful to the Convention. Music for the Convention was rendered by the young men's quartette from Winchester and a duet by the young women from Bethlehem. Rev. Mr. Veazey led the song service. Of the twenty churches in the Conference, eighteen have Sunday Schools, eighteen reports were sent in and sixteen of the churches were represented by delegates. Eleven Pilgrim Fellowship Societies were represented with two new societies being reported.

Dr. Wm. T. Scott conducted a brief installation service for the officers for the coming year:

*President*—H. E. Liskey, Harrisonburg, Va., Route 3.

*Vice-President*—C. A. Phillips, Broadway, Va., Route 2.

*Secretary*—Miss Gene Fahnestock, Harrisonburg, Va., Route 2.

*Treasurer*—E. A. Showalter, Harrisonburg, Va., Route 4.

*Departmental Superintendents*—

Teacher Training—Mrs. A. W. Andes, Harrisonburg, Va., Route 4.

Home Department—Mrs. Mary Davis, Linville, Va.

Missions—Mrs. Carroll Monger, Shenandoah, Va., Route 1.

Pilgrim Fellowship—Miss Amy Louderback, Shenandoah, Va., Route 1.

Organized Classes—Mrs. H. F. Nelson, 12 Richards Ave., Winchester, Va.

Cradle Roll—Mrs. Clara Frazier, Elkton, Va., Route 2.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in Treasury .....	\$ 5.00	
Amount received from Sunday Schools .....	137.30	
Amount received from Pilgrim Fellowship .....	9.50	
Amount of special offering .....	19.32	
	<hr/>	\$ 171.12
Amount paid for Sunday School Convention expenses .....	\$ 3.84	
Amount paid for Christian Missionary Association .....	10.00	
Amount paid for Camp .....	19.32	
Amount paid for Christian Education .....	132.96	
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Total Expenses .....	\$ 166.12	
Balance in Treasury .....	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 171.12

The Sunday School and Pilgrim Fellowship Convention will meet June 10, 1948, with the Bethlehem Church.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. LISKEY, *Chairman*.

It was moved and carried that the report be adopted.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was given by Rev. R. E. Newton as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

More and more we are coming to recognize the great truth that the work of the Church is not limited to a neighborhood, but its love and its labor must reach all races of men. Said our Great Teacher, "The field is the world." No longer can a growing church say that charity begins at home, and stop there, for true charity is limited only by the extent of the need and our ability to share. Therefore, we cannot afford to feed one twin brother—Home Missions—and starve the other brother—Foreign Missions.

Now that the war is over it has enlarged our avenues of service. The government is limiting its aid to stricken people and leaving to the churches the work of rehabilitation. We must replace churches, hospitals, schools and colleges to train native workers wherever possible. Africa is calling us for Christian workers; India, now on the verge of a new independence, will have to struggle against Mohammedanism, Hinduism, Buddhism, and many other isms that will keep the Indian people down, unless we take to them the Gospel of Christ now. Now that the Philippines have their political freedom, we must not let them be robbed of the freedom of Christianity.

Torn by internal strife China offers a special challenge to Christian America. The Jacksons, Miss Whitaker, and Dr. Riggs are our own representatives. Shall we let our brave missionaries down? Shall we let China face the threat of a Communistic dominated future without Christ? Atheism and semi-barbarism threaten many parts of the world. The record shows that the Valley Conference has awakened in the last few years and our support of Foreign Missions is on the upgrade. To further the cause of Foreign Missions we would recommend:

1. More missionary reading by individuals.
2. A mission study class in every church.
3. That the men of our churches visit the women's societies and learn more about missions.
4. That the men organize study groups of their own.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. NEWTON, *Chairman*,  
MRS. N. F. PAINTER,  
MISS VERDIE SHOWALTER,  
*Committee.*

The report was adopted as read.

The report on Religious Literature was given by Rev. Roy D. Coulter as follows:

#### REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

In order to acquaint our people with the purpose and program of our church, your committee on Religious Literature does not hesitate to recommend that our churches and other organizations of the church emphasize the reading of *The Christian Sun*. This church paper, with more than a hundred years of publishing, is still as good as ever, if not better. It speaks directly to our churches of the Southern Convention on matters that greatly concern our colleges, our orphanage, our missions and missionaries, and the business of our local churches. *Advance* is another church paper which gives us a wider vision on affairs pertaining to our national and international program. *The Missionary Herald*, while largely supported by the Women's Missionary Convention, will acquaint us with the work of this important body, and should be on the reading "must" list of all good Christians. *Pilgrim Youth*, a magazine published especially for our young people's department, contains information invaluable for their programs. Many young people in the Pilgrim Fellowship would not be placed to a great disadvantage when asked to lead or conduct a program of worship in their churches if they were more familiar with the outline programs in the *Pilgrim Youth*.



Your Committee on Religious Literature, views with alarm the secular literature in the homes of our people and the utter lack of religious literature in the same homes. In this conference, the last report—1946, annual—there were 2,429 members. Only 109 of these are taking *The Christian Sun*. That is one *Sun* subscriber for twenty-two members. Our goal in this conference is 219 subscribers—even that would be one in eleven members for the Valley Conference. To reach our goal in this one particular as regards religious literature, we need 110 *Sun* subscribers. As to other church papers and magazines your committee has no information as to there being any readers or subscribers other than the ministers who make their report.

Let us consider what a mighty agency in the hands of the Church and always available for leading men to God, is Christian literature. There is found in the tiny tract to the ponderous volumes the printed literature of the Church, something suited to the intellectual and moral needs of every seeker after God.

The time was when the Church relied mainly upon the spoken word and upon the proclamation of the gospel by word of mouth to lead men to God; but conditions have greatly changed, and many are contending that Christian literature has come to represent a force and influence as great as the pulpit in the world's evangelization and education. While these agencies of the Church may serve other purposes, they have one important function of helping the men to God. These agencies need stirred souls to make them effective as forces for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God.

Your Committee suggests that each pastor appoint someone in each local church—someone with a stirred soul—to act as agent in their respective churches and communities for *The Christian Sun*, the *Pilgrim Youth*, *Advance*, *Missionary Herald*, and urge that more members subscribe to and read more religious literature. And give these agents some time on the church program for presentation of these papers and magazines, and their aim and objective; especially to urge churches to meet their goal for *The Christian Sun*. Your Committee urges and recommends that the Board of Christian Education—as soon as possible—make available to pastors and leaders a Bible to be given to young boys and girls who have no funds for this purpose.

Our experience has been that there are many homes in our conference without Bibles. It is not that parents do not have the money to buy Bibles for their children—as well as themselves—but through lack of interest or indifference they have not bought them, therefore, the children suffer the need. Our business is to see that they have every opportunity to study God's word. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."—II Timothy 2:15.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. COULTER, *Chairman*,  
MRS. OSCAR J. SOURS,  
MRS. JACOB COFFMAN,

*Committee.*

Remarks were made by Rev. R. D. Coulter.

The report was adopted as read.

A brief business session of the C. M. A. was called by Rev. S. E. Madren, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was made as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Your Committee on Resolutions presents herewith the following resolutions and words of appreciation:

1. That a rising vote of thanks be extended to the pastor and the members of Mt. Olivet (R) Church for entertaining this session of the Conference, for the hospitality extended to the members and friends of the Conference, for the fine meals they have served, and for the fine spirit of fellowship which has characterized the Conference.

2. That we express our appreciation to the officers of the Conference for their work the past year and for their fine program they have arranged for this session of Conference. We also express our appreciation to our guest speakers who have ap-



peared on the program, Dr. L. E. Smith, Rev. William T. Scott, Charles D. Johnston, Rev. Paul Helm, Rev. O. B. Michael, and to others of our immediate brotherhood who have so graciously given of their time and talents in making this such an inspiring and helpful Conference session.

3. That the Secretary of the Conference, on behalf of the Conference, express to Rev. Guy Veazey and his family its deepest feeling of sympathy in their trying hours of anxiety of illness of Mrs. Veazey. And also remember appropriately the Conference to Miss Betty Chicoine who was not able to attend the Conference because of illness.

4. That this Conference definitely establish its stand against the use of alcohol in any way. That we use every available means for combating the advertising of this product, via radio, newspaper and magazine. We know that it is a deadly weapon and we would like to see carried on in our churches and educational program showing the destructiveness of its use in our society. We would also like to see this Conference instructing the members of our own General Assembly against ever using revenue derived from the sale of liquors to support our public schools. We believe it will have a definite psychological effect upon our citizens. We should like to commend the conference for authorizing and expressing their appreciation to the Harrisonburg *Daily News Record* for their stand against liquor advertising.

5. That this Conference session go on record favoring a closer union of our churches and public schools. We would give our support to the religious program carried on in some of our elementary schools by "Week-Day Religious Education." We see the critical need of a spiritual adviser to be employed in our high schools where the discipline problem is most acute. Federal aid is being talked very strongly. With Federal aid will undoubtedly come a degree of Federal control. We believe the church influence will be crowded further away from our youth.

6. That this Conference go over the top in bearing its part of the Southern Convention obligation to the Shaowu Mission.

7. That we approach the problem now facing us, relative to the racial problem, with an open and understanding mind, since all men were created free and equal.

Respectfully,

CLARENCE A. PHILLIPS,  
MRS. A. W. ANDES,  
MISS BETTY JANE SHEETZ

*Committee.*

The report on Resolutions was adopted and a rising vote of thanks was taken.

The report of the Committee on Apportionments was given as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

Owing to the 50 per cent increase in Conference Fund voted at the Mid-Year Session of Conference held on March 28, 1947, the committee recommends that no change in the apportionment for another year be made.

We further recommend that the Conference make an effort to raise \$125.00 for Ministerial Student Scholarships as recommended by the Southern Convention. The amount to be raised by each church will be approximately six cents per number.

Respectfully,

L. H. HOOK,  
E. A. SHOWALTER,  
O. W. ANDES,  
B. F. MCDANIEL,  
MRS. ROY A. LARRICK,

*Committee.*

## SCHEDULE OF APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1947-48.

	Convention Home Missions	Convention Foreign Missions	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Conference Fund	Per Capita	Total
Antioch .....	\$ 35	\$ 35	\$ 54	\$ 54	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 41	\$ 71	\$ 8	\$ 332
Bethel .....	21	21	34	34	11	11	25	45	15	217
Bethlehem .....	21	21	34	34	10	10	25	60	7	222
Beulah .....	3	3	3	3	1	1	3	6	2	25
Concord .....	9	9	13	13	4	4	10	27	5	94
Dry Run .....	13	13	20	20	7	7	15	35	7	137
Joppa .....	4	4	6	6	2	2	5	9	3	41
Leaksville .....	31	31	50	50	16	16	36	105	15	350
Linville .....	44	44	69	69	22	22	52	105	15	442
Mayland .....	22	22	34	34	11	11	26	65	7	232
Mt. Lebanon .....	8	8	11	11	4	4	9	17	9	81
Mt. Olivet (G) .....	18	18	28	28	8	8	21	69	10	208
Mt. Olivet (R) .....	9	9	15	15	5	5	12	60	10	140
New Hope .....	17	17	28	28	9	9	20	35	5	168
Newport .....	28	28	44	44	14	14	34	69	14	289
Palmyra .....	7	7	11	11	3	3	9	18	8	77
Timber Ridge .....	26	26	42	42	13	13	31	69	19	281
Winchester .....	54	54	86	86	28	28	65	110	23	534
Wissler's Chapel .....	8	8	13	13	3	3	10	18	4	80
Wood's Chapel .....	8	8	12	12	3	3	8	20	7	81
Totals .....	\$386	\$386	\$607	\$607	\$191	\$191	\$457	\$1013	\$193	\$4031

It was moved and carried that the report on Apportionments be adopted.

The report of the Treasurer was given as follows:

## REPORT OF TREASURER.

## RECEIPTS.

Miss Amy Louderback, former Treasurer, August 8, 1946 .....	\$1,846.53
F. C. Lester, October 15, 1946, for note .....	40.00
Rev. G. H. Veazey, Annuals .....	7.75
Harrisonburg Loan & Thrift, interest, Church Extension Fund, July 1, 1947 .....	1.08
For Annuals .....	1.75
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	\$1,897.11

From Churches for Conference Fund:

Antioch .....	\$ 71.00
Bethlehem .....	60.00
Beulah .....	3.00
Joppa .....	9.00
Leaksville .....	105.00
Linville .....	105.00
Mayland .....	65.00
Mount Lebanon .....	17.00
Mount Olivet (G) .....	69.00
Mount Olivet (R) .....	60.00

New Hope .....	35.00	
Newport .....	69.00	
Timber Ridge .....	69.00	
Winchester .....	110.00	
Wissler's Chapel .....	18.00	
Palmyra .....	18.00	
Bethel .....	45.00	
Dry Run .....		
Concord .....	27.00	
Wood's Chapel .....	20.00	
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		\$2,872.11

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1946		
Aug. 13	R. A. Larrick—Printing programs .....	\$ 4.00
13	Rev. S. E. Madren—Printing cards .....	2.00
13	Rev. R. E. Newton—Secretarial services & postage ...	23.00
13	Rev. F. C. Lester—Honorarium .....	40.00
13	Miss Amy Louderback—Treasurer services .....	10.00
13	Rev. V. T. Crawford—Honorarium .....	40.00
Oct. 16	Rev. F. C. Lester—Refund on overpaid interest .....	1.48
29	Rev. W. J. Andes—Cost of Annuals .....	72.00
1947		
Mar. 29	Loaned Harrisonburg Loan & Thrift, Church Extension Fund .....	213.52
31	R. A. Larrick—Dr. W. H. Denison .....	50.00
	Rev. Roy D. Coulter, pastoral services .....	175.00
	Rev. G. H. Veazey—Pastoral services .....	300.00
	Rev. S. E. Madren—Pastoral services .....	250.00
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		\$1,691.11
	Amount received from C. M. A. on last year's fund .....	20.00
	Amount received from C. M. A. August 7, 1947 .....	287.60
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	Balance in Treasury .....	\$1,998.71

Respectfully,

OWEN W. ANDES, *Treasurer.*

It was moved and carried that the report of the Treasurer be accepted and be made a part of the conference proceedings.

The report of the Finance Committee was given as follows:

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We recommend the payment of the following bills:

R. A. Larrick, Conference programs .....	\$ 4.50
S. E. Madren, Services .....	20.00
S. E. Madren, Postage .....	3.00
O. W. Andes, Services .....	10.00
Printing Conference check book .....	5.00
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Total .....	\$ 42.50

Respectfully,

O. A. BAZZLE,  
M. A. DOFFLEMYER,  
H. E. LISKEY,

*Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was made as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

1. Your Committee feels deeply humiliated that the apportionment committee failed to double the apportionment for Home Missions as your committee asked for and was approved by the Conference last year.
2. We think the time has come that the different pastorates of the Conference should be self-supporting.
3. We regret that a golden opportunity has been lost when this Conference and the Southern Convention Mission Board did not promote the opportunity of establishing a Congregational Christian Church in the thriving industrial town of Front Royal, Va.
4. We recommend that more Missionary Societies be organized, and that the pastors deliver sermons on missions.
5. We urge that all Sunday Schools in the Conference try—at least one year—donating the collection of one Sunday in each month to the cause of missions.
6. We again ask the Apportionment Committee to double the apportionment of all churches in the conference for missions next year.

Respectfully,

C. W. LOUDERBACK,  
M. A. DOFFLEMYER,  
R. L. SMITH,  
J. M. LOHR,

*Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the report on Home Missions be adopted.

It was moved and seconded that Timber Mountain be dropped from the list of churches since no report has been made for a number of years and since we have no property there. After a brief discussion the motion carried. The president instructed the pastor and delegates of the Timber Ridge Church to invite the only surviving family of the former congregation at Timber Mountain to participation in church activities at Timber Ridge.

It was moved and carried to pay the Board of Publications, Rev. W. J. Andes, Treasurer, a bill of \$91.26 for 1946 ANNUALS for the Valley Conference.

It was voted to ask the Mission Board for \$1,500.00 appropriation, the same as was made last year.

The report of the Committee on Place was made as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

We, your committee to select place for next meeting of annual session of Conference for 1948, have had invitations to Antioch, Leaksville, and Timber Ridge. We recommend that we meet Antioch.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. B. F. FRANK,  
MRS. O. J. SOURS,  
SAMUEL EARMAN,  
MRS. W. J. MUSE,

*Committee.*

It was moved and carried that Antioch be selected as the place for the next annual session of conference.



The report of the Committee on Nominations was made as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, submit the names of the following for officers of this Conference for the next Conference Year:

*President*—Roy A. Larrick.

*Vice-President*—Rev. R. A. Whitten.

*Secretary*—Rev. S. E. Madren.

*Assistant Secretary*—Clarence A. Phillips.

*Treasurer*—Owen W. Andes.

*Director of Religious Education*—Rev. R. E. Newton.

*Conference Mission Secretary*—R. O. Rothgeb.

*Stewardship Committee*—Rev. G. H. Veazey, E. F. Showalter, Rev. Roy D. Coulter.

*Representatives on the Executive Board of The Southern Convention*—Rev. R. A. Whitten, Rev. R. E. Newton.

*Representatives to the Virginia Council of Churches*—Rev. S. E. Madren, E. A. Showalter.

*To deliver Annual Sermon at next Annual Session*—Rev. R. D. Coulter.

Respectfully,

J. M. LOHR,  
MISS AMY V. LOUDERBACK,  
MRS. JOSEPH FRAZIER,  
E. A. SHOWALTER,  
R. O. ROTHGEB,

*Committee.*

There being no further nominations, the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the above slate of officers.

It was voted that following the closing meditation by Rev. Roy D. Coulter the conference adjourn to meet in the eighteenth mid-year session at Bethlehem Church the last Thursday in March, 1948, and the one hundredth annual session Wednesday and Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1948.

The conference stood adjourned following the benediction.

ROY A. LARRICK, *President.*

S. E. MADREN, *Secretary.*

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Executive*—R. A. Larrick, R. A. Whitten, J. C. Bradford, G. H. Veazey, R. O. Rothgeb, R. E. Newton, S. E. Madren, R. D. Coulter, E. F. Showalter, M. L. Seldon.

*Ministry*—R. A. Whitten, R. E. Newton, G. H. Veazey, S. E. Madren, R. D. Coulter.

*Home Missions*—C. W. Louderback, J. M. Lohr, E. M. Spitzer, M. A. Dofflemeyer, Russell L. Smith.

*Foreign Missions*—R. E. Newton, Miss Verdie Showalter, Mrs. N. F. Painter.

*Evangelism*—Clarence A. Phillips, Miss Dorothy Foltz, Miss Ella Pickering.

*Religious Literature*—R. D. Coulter, Walton E. Brill, Miss Mabel Higgs.

*Christian Union*—S. E. Madren, Mrs. W. J. Muse, Mrs. Joseph Frazier.

*Sunday School and Pilgrim Fellowship*—H. E. Liskey, Willie Madren, Miss Betty Showalter, Miss Gene Fahnestock, Miss Amy Louderback.

*Woman's Board*—Miss Verdie Showalter, Mrs. R. A. Whitten, Mrs. A. W. Andes, Mrs. J. E. Bryant, Mrs. Clyde R. Miller.

*Social Service*—Mrs. S. E. Madren, Mrs. Oscar J. Sours, Mrs. Orville Hoover.

*Apportionment*—L. H. Hook, E. A. Showalter, B. F. McDaniel, O. W. Andes, Mrs. R. A. Larrick.

*Temperance*—Mrs. B. F. Sine, Mrs. Carroll Monger, Mrs. Jacob Coffman.

## MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS.

*Roy D. Coulter*—Devoting full time to ministry; number sermons, 86; conversions, 8; members received, 8; baptisms, 8; prayer meetings held, (?); addresses, 5; weddings, 4; funerals, 14; salary, \$1,560.00.

*S. E. Madren*—Devoting full time to ministry; number sermons, 120; conversions, 10; members received, 7; baptisms, 5; prayer meetings held, 10; addresses, 6; weddings, 6; funerals, 8; salary, \$2,195.00.

*R. E. Newton*—Devoting full time to ministry; number sermons, 119; conversions, 9; members received 7; baptisms, 6; prayer meetings held, 0; addresses, 4; weddings, 6; funerals, 16; salary, \$2,091.00.

*Guy H. Veazey*—Devoting full time to ministry; number sermons, 134; conversions, 12; members received 17; baptisms, 14; prayer meetings held, (?); addresses, (?); weddings, 3; funerals, 8; salary, \$2,195.00.

*R. A. Whitten*—Devoting full time to ministry; number sermons, 81; conversions, 6; members received 9; baptisms, 0; prayer meetings held, 40; addresses, 8; weddings, 55; funerals, 11; salary \$2,400.00.

*M. L. Weekley*—Retired.

*R. L. Williamson*—Retired.

## LICENTIATES.

*Walton E. Brill*.

## MEMBERS OF BIBLICAL CLASS.

*James Woodrow Madren*—Student at Elon College.

*Willie Madren*—Student at Elon College.

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TURNER'S CHAPEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH,  
SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA,  
OCTOBER 21-22, 1947.

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## FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The one hundred twenty-second annual session of the Eastern North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met with Turner's Chapel Christian Church, Sanford, N. C., and was called to order by the President, Rev. J. Frank Apple, at 10:00 A. M.

Devotional Services were conducted by Rev. H. L. Fesperman of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, Greensboro, N. C.

### *Enrollment.*

*Ministers*—J. Frank Apple, Emory M. Carter, James A. Denton, C. Carl Dollar, Frederick B. Eutsler, Jessie E. Franks (did not attend), Raymond T. Grissom, Tucker G. Humphries, J. Lee Johnson, Herbert Scholz (did not attend), Matthew T. Sorrell, T. Fred Wright, Thomas D. Sutton, Brittain J. Howard.

### *Churches and Delegates.*

*Amelia*—T. N. Daughton, Mrs. J. A. Johnson, Mrs. Ava Eatman.

*Antioch*—Clyde Jones, Mrs. S. R. Jones, Jr.

*Auburn*—Miss Annie L. Ford, Mrs. Vermie Poole, Mrs. Gladys Allen, Mrs. Mary H. Buffaloe.

*Bethlehem*—Luther Walker.

*Bethel*—

*Beulah*—A. R. Perry, Mrs. A. R. Perry, A. W. Watkins, Mrs. A. W. Watkins.

*Chapel Hill*—E. W. Neville, A. H. Bashnight.

*Christian Chapel*—No report.

*Christian Light*—

*Clayton*—No report.

*Damascus*—Mrs. Paul Long, Mrs. James Crabtree.

*Ebenezer*—By report.

*Fuller's Chapel*—Mrs. J. F. Coghill, Mrs. S. G. Coghill, Mrs. R. L. Moss.

*Good Hope*—By report.

*Hayes Chapel*—

*Henderson*—Victor Langston, Mrs. I. H. Vickery, I. H. Vickery, W. M. Brame.

- Hope Mills*—Mrs. Joel Johnson, Mrs. Clarence Smith.  
*Lebanon*—F. L. Pattishall.  
*Lee's Chapel*—By report.  
*Liberty (Vance)*—Mrs. H. F. Mitchell, L. L. Stainback, J. R. Collins, Mrs. J. D. Newman.  
*Martha's Chapel*—Edward Currie, Otis Council.  
*Moore Union*—John Griffin, Mrs. John Griffin, D. J. Womack, V. G. Burns.  
*Morrisville*—J. F. Hilliard, Miss Lessie Pugh.  
*Mt. Auburn*—J. A. Kimball, W. H. Moss, Mrs. Robert Moss, J. L. Read, Mrs. J. L. Read.  
*Mt. Carmel*—Mrs. Thomas Allgood, Jr., E. W. Woodlieff.  
*Mt. Gilead*—Mrs. J. B. Hight, James Radford, D. P. Strickland.  
*Mt. Hermon*—By report.  
*New Elam*—G. W. Carr.  
*New Hope*—Odel Arnold, Mrs. Odel Arnold, Joseph Denton.  
*Niagara*—  
*Oak Level*—W. H. Hudson.  
*O'Kelley's Chapel*—  
*Piney Plain*—  
*Pleasant Hill*—Otho Dixon, Carl Dixon.  
*Pleasant Union*—  
*Plymouth*—W. B. Rowland, B. G. Partin, Mrs. Fred Dickens.  
*Pope's Chapel*—Miss Ethel Holmes.  
*Raleigh*—L. L. Vaughan, Miss Susie Allen, Miss Myrtha Fleming, Mrs. W. W. Arnold, Mrs. J. E. DeCosta, W. S. Bridges.  
*Sanford*—J. M. Thomas, Mrs. J. M. Thomas, Mrs. Jack May, Mrs. A. H. McIver, Mrs. R. M. Cline.  
*Shallow Well*—S. S. Thomas, Mrs. Jack Campbell, Mrs. Cloie Sloan, Mrs. Bert Matthews, Mrs. Patsy Sloan.  
*Six Forks*—No report.  
*Southern Pines*—Mrs. Tucker G. Humphries.  
*Turner's Chapel*—Mrs. W. M. Cooper, Mrs. J. M. Riddle.  
*Wake Chapel*—W. J. Ballentine, O. A. Ballentine, Mrs. Joe Stephenson, Mrs. Glendon Johnson, Mrs. B. B. Johnson.  
*Wentworth*—Mrs. Nannie Williams, Mrs. T. S. Matthews, R. N. Brown.  
*Youngsville*—By report.

The following visitors were introduced and invited to seats as deliberative members: Charles D. Johnston, Supt. of the Orphanage; Dr. L. E. Smith, President of Elon College; Rev. W. E. Wisseman, President of the Southern Christian Convention; Rev. B. V. Munger; Rev. M. A. Pollard and Rev. Martin L. Fogleman of the Western North Carolina Conference; Rev. Carl Dille, Missionary to Portuguese West Africa; Dr. W. T. Scott, Supt. of Southern Convention; Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, Young People's Worker; Mr. T. A. Young, New York City; Rev. H. L. Fesperman of the Evangelical and Reform Church.

By motion the program as arranged by the Program Committee was adopted as order of business, subject to such changes as may be necessary.



The report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

During the year the following business has come before the Committee and has been disposed of as follows:

At the last session of Conference a motion was made to change the time of meeting from Tuesday after the third Sunday in November to Tuesday after the third Sunday in October. Secretary of Conference presented the motion, by letter to each Church in the conference. This was done. Twenty-three churches responded, all of them favoring the change. This being a majority of the active churches, the change was adopted.

A vacancy occurred on the Committee on Religious Literature and was filled by appointing, Rev. T. D. Sutton as Chairman.

Wentworth church having applied for a deed to their property it was voted, without opposition, to grant the deed, with the provision that, should the property cease to be used by the Christian Church, the property is to revert to its original title. (Note: See Minutes of Wednesday morning.)

Our attention was called to the fact that, Rev. Martin L. Fogleman, of the Western North Carolina Conference, is serving O'Kelley's Chapel, Morrisville and Martha's Chapel of this conference at a very meager salary. It was voted to supplement his salary to an amount not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00). The Secretary was authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the same.

According to resolution 3, in the Report on Home Missions last year, "looking toward the creating of parishes," of our churches, the study was made which may be found in the report of the Home Missions Committee this year. We believe this would solve some of our most difficult problems.

The members present at the meeting: Rev. J. F. Apple, Rev. R. T. Grissom, Mr. S. H. Basnight, Rev. E. M. Carter, Prof. L. L. Vaughan and Supt. W. T. Scott.

J. FRANK APPLE, *Chairman*.

#### REPORT OF TREASURER.

Balance on hand, November 13, 1946 .....	\$ 354.06
Collections to October 13, 1947 .....	366.50

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

1947		
Nov. 26	To Rev. E. M. Carter, Secretary .....	\$ 50.00
26	To Rev. John G. Truitt—Traveling expenses .....	10.00
26	To Miss Louise Meebold—Expenses .....	10.00
26	To North Carolina Council of Churches .....	75.00
1947		
Jan. 1	Dr. W. T. Scott—Damascus Missions Fund .....	11.00
1	Dr. W. T. Scott—Sanford Missions .....	10.00
Aug. 13	Rev. W. J. Andes, Annuals .....	112.46
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		278.46
Balance on hand, October 13, 1947 .....		\$ 442.10

W. J. BALLENTINE, *Treasurer*.

By motion the report of the Treasurer was referred to the Finance Committee.

The President appointed the following Special Committees:

*Nominating*—J. F. Hilliard, I. H. Vickery, A. P. Strickland.

*Finance*—W. H. Hudson, Victor Langston, Rev. T. D. Sutton.

*Press*—Rev. C. Carl Dollar, Dr. W. T. Scott.

*Place*—E. W. Neville, Mrs. Joe Stephenson, Miss Susie Allen.

*Resolution*—Rev. T. Fred Wright, S. H. Bashnight, Miss Margaret Alston.

## The President's Message—"The Unfinished Furrow."

The Report on Christian Education was adopted as follows:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

There is a lovely little story that warms my heart and even as it does it sets my mind to thinking and challenges my every talent.

The story is that of a little boy who one night was saying his evening prayer at his mother's knee. He began just as each one of us have begun time and time again. "Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake"—But here he hesitated, here he stopped. Then he began all over once again. "Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake"—again he hesitated, again he stopped, jumped to his feet and down the stairs he ran. But in less than five minutes he was back. Again fell to his knees and this time finished his prayer—"I pray the Lord my soul to take. Amen."

Then his mother picked him up in her strong arms and tucked him into dream-land. As she kissed her boy good-night she asked, "Johnnie, why did you stop in the middle of your prayer to-night? Why did you run down stairs?"

Johnnie's answer was a pearl of wisdom. Johnnie's answer is the part of this story that warms my heart and sets my mind to thinking and challenges my every talent. "Mother," answered the little boy, "before I came upstairs to-night I upset Billy's circus and I set all of his soldiers on their heads. When I came to that part in my prayer 'if I should die before I wake' I thought of that. And if I should die before I wake, I just wouldn't want things to be like that. So I went downstairs and did a lot of fixing."

Your Committee on Christian Education is convinced that the Church needs to do likewise.

We have been chagrined to find boys and girls of high school age who do not so much as know the ten commandments. Our first suggestion and perhaps the most important suggestion we have to make is that the church schools of our churches teach little children the fundamentals of Christianity. Certainly, we cannot expect boys and girls to fulfill our dreams for them and become what we would have them be if they are ignorant of God's plan. Certainly, they cannot overcome daily temptations of busy life unless they know the rules of life. Certainly, they are so utterly unprepared for the best when they do not even know that 'thou shalt not steal' is a part of God's law.

We need to do some fixing, definitely and quickly, and the fixing to be done here is to teach the Bible. For it is true that we cannot even try to inspire others to translate God's word into life until first we know God's word.

But even when this is done, our fixing is still not complete. Your committee is convinced, and we are somehow sure that you will agree, that the church cannot do its job alone. We must have the full cooperation of the home. When we can be sure of parents' help and enthusiasm for things of God, we can then know that our efforts as Sunday School teachers, church leaders and Pastors will bear fruit. When we come to the point where parents stop pushing their children in the direction of some church and hope they will get there, and instead take them by the hand and lead; when we come to the point where parents stop placing a Bible on a bedside table and hope it will be read, and instead take the leadership in family worship, then we can be a little more certain of progress. So again the church needs to do some fixing and this time our task is to inspire parents and homes with their share of our job of character building.

But there is still a little more fixing to be done by the church. Not only do we need to teach the Bible, we need to challenge boys and girls, 7, 17 or 71, to their share of the churches work. For we are agreed that lessons alone grow dull, however attractive they might be. But once we give opportunity to our young folks to share in the task of Kingdom building, we believe that such opportunity makes the lesson real and thrilling and at the same time gives young and old alike enthusiasm for things of God.

When this is done, we feel that we shall never know defeat and never fear discouragement. So, perhaps, we can even change our childhood prayer—and instead of teaching 'if I should die before I wake'—inspire boys and girls, our church of to-morrow, to pray 'if I should die before I live. I pray the Lord my soul to take. Amen.'

RUCKER P. HUMPHRIES, *Chairman*.  
 REX POWELL.

The Report on Religious Literature was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

A college professor, in his Educational Psychology class made the remark that he could tell what the class was interested in and what they were not interested in. His answer was that they were interested in what they knew and not interested in anything they knew nothing about. The more they knew about anything the more interested they would become in it.

I believe the college professor had something, don't you? If this be so we should try to read literature that will reveal the true spirit of Christ to us that we may become interested in all the work of our Lord.

Therefore, we would make the following recommendations:

1. We would urge that all read and study the Bible more, especially the Sermon on the Mount and the Parables of our Lord.
2. In order to fulfill the work of the Sunday School we urge that there be more time spent at home seeking for the truth that each lesson has in store for us.
3. We would urge the promotion of greater church loyalty and further acquaintance with the Government and Principles of our church; that some means be provided within each local church for the distribution of the Manual of the Southern Convention of the Congregational Christian Churches.
4. In order to keep in fellowship with what our sister churches are doing that our churches emphasize the subscribing to and the reading of "The Christian Sun."

THOMAS D. SUTTON, *Chairman*.

Address by Miss Elizabeth Chicoine.

Report on Education and Standing of the Ministry was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION AND STANDING OF THE MINISTRY.

So far as this Committee can learn, there has not been a candidate entering the Bible Class from this conference in several years. This fact should cause us deep concern. There are only twelve Congregational Christian ministers serving churches in the conference. There are 47 churches listed in our Annual as of last year; with a membership of 5,757.

With the above facts before your Committee, we recommended for your consideration: 1st, That young men of Christian character and spiritual insight be contacted by the pastors in the conference, with a definite purpose of interesting them in the ministry. That these young men be carried to God in prayer, that He may lay on their hearts the privilege of serving Him in the ministry.

2nd, That this conference go on record encouraging pastors and people to form pastorates in order that there may be a better work in the pastoral field.

3rd, That the churches see that their pastors are adequately cared for with living salary; and parsonage where possible. And that the churches demand of the pastor full time Gospel ministry in the pulpit and parish.

We recommend a continued high standard for the Gospel ministry; this standard to include well trained minds and hearts for the special work.

Rev. Thomas D. Sutton, serving a group of our churches in this conference is doing an acceptable work. We recommend his continued local ordination for the coming year.



Rev. Bernard V. Munger comes to us, by transfer, from the North Carolina and Virginia conference, and we recommend that he be received as an ordained minister in good and regular standing.

Rev. S. Wade Marr, Jr., presents a certificate of transfer from the Litchfield North East Association of Connecticut. We recommend that he be received in full and regular standing.

R. T. GRISSOM, *Chairman*,  
C. C. DOLLAR,  
E. M. CARTER.

"Our College" was presented by Dr. L. E. Smith, President of Elon College.

The Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. T. Fred Wright, assisted by Rev. J. A. Denton, Rev. Tucker G. Humphries, Rev. Frederick B. Eutsler, Rev. M. T. Sorrell, Rev. C. Carl Dollar and Rev. R. T. Grissom.

Conference adjourned for lunch with the benediction by Rev. R. T. Grissom.

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### FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was called to order by the President. Prayer by Dr. W. T. Scott.

Superintendent Charles D. Johnston gave a very interesting address on the work of the Christian Orphanage. Dr. Scott told of his impression of the work of the Orphanage.

The report on Evangelism was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

There is much unrest, and misunderstanding and hatred in the world. Babson, in his book "New Tasks for Old Churches" says: "Sin is a tiny word of only three letters but it includes all the forces which are eating into civilization. . . . It is sin which is preventing men and women from being healthy, happy and prosperous. It is sin which kills, destroys and ruins human life. . . . It is not the primary business of the churches to entertain or amuse. . . . The greatest need of the world is to get men's hearts right with God."

Evangelism is the work of the Church and the Kingdom. The work of the Church is threefold—first, the winning of decisions for Christ; second, the work of Christian Education, or the building up of lives in Christ; and third, the work of recruiting, and sending out lives in definite Christian service.

Methods vary but the purpose is the same—the winning of souls for the Master, the work of helping men, women and young people, to experience genuine conversion. The preaching of the Word in revival meetings is one method used in the majority of our churches. Visitation Evangelism, pastoral evangelism and educational evangelism are other methods used with good results by many pastors and churches. Your Committee believes that every pastor should strive to do the work of an evangelist. We believe that church officers, and every member of the local church, should share with the pastor the responsibility and the privilege of soul winning.

Your Committee recommends that our churches put forth a greater effort in soul winning, using the method best suited to their particular church, and strive to make at least a ten per cent increase in membership the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

T. FRED WRIGHT, *Chairman*,  
K. G. WELDON,  
J. A. DENTON.



## Report on Foreign Missions was adopted as follows:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In presenting the report on Foreign Missions, we would like to begin with a prayer of thanksgiving for the results of our efforts during the past year for the Shaowu Mission project; and, with the hope that we may continue to support it with our prayers and money, as the missionaries there represent us.

We realize, though, that what we have done is not adequate enough in helping to shape the future of Foreign Missions. There is still a long way to go. The world situation today demands that the resources of Christian Missions be expanded and enlarged. We feel that the Foreign work is more important now than before the war. The war enlarged the general horizon of American life, and now, as never before, is the time for a united effort of our people for funds for a great advance in world missions.

We suggest, therefore, that the Conference present to the churches a plan which will challenge their interest and support; believing that when the needs of the world are presented to them by the pastors through visual aids. *The Christian Sun*, *The Missionary Herald* and other missionary magazines, that they will catch a vision of what may be done to promote the Kingdom of God and will accept this challenge of giving beyond anything that has been done for missions before.

May God preserve us from fear and give us courage to go forward in His work thus carrying out Christ's great commission, "Go ye into all the world."

MARGARET ALSTON, *Chairman*.

Address by Rev. Carl Dille, Missionary to Africa.

The Basis of Union on merger with the Evangelical and Reformed Church was presented by Dr. W. T. Scott. After a period of discussion a vote was taken and 24 voted in favor of the union and 23 voted against the union. The President declared the motion carried.

### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

We, your Nominating Committee, submit the following nominations:

*President*—Rev. J. Frank Apple.

*Vice-President*—Rev. Carl Dollar.

*Secretary*—Rev. E. M. Carter.

*Treasurer*—W. J. Ballentine.

*Representative to North Carolina Council of Churches*—Rev. Tucker G. Humphries.

*All Ministers of the Conference as Delegates to the Southern Convention.*

*Members at Large to the Executive Committee of the Conference*—Rev. R. T. Grisom and Mr. S. H. Bashnight.

*To Represent Conference on Executive Board of Southern Convention*—Rev. J. Frank Apple and Mr. S. H. Bashnight.

*To serve on Convention Layman's Committee*—I. H. Vickery, Henderson, N. C.

*Lay Delegates to the Southern Convention*—Amelia, T. N. Daughtry, Clayton; Clyde Jones, Elam, N. C.; Auburn, Mrs. Gladys Allen, Raleigh; Bethlehem, Luther Walker, Littleton; Beulah, W. C. Barham, Zebulon; Damascus, Mrs. Paul Long, Chapel Hill; Fuller's Chapel, T. T. Coghill, Henderson; Good Hope, J. E. Davis, Youngsville; Henderson, Victor Langston, Henderson; Hope Mills, Claude Smith, Hope Mills; Liberty (Vance), F. B. Fuller, Henderson; Moore Union, C. A. Maddox, Jonesboro; Morrisville, Mrs. R. H. Cotton, Morrisville; Mt. Auburn, J. A. Kimball, Manson; Mt. Gilead, Mrs. C. Edens, Louisburg; Mt. Hermon, J. E. Branch, Garner; New Hope, John Chamblee, Louisburg; Oak Level, W. H. Hudson, Youngsville; Shallow Well, S. S. Thomas, Jonesboro; Turner's Chapel, Miss Mildred Wicker, Sanford; Youngsville, W. S. Pearce, Youngsville.

J. F. HILLIARD, *Chairman*.

By motion the report of the Nominating Committee was adopted and each nominee was elected to his respective office.

By motion conference adjourned. Benediction by Rev. Tucker G. Humphries.

## FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The devotional services were conducted by the young people of the host church. Sermon by Rev. Bernard V. Munger.

Adjourned to meet Wednesday morning at 9:30 A. M.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The conference was called to order by the President.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Denton.

Minutes of Tuesday's session were read and adopted.

The report on Home Missions was adopted as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The committee wishes to report that no request has been received seeking financial aid for any church or group of churches for the year, 1947-'48, which involves a direct appropriation from the Home Missions Fund of the Conference. Neither has there been any definite request presented to the committee with reference to aid in securing ministers for individual churches or groups of churches.

The Executive Committee of the Conference met on August 27th, jointly with the Committee on Home Missions, to discuss ways by which preliminary steps might be taken to carry out the recommendations as made by the Committee on Home Missions at the last session of the Conference. Another meeting of the Executive Committee was held at which time the Superintendent of the Convention was present. The discussions and suggestions made at these meetings seemed to be forward looking and worthy of careful consideration.

In view of previous recommendations and the possibility of increasing the effectiveness of both the churches and ministers of the conference in the work of the Kingdom, the committee wishes to recommend the following:

1. That it be the sense of the Conference we adopt the plan of creating parishes, so that the ministers and the churches can work more cooperatively and effectively in all phases of our religious program.

2. That as a tentative basis of creating the parishes these suggested groupings of churches be considered:

Good Hope, Mount Carmel, Youngsville, Pope's Chapel.

Beulah, New Hope, Oak Level, Mount Gilead.

Fuller's Chapel, Mt. Auburn, Antioch, Bethlehem.

Martha's Chapel, O'Kelley's Chapel, Morrisville, Damascus, Ebenezer.

Clayton, Amelia, Auburn, Mt. Hermon, Hayes Chapel.

Piney Plains, Wentworth, Catawba Springs.

Wake Chapel, Plymouth.

Shallow Well, Turner's Chapel.

Southern Pines, Hope Mills, Niagara.

Sanford, Lee's Chapel, Zion.

Lebanon, Moore Union, New Elam, Bethel.

Pleasant Union, Pleasant Hill, Christian Light, Christian Chapel.

Liberty (Vance).

Henderson.

Raleigh.

Chapel Hill.

3. That assistance be given the churches, which wish to associate themselves in parishes, by the Executive Committee of the Conference in cooperation with the Superintendent of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. VAUGHAN, *Chairman*,

J. A. DENTON,

JOE W. STEPHENSON.

By motion the conference requested Superintendent W. T. Scott to work with the Executive Committee in order to formulate some plan to supply funds for churches in need of a pastor.

The report on Stewardship was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

Your Stewardship Committee does not report or recommend any new or startling discovery or statement concerning the subject of stewardship. We simply wish to re-emphasize some important facts which we must get into our minds and hearts before we can be good stewards.

1. If we put first things first, then all things needful, both for the individual and in the work of the church, will come easily and consequently. The very first thing needed is a dedicated self, for a person dedicated to Christ leads the stewardship life.

2. Church attendance and adequate finances would be no problem if we could catch the stewardship spirit, for stewardship is, like God, a Spirit. We would consider all our giving an investment rather than an expense; and instead of trying to find plausible-sounding excuses for absenting ourselves from church services, we would consider church attendance a joyful experience of worship and fellowship and a part of our being "good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

3. The world situation of suffering and want would be both served and changed if we could feel that we were responsible to all who are less fortunate than we, regardless of their race or the distance they live from us, and that when one suffers we all suffer.

4. If we considered our health and strength, our knowledge and our talents, and our hope in Christ all as precious trusts to be used for the glory of God and the service of humanity, we would quickly realize the coming of Christ's kingdom on earth. We would have glowing reports of greatly augmented church rolls, mission giving increased by several fold, sufficient funds for all expenses, including adequate salaries for all full-time pastors, and a radically different and wholesome attitude toward the labor of our hands.

5. Although stewardship is much broader than tithing, we wish to remind ourselves that if each man gave one-tenth of his business ability and each woman one-tenth of her talent and personality, if each trained teacher and musician and every man and woman with a big heart and the talent of making friends offered a tenth of their special talents to our church's program, the way would be opened for God's rule to be extended upon the earth.

We would recommend:

1. That each pastor and church in the conference give prayerful and hearty cooperation in all efforts of the Southern Convention to institute and promote "a new, challenging, and aggressive program of stewardship education," and see that good stewardship literature is placed in the hands of our people.

2. That every church take seriously the urgency of our immediate responsibility and opportunity to give sacrificially to the work of our denomination's Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction

3. That every church conduct a thorough Every-Member Canvass for the support of next year's church program.

4. That we have at least one Stewardship Institute during the year, and that we have our best stewardship leaders and authorities for the lectures and discussions.

5. And last, but by no means least, that we undergird all our planning and efforts with the basic truth that a person who is wholly dedicated to Christ will lead a stewardship life.

C. C. DOLLAR,  
T. D. SUTTON,  
MRS. R. L. ROSS,

*Committee.*



The report on Superannuation was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

The Committee on Superannuation reports as follows:

We would advise all of our young ministers to accept membership in the Annuity Fund with your church or churches paying half of your dues. You can store up a sufficient amount to take care of you at retirement age and your widow at your death. We recommend that each church take an offering during the month of December, on whichever Sunday you have service, especially for this fund. This offering to be "over and above" the apportionment.

We further recommend that the Board of Superannuation of the Southern Convention be asked to allow the name of Mrs. W. C. Wicker of Elon College to receive aid from the Superannuation Fund.

E. W. NEVILLE, *Chairman.*

Mr. A. H. McIver made a report on the Laymen's Movement which created considerable interest in the work. It was moved and carried that the Committee on Nomination be asked to name one layman to represent the conference in this work.

Address by Rev. Carl Dille, Missionary to Portuguese West Africa.

Moved and carried that we rescind the action of yesterday's session having to do with granting a deed to Wentworth Church; and, that this matter be taken up and investigated by the Executive Committee of conference, the Executive Committee of the North Carolina conference, and the Executive Board of the Southern Convention; and, that the results be reported back to conference at some future time. (See Report of Executive Committee.)

A motion to adjourn was adopted. Benediction by Rev. C. Carl Dollar.

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SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was called to order by the President. Prayer by Rev. Frederick B. Eutsler.

The report on Apportionments was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE.

We recommend that apportionments for the ensuing year remain the same as for the year just closing.

In the event it is later discovered that the total amount asked through this medium is inadequate, we recommend that the Executive Committee of the Conference together with the Superintendent of the Southern Convention be authorized to make such adjustments as they deem absolutely essential, and submit the new schedule to each church for approval and acceptance.

A. H. McIVER,  
S. H. BASHNIGHT,  
H. W. JOHNSON,  
*Committee.*



## SCHEDULE OF APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1947-48.

	Convention Home Missions	Convention Foreign Missions	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita	Conference Fund	Total Regular Apportionment	Voluntary App't For Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Grand Total Apportionment
Amelia .....	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 15	\$ 8	\$ 7	\$ 100	\$ 3.50	\$ 103.50
Antioch .....	6	6	14	14	5	5	10	8	7	75	3.50	78.50
Auburn .....	22	22	40	40	10	10	25	8	13	190	6.50	196.50
Bethel .....	12	12	18	18	5	5	15	2	7	94	3.00	97.00
Bethlehem .....	5	5	5	5	2	2	9	6	3	42	1.50	43.50
Beulah .....	12	12	15	15	5	5	15	22	5	106	2.00	108.00
Catawba Springs ....	23	23	75	75	11	11	28	10	15	271	7.00	278.00
Chapel Hill .....	16	16	28	28	8	8	20	4	11	139	5.50	144.50
Christian Chapel ....	15	15	26	26	7	7	18	10	13	137	6.50	143.50
Christian Light .....	18	18	37	37	10	10	21	12	11	174	5.50	179.50
Clayton .....	14	14	27	27	8	8	18	10	7	133	3.50	136.50
Damascus .....	14	14	24	24	7	7	18	7	7	122	2.00	124.00
Ebenezer .....	15	15	37	37	8	8	20	10	9	159	4.00	163.00
Fuller's Chapel .....	15	15	27	27	7	7	20	9	9	136	4.50	140.50
Good Hope .....	10	10	15	15	5	5	13	8	5	86	2.50	88.50
Hayes Chapel .....	10	10	15	15	5	5	13	5	5	83	2.00	85.00
Henderson .....	25	25	78	78	15	15	30	19	15	300	8.50	308.50
Hope Mills .....	13	13	23	23	7	7	13	3	5	107	2.00	109.00
Lebanon .....	8	8	15	15	4	4	12	3	5	74	2.00	76.00
Lee's Chapel .....	8	8	16	16	4	4	12	5	5	78	2.50	80.50
Liberty (Vance) ....	70	70	178	178	33	33	70	28	37	697	19.50	716.50
Martha's Chapel .....	8	8	10	10	5	5	12	6	5	69	2.00	71.00
Moore Union .....	12	12	19	19	7	7	15	8	7	106	3.50	109.50
Morrisville .....	5	5	17	17	7	7	9	4	9	80	4.50	84.50
Mt. Auburn .....	30	30	75	75	22	22	32	8	13	307	7.50	314.50
Mt. Carmel .....	12	12	17	17	5	5	15	8	5	96	3.00	99.00
Mt. Gilead .....	22	22	28	28	10	10	25	14	11	170	6.00	176.00
Mt. Hermon .....	10	10	28	28	5	5	13	6	5	110	1.50	111.50
New Elam .....	35	35	51	51	13	13	37	22	17	274	8.50	282.50
New Hope .....	15	15	25	25	8	8	18	18	9	141	4.50	145.50
Niagara .....	5	5	8	8	3	3	8	2	13	55	6.50	61.50
Oak Level .....	15	15	26	26	8	8	18	8	9	133	4.50	137.50
O'Kelley's Chapel ...	3	3	4	4	1	1	8	2	3	29	1.00	30.00
Piney Plain .....	22	22	43	43	10	10	26	6	11	193	5.50	198.50
Pleasant Hill .....	12	12	32	32	7	7	15	7	7	131	3.50	134.50
Pelasant Union .....	22	22	50	50	10	10	22	12	6	204	3.00	207.00
Plymouth .....	12	12	32	32	7	7	15	11	7	135	3.50	138.50
Pope's Chapel .....	15	15	30	30	7	7	18	8	9	139	4.50	143.50
Raleigh .....	40	40	60	60	17	17	38	25	19	316	9.50	325.50
Sanford .....	25	25	68	68	10	10	27	16	13	262	6.50	268.50
Shallow Well .....	22	22	45	45	10	10	25	14	11	204	5.50	209.50
Six Forks .....	5	5	6	6	3	3	9	10	3	50	1.00	51.00
Southern Pines .....	25	25	52	52	10	10	27	16	13	230	7.50	237.50
Turner's Chapel ....	12	12	35	35	7	7	15	6	7	136	3.50	139.50
Wake Chapel .....	45	45	182	182	15	15	47	18	25	574	14.50	588.50
Wentworth .....	12	12	46	46	10	10	15	8	5	164	2.50	166.50
Youngsville .....	8	8	15	15	7	7	12	4	5	81	3.00	84.00

Totals .....\$792 \$792 \$1735 \$1735 \$395 \$395 \$936 \$464 \$448 \$7692 \$225.00 \$7917.00

The report on Social Action with amendment by Rev. B. J. Howard was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION.

There are at least three strands of teaching in the thought of Jesus about the Kingdom of God. First, the Kingdom has come in the hearts and minds of those who receive Him. Second, it is coming in a more perfect human appreciation and social embodiment of the absolute truths he taught. Third, it is in the future, "from heaven to earth," when God will replace human society and history as we know it with His perfect Kingdom. But until God, in His infinite wisdom, does bring in the Kingdom in its fullness, Christians, however sinful and imperfect, must search without ceasing for those social patterns which will help to close the gap between this sinful world and God's Kingdom. The Christian Church, which is an inclusive fellowship, numbers within it persons of the most sharply opposed views on matters of public policy, and is often prevented by these very differences from taking effective action. Moreover, the church has to be cautious about giving unqualified approval to specific social plans because the church must view them from the perspective of the eternal values of the Kingdom which can never be expressed completely by any social order. The church must never become so identified with any political or economic system that it cannot criticize, in the light of these eternal values, the injustices and abuses which are bound to arise within it. The church must never court the approval of any social order, be it radical or reactionary, to point where it cannot stand as Nathan did in the presence of David, saying, "Thou art the man." Because in this sense the church must always stand against the world does not mean that it should not take in this critical and fateful era of human history the next steps toward the kingdom of God. From the perspective of this definition of the church's social obligation and task your Committee for social Action makes the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that local churches wherever possible organize committees for Social Action for the purpose of studying the social and economic needs of their respective communities and to take such constructive action as is deemed advisable for the improvement or amelioration of local conditions. Assistance in developing a local program is available from the Council for Social Action in its newsletter, *Together*, which carries program suggestions and timely information for the local church program.

2. We recommend that all our churches seek to secure subscribers for the informative magazine, *Social Action* (price, \$1.50 per year for ten issues), which presents invaluable factual material and excellent analyses of the perplexing social issues of the day and serves as a guide to individuals and churches in developing attitudes and supporting measures consistent with the ethical principles of Christianity; that at the same time an effort be made to secure subscriptions for *Washington Report* (price, \$1.00 per year), a monthly analysis of the legislation before Congress, with recommendations for action. This may be accomplished in several ways; by presenting the appeal for subscribers on the Sunday regularly set aside for the securing of subscriptions to *The Christian Sun, Advance, The Missionary Herald*, and other publications of the denomination, or by the appointing of an agent or agents in the local church to canvass the members for subscriptions.

3. In the year that has passed since the last meeting of this Conference international relations have steadily worsened and deteriorated; talk of an inevitable third World War is open and blatant; powerful nations are taking unilateral action outside the United Nations to maintain their own security, and effective international control of atomic energy is still an unachieved dream. Your Committee recommends:

- (a) That we, the members of this Conference, express our continued faith in the United Nations as the one remaining hope of the world for the realization of enduring peace and justice; that we regret and deplore the attempts of nations to seek their security outside the United Nations; that we call upon our own nation as well as the other member nations to exercise daring and aggressive leadership for the purpose of making the United Nations an effective instrument of world order and organization, and to seek to correct any deficiencies or weaknesses in the United Nations Organization by revision of its charter, and that we urge our government to increase its

efforts to find a formula for the international control of atomic energy and for outlawing its use as an instrument of warfare.

(b) There is pending in Congress legislation providing for universal military training for all our youth. Such legislation, if enacted into law, would offer no guarantee of adequate security or defense in an age of atomic warfare, would subject the young men brought up under Christian influences to the evils of an often vicious and sordid environment, and would help fasten upon this nation a system of militarism which imperils our freedom. Therefore, we express our disapproval of the proposed legislation, and call upon our elected representatives in Congress to vote against it.

4. In view of the dire distress of millions in war-ravaged lands, your Committee recommends:

(a) That we give increased support to the Post-War Emergency Program and the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction as the agencies of our denomination in providing material relief and spiritual ministration to those who suffer from the lingering aftermath of war's miseries, and that each church belonging to this Conference be urged to accept the objectives of a forty per cent increase in apportionment giving, and a minimum of \$2.00 per member for CWVR.

(b) That in view of the immediate desperate situation in Europe we give our whole-hearted support to the President's program for the voluntary conservation of food that increased relief may be sent abroad at once, and that if this effort fails we urge the President and the Congress to take such action as is necessary to restore rationing and other controls deemed advantageous in securing the maximum assistance in the shortest time.

(c) We recommend, further, that all our churches be encouraged to cooperate in the efforts of the North Carolina Council of Churches and Church World Service to collect serviceable used clothing for overseas relief. Clothing should be shipped to the United Church Service Center, New Windsor, Maryland.

(d) Conscious of the historic role played by our nation as a place of refuge for homeless and oppressed people of other countries, we urge the Congress at its next session to pass the Stratton Bill, or an equivalent measure, providing for the admission of displaced persons from Europe at the rate of 100,000 a year over and above the quota specified in the immigration law.

5. Believing that the Christian Church is a fellowship which transcends all national, social, economic, racial, class or any other distinctions which divide men, and that in view of this universal, inclusive nature of the Church of Christ the churches should be in the vanguard of the movement to achieve increasing understanding, good will and brotherliness between all groups, your Committee recommends that the churches be encouraged to implement on the local level the denominational program of the Department of Church and Race in any of the following suggested ways that may be practicable:

(a) Through fellowship with their Negro brethren of the Negro churches in their respective communities, and especially the Negro churches of our own Congregational Christian affiliation. Wherever possible joint meetings should be held, or representatives of the Negro churches should be invited to preach, or address meetings in our churches for the purpose of gaining a broader knowledge of the problems and difficulties under which Negroes live, promoting better understanding between the two groups, and seeking those ways in which both Negro and white Christians can cooperate together in overcoming misunderstanding, prejudice, and ill-will. This Conference has just witnessed an excellent example of the value of this policy in the address of the Rev. J. A. Henderson on the work of the Franklinton Center, and your Committee desires to commend the Program Committee of this Conference for having obtained Mr. Henderson as a speaker on this program.

(b) Through the observance of Race Relations Sunday (the second Sunday in February, February 8, 1948). This is an appropriate occasion for inviting Negro ministers and laymen to speak in our churches, and for inter-racial fellowship. Literature for the observance of this Sunday is supplied by the Department of Race Relations of the Federal Council of Churches, and by our own Council for Social Action.



(c) Through gifts to the Franklinton Center and visits to the Center to observe its work.

6. Your Committee recommends further that we deplore recent incidents of the misuse of police authority against Negro citizens and the expression of mob-violence in the attempted lynching which occurred in North Carolina during the past year; that we commend Governor Cherry for mobilizing promptly the law enforcement agencies of the State to apprehend the violators of the law, and for his efforts to obtain their conviction under due process of law; that we condemn any attempts to subvert justice by the exploitation of legal technicalities and loop-holes to give advantage to members of the white race which are denied members of the Negro race; and that we call upon the courts of this State to maintain their integrity and the faith of the people in their impartiality by rendering equal justice under the law to all citizens of North Carolina, Negro or white.

Inasmuch as it is generally agreed that crime is a social problem; that the State's penal institutions make no pretense of the full and permanently effective treatment needed by the offenders of law and order; that more than 95 per cent of the persons committed to prison for so-called criminal offenses sooner or later return, with the effects of their abnormal experiences, for readjustment to the normal society once offended by them; and that any sort of reasonable analysis of an ex-prisoner's situation upon his return will reveal an emphasized challenge to all the redemptive and directing forces concerned with the program for a Christian world, it is recommended that we go on record as recognizing these problems and opportunities, and in pledging reasonable cooperation with those agencies already actively concerned in the treatment of the ex-prisoner situation.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK B. EUTSLER, *Chairman.*

Report on War Victims and Reconstruction was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON WAR VICTIMS AND RECONSTRUCTION.

In view of the situation and the indescribable need of our brethren in the nations that have been devastated by war, your Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That each church of our Conference be, and is hereby urged to take a special offering for CWVR before the end of the year if it has not been done already.
2. That the Sunday nearest Armistice Day, November, 1947, be designated as the Sunday on which this special offering is to be received.
3. That the churches who have already contributed to CWVR be requested, if it is at all possible, to take another offering either on Armistice Sunday, November 9, 1947, or at the Thanksgiving or Christmas seasons, or any other time most convenient to their own schedules.

The year 1948 will be the last year of the CWVR appeal in its present form. It will be the most crucial year of all for in that year our churches throughout the nation must finish the task of six and a half millions dollars to complete the work already begun. Your Committee recommends, therefore, that any or all of the ways of raising money be adopted by our churches in order that our Conference may overreach its goal for 1948 and make up the deficits that may remain from past years.

FREDERICK B. EUTSLER.

(For Allyn P. Robinson, Jr., Ch'm'n.)

The Treasurer reported that he had received \$292.00 during the session.

On motion the report of the Finance Committee was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Finance Committee, report that we have examined the books of the Treasurer and find same correct. We recommend the payment of the following:



Secretary—\$50, for services and \$5 for postage; \$75—to the North Carolina Council of Churches; \$15—to Rev. Carl Dille on travel expenses.

T. D. SUTTON,  
VICTOR LANSTON,  
W. H. HUDSON,

*Committee.*

By motion it was voted to leave the place of meeting next year to the Executive Committee.

Report of Committee on Resolutions was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following: That we express our thanks—

1. To the women of Turner's Chapel and Shallow Well Churches for the hospitality and entertainment and food.

2. To Rev. R. T. Grissom, host pastor of this conference, for the work he did in heading up arrangements and carrying out the work of host pastor.

3. To the Program Committee for setting up the program of the conference.

4. To Dr. Carl Dille, our missionary guest, for bringing us his inspiring messages.

5. To Dr. Harvey Fesperman, for coming to us from the Evangelical and Reformed Church to lead us in our devotions.

6. To the press for its coverage of the work of this conference.

That, at the close of this conference, we would offer this resolution: Resolved, that all of us, and especially those who have offices and who serve as leaders of committees, shall take to heart the resolutions passed here, and seek to report concerning the manner in which they are carried out in the coming year, more in detail, than in the past.

We recommend that a Christian Missionary Association be organized in the Eastern North Carolina Conference; and, that the Executive Committee set up the organization, getting the work started as soon as possible and, that the President of the conference appoint a chairman and secretary for the C. M. A., and report within sixty days such officers; and that publicity be given this in *The Christian Sun*, and that the local Missionary Societies assist in the work.

MARGARET ALSTON,  
REV. T. FRED WRIGHT,  
S. H. BASHNIGHT,

*Committee.*

The President appointed the Conference Standing Committees for 1947-48 as follows:

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Executive*—J. Frank Apple, E. M. Carter, C. C. Dollar, R. T. Grissom, A. H. McIver.  
*Education and Standing of the Ministry*—Rev. R. T. Grissom, Rev. T. Fred Wright, Rev. E. M. Carter.

*Christian Education*—Rev. Tucker G. Humphries, Rev. R. T. Grissom, Mrs. J. A. Johnson.

*Superannuation*—E. W. Neville, J. W. Hudson.

*Home Missions*—Prof. L. L. Vaughan, J. A. Kimball, Mrs. Jack Campbell.

*Foreign Missions*—Miss Margaret Alston, Victor Langston, Mrs. C. C. Woodlief.

*Apportionments*—A. H. McIver, Rev. C. Carl Dollar.

*Stewardship*—Rev. B. V. Munger, I. H. Vickery, W. H. Moss.

*Evangelism*—Rev. T. Fred Wright, Rev. J. A. Denton.

*Social Action*—Rev. Frederick B. Eutsler, J. R. Collins, S. H. Bashnight.

*Religious Literature*—Mrs. R. L. Ross, Mrs. J. B. Hight, Mrs. Nemie Poole.

*Program*—Rev. E. M. Carter, Rev. C. C. Dollar, Rev. J. F. Apple.

*War Victims and Reconstruction*—Rev. T. D. Sutton, Rev. Frederick B. Eutsler.

*North Carolina Council of Churches*—Rev. Tucker G. Humphries.

The Minutes of today's session were read and approved.

By motion it was voted to have the Minutes printed in *THE ANNUAL* and that we purchase one hundred and twenty-five copies to be distributed to the churches, ministers and chairmen of committees.

By motion conference adjourned, subject to the action of the Executive Committee, on Tuesday after the third Sunday in October, 1948, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

REV. J. FRANK APPLE, *President*.

REV. E. M. CARTER, *Secretary*.

## MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

*Apple, J. Frank*—Churches, Henderson, Mt. Carmel; sermons, 102; conversions, 13; members received, 23; baptisms, 14; prayer meetings, 25; weddings, 15; funerals, 8. Licensed 1914, ordained 1916. Salary, \$2,430.00.

*Carter, Emory M.*—Churches, Mt. Hermon, Mt. Auburn, Fuller's Chapel, Good Hope, Youngsville; sermons, 70; conversions, (?); members received, 10; baptisms, 9; weddings, 5; funerals, 11. Licensed 1898, ordained 1900. Salary, \$1,464.00.

*Denton, James A.*—Churches, Ebenezer, Grace Chapel, Ramseur; sermons, 85; conversions, 30; members, 27; baptisms, 13; weddings, 6; funerals, 18. Salary, \$1,500.

*Dollar, C. Carl*—Churches, Sanford; sermons, 99; conversions, 2; members received, 3; baptisms, 2; weddings, 3; funerals, 7; addresses, 22. Ordained 1928. Salary, \$2,100.00.

*Eutsler, Frederick Byerly*—Church, Raleigh; sermons, 47; members, 9; baptisms, 7; addresses, 10; weddings, 7; funerals, 2. Ordained 1937. Salary, \$3,300.00.

*Franks, Jesse E.*—No report.

*Grissom, Raymond T.*—Churches, Amelia, Turner's Chapel, Shallow Well, Lee's Chapel; sermons, 138; members, 36; baptisms, 32; prayer meetings, 80; addresses, 12; weddings, 16; funerals, 11. Licensed 1930, ordained 1932. Salary, \$2,000.00.

*Howard, Brittain J.*—Senior supervisor, State Parole Commission. Sermons, 2; addresses, 4; weddings, 1. Licensed 1915, ordained 1919.

*Humphries, Tucker G.*—Churches, Southern Pines, Hope Mills, Niagara; sermons, 129; members, 30; baptisms, 10; prayer meetings, 10; addresses, 62; weddings, 12; funerals, 15. Licensed 1934, ordained 1937. Salary, \$4,160.00.

*Munger, Bernard V.*—Church, since May 15, Chapel Hil; sermons, 61; conversions, 2; members 3; baptisms, 5; prayer meetings, 9; addresses, 6; weddings, 3; funerals, 4. Licensed 1941, ordained 1942. Salary, \$1,900.00.

*Johnson, J. Lee*—Churches, Catawba Springs, Bethel, Piney Plains, Pleasant Union; sermons, about 60; professions, 25; members, 17; baptisms, 16; weddings, 2; funerals, many. Salary, \$1,450.00.

*Scholz, Herbert*—No report.

*Sorrell, Matthew T.*—Churches, Danville, New Lebanon, Kallam Grove; sermons, 130; conversions, many; members, 64; baptisms, 47; prayer meetings, 25; addresses, 10; weddings, 78; funerals, 35. Supt., Faith Home, Inc., Blair, Va. Licensed 1921, ordained 1923. Salary, \$3,995.00.

*Sutton, Thomas D.*—Churches, Beulah, New Hope, Oak Level, Pope's Chapel; sermons, 88; conversions, 9; members, 29; baptisms, 20; prayer meetings, 45; weddings, 1; funerals, 5. Licensed 1944, ordained 1945. Salary, \$1,447.00.

*Wright, T. Fred*—Churches, Liberty (Vance), Mt. Gilead; sermons, 118; conversions, 56; members, 35; baptisms, 30; visits, 773; addresses, 11; weddings, 9; funerals, 10. Licensed 1922, ordained 1924. Salary, \$2,600.00.

# Proceedings of the One Hundred Twenty-Seventh Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Conference.

SUFFOLK CHRISTIAN CHURCH,  
SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA,  
OCTOBER 29-30, 1947.

The Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met in its 127th annual session at Suffolk Christian Church, Suffolk, Va., on October 29-30, 1947. The conference was called to order by the President, Rev. O. D. Poythress of South Norfolk at 10:00 A. M. on Wednesday. The opening hymn was led by Rev. J. Frank Morgan of Second Church, Norfolk, and Rev. Robert Kimball of Franklin offered prayer.

The following ministers and delegates were enrolled:

## ENROLLMENT.

*Ministers*—C. H. Beale, R. E. Brittle, H. G. Councill, Jr., H. E. Crutchfield, H. S. Hardcastle, R. L. House, I. W. Johnson, R. M. Kimball, L. L. Lassiter, F. H. Lewis, J. E. McCauley, J. F. Morgan, W. B. O'Neill, D. D. Nash, J. E. Neese, N. G. Newman, George A. Pearce, S. W. Phillips, O. D. Poythress, J. M. Roberts, W. T. Scott, L. E. Smith, J. G. Truitt, J. H. Warren, B. H. Watkins, Peter Young.

## *Churches and Delegates.*

*Antioch*—Winifred Clements, Mrs. W. E. Garrison.

*Barrett's*—Bernard Barrett, John Seymour, Jr., Mrs. J. R. Sims.

*Berea, Nansemond*—Mrs. Herbert C. Harrell, Mrs. J. C. Matthews.

*Berea, Norfolk*—Edgar A. Eason, Mrs. Ernest Waterfield.

*Bethlehem, Disputanta* —

*Bethlehem, Nansemond*—Mrs. J. E. Harris, W. E. White, T. H. Dilday.

*Burton's Grove*—Mrs. Daniel C. Gay, Mrs. Peyton N. Gay.

*Centerville*—Mrs. J. R. Padgett, Mrs. G. W. Hargrove.

*Cypress Chapel*—Mrs. W. L. Harrell, Mrs. Henry Brothers, J. D. Byrd.

*Dendron*—Waverly S. Barrett, E. T. Atkinson, Mrs. Garland Spratley.

*Dover*—

*Eure*—John A. Arts, Mrs. John A. Arts.

*Franklin*—W. H. Drewry, Mrs. Jas. I. Beale, N. T. Barron, Mrs. T. Hayes Holland.

*Holland*—Mrs. A. L. Jolly, E. L. Daughtrey.

*Holy Neck*—Mrs. W. John Norfleet, Mrs. Robert Warren, J. T. Harrell, Harvey L. Worrell.

*Hopewell*—Mrs. Frank Sodomka, Mrs. J. R. Williams, Mrs. D. D. Nash.

*Isle of Wight*—Edgar J. Brock, Sr., Mrs. E. J. Brock, Sr.

*Johnson's Grove*—Dora V. Williams, Mrs. Hugh Beale.



*Liberty Spring*—N. W. Byrd, Mrs. William T. Harrell, Joel E. Harrell, Mrs. Joel E. Harrell.

*Mt. Carmel*—Mrs. E. W. Beale, E. W. Beale, Mrs. Julian Carr, Z. T. Holland.

*Mt. Zion*—Mrs. George W. Dixon.

*New Lebanon*—J. W. Maynard, Ollie V. Cockes.

*Newport News*—Grace Spivey, Mrs. W. B. Williams, W. H. Baker, Mrs. J. H. Duling.

*Norfolk:*

*Bay View*—Mrs. J. Everette Neese, Clyde R. Kessler.

*Temple*—E. M. Albright, Mrs. J. H. Watson, Mrs. E. G. Middleton, Mrs. Peter Young.

*First*—W. A. Johnson, Mrs. A. H. Hozier, Mrs. Bert L. Eason, Mrs. W. D. Smith.

*Little Creek*—A. J. Scarborough, Mrs. M. E. Taylor.

*Rosemont*—C. L. Gibson, H. L. Bondurant, Mrs. A. C. Dyer, Mrs. Hubert Maynard, Mrs. D. D. Johnston.

*Second*—Mrs. Mary Lovelace, Mrs. W. W. Stormes.

*Oakland*—R. B. Wood, G. C. Griffin, C. W. Darden, Mrs. C. W. Darden.

*Oak Grove*—

*Portsmouth:*

*Elm Avenue*—

*First*—B. L. Sawyer, Mrs. F. A. Richardson, Mrs. O. C. Hartung, Mrs. Madeline Heath.

*Shelton Memorial*—Mrs. F. H. Lewis, Murray A. Carson.

*Richmond*—W. J. Stephenson, Leon L. Bond, Mrs. W. J. Stephenson, Mrs. R. L. House.

*South Norfolk*—Mrs. B. D. Evans, Mrs. A. F. Smith, R. D. Holland, H. A. Seymour.

*Spring Hill*—Miss Adelle Matthews, Mrs. G. C. White.

*Suffolk*—Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Dr. J. P. Cross, W. A. Daughtrey, Miss Julia A. Brinkley.

*Sunbury*—Mrs. A. L. Corbett, Mrs. G. E. Rountree, Mrs. W. L. Wood.

*Union, Southampton*—Mrs. Leland Story, Mrs. S. M. Joyner, Ruth Cobb.

*Union, Surry*—

*Wakefield*—Mrs. W. A. Bailey, Mrs. W. C. Seely.

*Waverly*—L. Tomlinson.

*Windsor*—Mrs. J. M. Raby, S. T. Holland.

The following visitors and new ministers were recognized: Rev. Lewis Gilbert, Rev. T. Fred Wright, Rev. W. S. Carne, Rev. M. A. Carson, Rev. W. L. Wood, Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, Rev. Ellis Clark and Rev. C. Shannon Morgan.

Dr. J. Parker Cross on behalf of the Suffolk Church extended a cordial welcome which was responded to by Rev. H. G. Councill, Jr.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by the secretary and on motion it was adopted as follows:

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the Conference held three meetings during the year upon call of the Chairman and Secretary.

SUFFOLK, JANUARY 20, 1947

*Voted—*

Transfer of ministerial standing of Rev. Randall C. Mason to the Middle Atlantic Conference.

That Mr. Mr. M. A. Carson of Portsmouth be recommended for admission to the Biblical Class with the understanding that he undertake a course of study to be prescribed by Dr. I. W. Johnson.

HOLY NECK, JUNE 10, 1947.

*Voted—*

Transfer of ministerial standing of Rev. Andrew P. Slabey to the Presbytery of Northumberland, Penn.

SUFFOLK, OCTOBER 20, 1947.

*Voted—*

That in view of the proposed merger with the Evangelical and Reformed Church we recommend that the proposed Constitution for the Conference be deferred.

That the resignation of Dr. I. W. Johnson as Historian, Committee on Memoirs, and as a member of the Ministerial Education Committee and the Executive Committee be accepted with regrets.

O. D. POYTHRESS, *Chairman*,

WILL B. O'NEILL, *Secretary*,

FRANK H. LEWIS,

JOHN G. TRUITT.

Dr. H. S. Hardcastle presented the report of the Ministerial Education Committee and it was adopted as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

We recommend:

1. That the Conference amend the plan for what is called Local or Conference Ordination, by restricting such ordination to a period of one year, but with the provision for yearly renewal of such ordination if recommended by the Committee on Ministerial Education and approved by the Conference.

2. That Mr. M. E. Taylor, a Licentiate be ordained as a Local or Conference Minister in accord with the above-named conditions, and that a Committee on Ordination be appointed to ordain him.

3. That Mr. Ray Day be dropped at his own request, from the roll of licentiates, and that Mr. S. W. Phillips, Jr., be dropped from the Biblical Class. Also that Reverend J. W. Baggett be asked to surrender his credentials as a Minister of this Conference and that his name be dropped from the roll. That Rev. Kenneth Cornwell be dropped at his request. That L. E. Huber be dropped from the roll of licentiates.

4. That Reverends W. L. Word, Stanley Carne, Herbert G. Council, C. Shannon Morgan be received and enrolled as members of this Conference upon presentation of their duly accredited credentials.

5. That interest charges on a note signed by Rev. A. Lanson Granger, and paid in full by him, be waived, and the cancelled note be returned to him, with thanks.

6. That Reverends Vivian Harrell and Allen Gleason be continued as Licentiates, and that Baxter Twiddy be continued as a member of the Biblical Class. That Mr. M. A. Carson be enrolled as a member of the Biblical Class with the understanding he undertake a prescribed course of study in accordance with the report of the Executive Committee.

7. That the ministers of the respective Conferences of the Convention, be listed in the Ministerial Directory, by Conferences, or that there be some suitable designation as to their Conference affiliation in that Directory.

8. We commend Mr. G. C. White Treasurer for his efficient services as Treasurer. He has also written to the signers of Notes due the Educational Fund asking for curtailments if possible. Their replies have been turned over to the Chairman of this Committee.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Notes due the Ministerial Education Fund .....	\$ 4,870.00
Note, secured by Deed of Trust on Elm Avenue Property....	577.38
Cash in Bank .....	3,746.82
Total .....	<u>\$ 9,194.20</u>
Value of Elon College Trust Fund .....	3,000.00
Grand Total .....	<u>\$12,194.20</u>

H. S. HARDCASTLE,  
JOHN G. TRUITT,  
PETER YOUNG,  
WILL B. O'NEILL,  
FRANK MORGAN,

*Committee.*

The report of the Christian Education Committee was presented by Rev. Robert Lee House and pending its adoption brief addresses were given by Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, Dr. W. T. Scott, Dr. L. E. Smith and Dr. I. W. Johnson.

Dr. Smith gave emphasis to the need of Elon College for a new heating plant and urged the churches to contribute towards this need at the earliest possible moment.

An amendment to the report was made by Dr. Scott and seconded, that we request the churches to accept their quotas on the Staley-Atkinson-Newman Memorial-Foundation, bring their payments up to date and, if possible, pay in full immediately. Adopted. The report was adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian education is both problem and opportunity. The struggle against incompetence in this field is endless. The work with children is of primary importance, but it is not always possible to secure teachers who understand children and who are sensitive to the way in which lives move toward a more mature conception and expression of Christian living. Young people represent one of the greatest potential assets of the Church, but it is not easy to find the leadership necessary to bring them into zestful Christian service. Adulthood may constitute a bane or a blessing, depending on whether or not it becomes static or progresses in mind and heart toward a more perfect expression of the Christian ideal.

We rejoice in the program of Christian education maintained in our Conference during the past year. From the pulpit, in Sunday School and Pilgrim Fellowship groups, in missionary societies, leadership training schools, daily vacation Bible schools, in summer camps and in public schools, the Bible and the Christian way of life have been taught. The week-day religious education movement is growing in Virginia. Many of our people were enrolled at Camp Hanes and Elon during the summer conferences and mission school. Daily vacation Bible Schools are numerous but by no means universal among our churches.

The Committee would direct your attention to some of the salient points in our total program of Christian education. We recommend:

1. That we cooperate and utilize the leadership of the Convention Board of Christian Education in establishing leadership training schools in all areas of the Conference.

2. That wider and long-range use be made of Religious Education Week, the last week in September.

3. That we seek through cooperative effort to utilize to the best advantage the personnel of the Convention Office.

4. That we follow our students as they go to college with prayers and with denominational literature, and further see that they are contacted by our denominational representative.

5. That Vacation Bible Schools be held wherever feasible in local churches.

6. That we use intelligently and consistently the literature of our denomination and such able allies as the International Journal of Religious Education.

7. That we share more generously in the obligations and facilities of the Virginia Council of Churches and the Foundation for Religious Work in State Institutions.

8. That we undergird Elon College with our prayers and our gifts that it may exercise with increasing effectiveness its leadership in the field of Christian education.

ROBERT LEE HOUSE,  
L. E. SMITH,  
H. E. CRUTCHFIELD,  
ROBERT M. KIMBALL,  
J. FRANK MORGAN,  
MILLS E. GODWIN, JR.

The President appointed the following Special Committees:

*Nominations*—Rev. H. G. Council, Jr., Dr. Frank H. Lewis, Rev. J. F. Morgan.

*Resolutions*—Rev. J. E. Neese, Rev. H. E. Crutchfield, Rev. C. H. Beale.

*Press*—Rev. R. L. House, Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, Rev. Peter Young.

*Finance*—Shirley T. Holland, J. P. Dalton, W. H. Baker.

The Vice-President was called to the chair and in turn presented Rev. O. D. Poythress who delivered the President's Address, taking as his theme: "Crusading for Christ." This inspiring message was brought to a dramatic close by his solo, "I'd Rather Have Jesus."

After prayer by Rev. W. S. Carne Conference adjourned for lunch.

### WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The session was called to order at 2:00 P. M. The opening hymn was led by Rev. J. Frank Morgan. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. Shannon Morgan.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was presented by Rev. J. Frank Morgan and pending its adoption brief addresses were given by the following ministers: Frank H. Lewis, R. E. Brittle, B. H. Watkins, John G. Truitt and J. E. McCauley. The report was adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

Evangelism is at the heart of our Lord's program to win the world to Himself. It is first in importance, in our opinion, in all the phases of the bringing in of the kingdom, because it is the beginning of this work. Paul says, "we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." When one is thus reconciled to God, then, and only then, is he qualified and willing, to go out into the field of service for His Lord, as missionary, Christian Education worker, Christian Social worker, or other phases of Christian service. Evangelism, therefore, is important, because it is the first, and foundation work, of the program of God to save souls.

Since evangelism, then, is of such importance, it is one of the *musts* on the agenda of the kingdom. It is our greatest and most important, and at the same time, our hardest work. To win souls to Christ, one must not only love the souls of men, but must be consecrated sincerely to Christ himself, and live a clean life, so that those he is trying to win will have confidence in him. He will need to be as anxious



about winning souls as he is about winning dollars. Then our evangelistic efforts will be more successful, and sinners will be converted to God.

As to methods of soul winning, there are many, and we are to call into play every sane and sound way that will bring a lost one to accept his Lord as his Saviour.

In doing this greatest work in the interest of the Kingdom, one will need to study man, and his nature, study the Word, give himself to much prayer, and depend on the Holy Spirit to do the office work in the heart of the one we are trying to win to our Lord. We, therefore, suggest:

1. That much emphasis be placed this conference year on winning the lost to Him, who only can save, our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. That we pray for the spirit of revival to be in our churches at all times, and that we may have the spirit of expectancy, looking hopefully for the coming of the lost to Christ, and into the church at every service.

3. That we set as our goal for this conference year, one soul for Christ, for every ten active members of our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. MORGAN,  
F. H. LEWIS,  
J. G. TRUITT,  
M. E. TAYLOR,  
MRS. A. J. HOLLAND,  
MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS,  
MRS. JAMES LYNCH.

Mr. G. C. White, Conference Treasurer, read his report, as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

##### CONFERENCE FUND

1946		<i>Receipts.</i>	
Oct.	29	Previously reported, certified by Farmers Bank of Nansemond ..	\$ 305.07
Nov.	1	Conference Col. W. B. O. ....	336.00
1947			
Jan.	20	Burtons Grove .....	5.00
Feb.	17	Isle of Wight .....	20.00
Mar.	11	Bethlehem, Dispt. ....	10.00
Apr.	10	Shelton Mem'l. ....	20.00
July	18	Newport News .....	50.00
	18	Holland .....	20.00
Aug.	21	Franklin .....	30.00
	26	Bay View, Norfolk .....	20.00
Sept.	5	Damascus, Sunbury, N. C. ....	20.00
	11	Little Creek .....	4.00
	22	Spring Hill .....	10.00
	26	First Church, Ports. ....	20.00
Oct.	3	Johnson's Grove .....	10.00
	11	Burton's Grove .....	5.00
	11	Centerville .....	10.00
	15	South Norfolk .....	30.00
	16	Holy Neck .....	20.00
	16	Bethlehem, Nansemond .....	30.00
	16	Windsor .....	30.00
	17	Oakland .....	20.00
	17	Mt. Carmel .....	30.00
	17	Berea, Norfolk .....	30.00
	17	Cypress Chapel .....	30.00
	18	Waverly .....	20.00
	20	Barrett's .....	10.00
	20	Eure .....	20.00
	20	Hopewell .....	10.00
	22	Antioch .....	10.00

## EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

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	22	Mt. Zion .....	10.00
	22	Rosemont .....	50.00
	24	Liberty Spring .....	30.00
	24	Christian Temple .....	70.00
	27	Richmond .....	30.00
	27	Wakefield .....	10.00
	27	Suffolk .....	40.00
	27	Dendron .....	7.00
	27	Berea, Nansemond .....	28.00
	27	Spring Hill .....	5.00
	27	Total Receipts .....	\$1,465.07
1946		<i>Disbursements.</i>	
Nov.	20	W. B. O'Neill .....	\$ 11.00
	20	W. B. O'Neill .....	50.00
	20	West & Withers Bond .....	5.00
	20	Suffolk Office Supply .....	13.15
Dec.	9	Shelton Mem'l. ....	3.00
	9	Shelton Mem'l. ....	5.00
	6	W. F. Hudgins, recording deed, Little Creek .....	3.35
	12	Suffolk Office Supply .....	7.50
	27	Bk. Ser. Charge .....	.77
1947			
July	29	W. J. Andes, Annuals .....	221.04
Oct.	2	Bk. Ser. Charge .....	.10
	8	W. B. O'Neill (postage, stencils) .....	11.82
Oct.	20	Total Disbursements .....	\$ 331.73

## CONFERENCE HOME MISSIONS FUND

1946		<i>Receipts.</i>	
Oct.	29	Previously reported, certified by Farmers Bank of Nansemond ..	\$ 504.99
Nov.	1	Conf. Col. W. B. O'Neill .....	992.00
Dec.	9	Lelia White Brittle bequest under will .....	100.00
	9	A/C Little Creek .....	1,800.00
	9	Shelton Memorial .....	5.00
	13	Trans. Va. C of Churches .....	3.00
1947			
Jan.	20	Burton's Grove .....	5.00
Feb.	17	Isle of Wight .....	10.00
Mar.	11	Bethlehem (Dispt.) .....	5.00
Apr.	10	Shelton Mem'l. Ports. ....	5.00
	14	Second, Norfolk .....	30.00
July	18	Newport News .....	100.00
	18	Holland .....	75.00
Aug.	15	Miss. Board So. Conv. Elm Ave. Ports. on Deed of Trust.....	200.00
	21	Franklin .....	75.00
	26	Bay View, Norfolk .....	5.00
Sept.	5	Sunbury, N. C. ....	15.00
	11	Little Creek .....	2.00
	22	Spring Hill .....	10.00
	26	First Ch. Portsmouth .....	35.00
Oct.	11	Johnson's Grove .....	3.00
	11	Centerville .....	5.00
	15	South Norfolk .....	60.00
	16	Bethlehem, Nansemond .....	50.00
	16	Holy Neck .....	10.00
	16	Windsor .....	30.00
	17	Oakland .....	35.00

17	Mount Carmel .....	35.00
17	Berea, Norfolk .....	35.00
17	Cypress Chapel .....	50.00
18	Waverly .....	25.00
20	Barrett's .....	5.00
20	Eure .....	25.00
20	Hopewell .....	4.00
22	Antioch .....	10.00
22	Mt. Zion .....	5.00
22	Rosemont .....	80.00
24	Liberty Spring .....	40.00
24	Christian Temple .....	100.00
27	Richmond .....	35.00
27	Wakefield .....	10.00
27	Suffolk .....	300.00
27	Dendron .....	2.00
27	Berea (Nansemond) .....	25.00
27	Total Receipts .....	<hr/> \$ 4,955.99

*Disbursements.*

1946			
Nov.	20	A/C Little Creek .....	\$ 500.00
Dec.	9	Transfer V. C. of C. ....	19.00
	6	F. W. Sharp, a/c Little Creek .....	45.87
	6	B. E. Gildersleeve, a/c Little Creek .....	98.20
	6	H. B. Bowman, a/c Little Creek .....	200.00
	6	W. E. Allmond, a/c Little Creek .....	163.47
	6	J. E. Bowman, a/c Little Creek .....	459.62
	6	M. E. Talor, a/c Little Creek .....	315.46
	7	Mrs. W. B. Bowden, a/c Little Creek .....	517.38
	7	Miss B. Pierce, a/c, Sunbury .....	500.00
1947			
Feb.	6	through Oct. 8 C. H. Beale, Wakefield .....	388.30
Sept.	26	Transfer to Min. Ed. Fund to correct error in deposit. Elm Ave. Deed of Trust .....	200.00
Oct.	27	Total Disbursements .....	<hr/> \$3,407.30
	27	Bal. per bank vouchers .....	1,548.69
			<hr/> \$4,955.99

## VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

*Receipts.*

1946			
Oct.	29	Previously reported, certified by Farmers Bank of Nansemond ..	\$ 86.00
Nov.	1	Conf. Col. W. B. O'Neill .....	220.00
Dec.	9	Transfer Conf. Home Miss. ....	19.00
	9	Shelton Memorial .....	3.00
1947			
Jan.	20	Burton's Grove .....	1.00
Feb.	17	Isle of Wight .....	2.00
Mar.	11	Bethlehem, Dispt. ....	4.00
Apr.	10	Shelton Memorial .....	3.00
July	18	Newport News .....	15.00
	18	Holland .....	12.00
Aug.	21	Franklin .....	12.00
	26	Bay View, Norfolk .....	4.00
Sept.	5	Sunbury, N. C. ....	5.00
	11	Little Creek .....	1.00
	22	Spring Hill .....	2.00

	26	First Church, Ports. ....	6.00
Oct.	11	Johnson's Grove ....	2.00
	11	Centerville ....	2.00
	15	South Norfolk ....	20.00
	16	Bethlehem, Nansemond ....	15.00
	16	Holy Neck ....	9.00
	16	Windsor ....	4.00
	17	Oakland ....	10.00
	17	Mount Carmel ....	7.00
	17	Berea, Norfolk ....	5.00
	17	Cypress Chapel ....	11.00
	18	Waverly ....	5.00
	20	Barrett's ....	2.00
	20	Eure ....	10.00
	20	Hopewell ....	6.00
	22	Antioch ....	5.00
	22	Mt. Zion ....	2.00
	22	Rosemont ....	14.00
	24	Liberty Spring ....	12.00
	24	Christian Temple ....	31.00
	27	Richmond ....	5.00
	27	Wakefield ....	4.00
	27	Suffolk ....	43.00
	27	Dendron ....	1.00
	27	Berea, Nansemond ....	4.00
	27	Total Receipts ....	\$ 624.00

1946 *Disbursements.*

Dec.	6	Virginia Council of Churches ....	\$ 325.00
	13	Transfer H. M. Account ....	3.00
Oct.	27	Total Disbursements ....	\$ 328.00
	27	Bal. per bank vouchers ....	296.00
			\$ 624.00

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND

*Receipts.*

	1946		
Oct.	29	Previously reported, certified by Farmers Bank of Nansemond ..	\$5,106.82
	1947		
Apr.	19	Francis H. Wise on note ....	10.00
May	6	Francis H. Wise on note ....	5.00
July	5	Francis H. Wise on note ....	5.00
Aug.	15	Francis H. Wise on note ....	10.00
Sept.	26	Transfer from C. Home Miss. Fund to correct error in deposit, Elm Ave. D. of Tr. ....	200.00
Oct.	11	Check, Dr. W. T. Scott, Supt, Elm Ave. D. of T. ....	200.00
	22	Francis H. Wise on note ....	10.00
	27	Total receipts ....	\$5,546.82

1946 *Disbursements.*

Dec.	9	A/C Little Creek ....	\$1,800.00
	1947		
Oct.	27	Total Disbursements ....	\$1,800.00
	27	Bal. per bank vouchers ....	3,746.82
			\$5,546.82



## SCHEDULE OF NOTES AND BILLS RECEIVABLE.

1.	4 Notes	.....\$	500.00
2.	3 Notes	.....	400.00
3.	6 Notes	.....	900.00
4.	1 Note	.....	150.00
5.	2 Notes (Balance)	.....	250.00
6.	4 Notes (Balance)	.....	750.00
7.	1 Note (Balance)	.....	120.00
8.	1 Note, a/c Little Creek	.....	1,800.00
9.	1 Note, Mission Board secured by Deed of Trust a/c Elm Ave., Sept. 30, '47 Bal. Principal and Interest	.....	577.38
Oct. 20	Total	.....	\$5,447.38
27	Bal. per bank vouchers	.....	3,746.82
27	Total bal. of account	.....	\$9,194.20

## SPECIAL ACCOUNT.

*Receipts.*

1946			
Nov. 1	Conf. Col. W. B. O'Neill	.....	\$5,986.01
1947			
Oct. 20	Barrett's	.....	35.00
20	Eure	.....	130.75
20	Hopewell	.....	33.00
22	Antioch	.....	55.00
27	Wakefield	.....	71.40
27	Suffolk	.....	1,886.82
Total	.....	.....	\$8,197.98

*Disbursements.*

1946			
Nov. 20	W. T. Scott	.....	\$5,854.01
Dec. 6	W. T. Scott	.....	132.00
1947			
Oct. 27	Balance as per bank vouchers	.....	2,211.97
			\$8,197.98

## RECAPITULATION.

	1946 October 29 Balance	1946-47 Receipts	1946-47 Disbursements	1947 October 27 Balance
Conference Fund	\$ 305.07	\$ 1,160.00	\$ 331.73	\$1,133.34
Conference Home Missions	504.99	4,451.00	3,407.30	1,548.69
Ministerial Education Fund	5,106.82	440.00	1,800.00	3,746.82
Virginia Council of Churches	86.00	538.00	328.00	296.00
Special a/c		8,197.98	5,986.01	2,211.97
	<u>\$6,002.88</u>	<u>\$14,786.98</u>	<u>\$11,853.04</u>	<u>\$8,936.82</u>
Balance October 29, 1946	.....			\$ 6,002.88
Total Receipts 1946-47	.....			14,786.98
Total Balance	.....			\$20,789.86
Disbursements for year	.....			11,853.04
Balance October 27, 1947	.....			\$ 8,936.82

G. C. WHITE, Treasurer.

On motion the Treasurer's Report was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

A motion was offered requesting the Little Creek Church to make a note covering the \$1,800.00 loaned by the Ministerial Education Fund for the final payment of its indebtedness on the new parsonage. After discussion the motion was tabled.

At this point the laymen present were asked to stand. Fifty-five responded and Dr. W. T. Scott addressed them briefly on the importance of the Laymen's Fellowship.

Memoirs in tribute to the memory of Col. J. E. West and the Reverend Murdock W. Butler, prepared by Mr. W. E. MacClenny, were read by the Secretary:

#### MEMOIRS.

Within the year the Conference has lost two ancient and faithful members, one layman and one minister.

#### JUNIUS EDGAR WEST.

Col. Junius E. West was born in Sussex County, Virginia, July 12, 1866, the son of Henry Thomas and Susan F. Cox West. He was educated in the public and private schools of his neighborhood, then attended the Suffolk Collegiate Institute, Suffolk, Virginia. Then with two of his brothers, Judge Jesse F. and John T. West, he attended the University of N. C. at Chapel Hill, N. C. He then entered Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia, and attended the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, for a while.

He began his career as a teacher in the public schools of Virginia and in a short time became Superintendent of Public Instruction of Sussex County, Virginia, 1889-1890.

He was brought up in Spring Hill Church, where his father was an active member of the Sunday School and the church. The Sunday School there was what was then called an evergreen, or all the year school. His father was the promoter of free transportation to the Sunday School for all the children who had no way to go to it. The use of maps and charts was introduced in the school and such other improved methods and helps as were known at that day.

As a youth there were two men with whom he came in contact that appeared to make an indelible impression on him, Rev. Dr. Jesse T. Whitley and Dr. John U. Newman who was employed to fit him and his brother for the University.

As a young man he saw the possibilities for a Christian Church in the growing city of Newport News, and on his own account he employed and paid a minister to go to that city and begin work. He continued this for some years, when the Conference took over the work which he had begun. This was something new in the history of the Christian Church.

Col. West was a member of this body for 50 years or more and took an active interest in missions. He was appointed a member of the Conference Home Mission Committee in 1900, and remained in that position until failing health forced him to retire.

When the Mission Board of the Southern Christian Convention was incorporated in N. C. he became Chairman of the board and remained until failing health forced him to retire.

He was very much interested in sending our first missionaries to Puerto Rico. He was at the Christian Temple in Norfolk, Virginia the day set apart to raise the money and made a contribution. In his local church, he was a teacher in the Sunday School, having taught the Senior Philathea class for 40 years, or more. This was first known as the Ladies Bible Class, and was later organized as the Philathea class. He was Chairman of the Music Committee, a deacon for years and a trustee of the church. He was also very much interested in remodeling the church at different times, always taking part and a good contributor. Being a man of vision, his advice

was often sought in the local church matters and the denominational items and thus he was able to guide the policies of the church and the denomination. He was Trustee of Elon College and a large contributor to it. He carried his Church membership with him from Spring Hill to Waverly and then to Suffolk.

Two things he was vitally interested in, revivals and missions. His other interests took a great deal of his time, but he always had time for his church work as that came first in his mind. He was an ardent advocate of temperance, perhaps this was inherited from his father who would not sell the apples on his farm to the brandy makers. When the question of local option came up, he gave his influence to carry his town and state dry. He was very helpful to his fellowmen who had not had the opportunity of others, and especially to those who had business reverses. He assisted several young people to get an education when there seemed to be no other motive than to help the worthy to find their place in life.

He was prominent in State politics. He represented his County and Town in the Lower House one term and his district in the Senate for 10 years, and served as Lieutenant Governor for two terms, 1922-1930. He was in the National Democratic Convention in Chicago twice, when Wm. J. Bryan was nominated and Franklin Delano Roosevelt was nominated for President.

He was the author of the West Health Law in Virginia and put health and sanitation in the public schools. He took much interest in public health.

His life's work was in the Insurance field, and he became master of all the science of the business and became known as an authority on that subject. The Virginia Legislature always wanted him present when insurance legislation was pending.

He began his career as West & Bro. at Waverly, Virginia, and in 1890 he became associated with Col. L. P. Harper and the firm was known as Harper & West until Col. Harper's death in 1906, and later he became associated with Mr. J. T. Withers in 1906, and the firm was known as West & Withers for over 40 years.

He helped organize the Interstate Fire Ins. Co. of Suffolk, Virginia, and was president of same during its life.

He was public spirited and during World War I, he was one of the four minute men and headed the U. S. O. drive in Suffolk and carried it well over the top. He also headed the Jewish relief fund after that war and raised the allotment.

He was prominent in fraternal and social orders, being a Mason, a Shriner, a Pythian, an Odd Fellow, a Rotarian, an Elk and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

In February 1903 he was married to Miss Olive Beale, daughter of the late Rev. E. W. Beale, of Suffolk, Virginia, who survives him with one daughter, Mrs. Margaret W. Frazier of Suffolk and three grandchildren.

He passed away January 1, 1947, in a Richmond hospital, and was interred in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Suffolk, Va.

As an expression of our appreciation of his life and service, this brief, fragmentary sketch of his life is submitted for a record in the proceeding of this body. We are richer in spiritual things because he labored in our denomination and shared with the workers of his day, his fellowship, his counsel and his means in a very liberal way. We wish to express our sympathy to his family. We treasure his memory with gratitude and thanksgiving.

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#### MURDOCK WELLONS BUTLER.

Rev. Murdock Wellons Butler was born in Southampton County, Virginia, October 6th, 1859. He was the son of James and Martha Butler. His education began in the public schools of his neighborhood. He entered Suffolk Collegiate Institute, where he studied for some time. His collegiate education was in Richmond College, now the University of Richmond, Virginia. He united with the church at the age of 13 years. Early impressed that he should be a minister of the Gospel, he joined the Biblical Class of the Eastern Virginia Christian Conference. In 1879 the Committee on Ministerial Education reported to the Conference session, on November 1st that he was making fair progress along with J. W. Barrett and R. E. Barrett. At the Conference of 1880 he was licensed to preach, R. A. Ricks and R. E. Barrett being licensed by the Eastern Virginia Conference on the same date. In the mean-



time he preached his first sermon at Marl Spring, Surry County, Virginia. He was ordained as an Elder by the Eastern Virginia Conference in the session held at Liberty Spring on November 5th, 1882. Three others, R. A. Ricks, M. L. Williams and R. E. Barrett were ordained on the same day, the Ordaining Presbytery being M. B. Barrett, John T. Kitchen, J. P. Barrett and C. J. Ralston.

While a student he preached in some of the churches near Suffolk and continued for a short time after he left school. Very early in his ministry he began to look for places favorable for establishing new churches. He appeared to have a home missionary vision and spirit, and that remained with him throughout his ministry.

Among his first churches were Liberty Spring and Bethlehem, seven and three miles respectively from Suffolk. While serving at Bethlehem he posted bond for \$2,000.00, the amount required by the state at that time of any minister who qualified to perform the marriage ceremony.

In December 1882 he was married to Miss Laura G. Brittle of his native county. One daughter, Mrs. Estelle B. Wellons of Roanoke, Va. and one son, Murdock W. Butler, Jr., of Roanoke, Va. survive him.

He served the following churches as pastor: Bethlehem, Liberty Spring, First Church, Norfolk, Va., Hillsboro Church, Raleigh, N. C., Waverly, Spring Hill, Centerville, Union Surry, First Church, Newport News, Va., Muncie, Indiana, Gulf Mills, Consobocken, Pa., and the Wakefield Pastorate as his final field of active service. Other churches may or should be included in this list.

In regard to his work at Waverly, Va., *The Sussex Gazette* on August 1st, 1889, carried this statement: "Last week a very high compliment was paid to Rev. M. W. Butler as a preacher. He has done a good work in this section. A few years ago we had only one church of the Christian denomination in this county, Spring Hill. Now we have Waverly, Centerville, Union, Surry, New Labanon, and Burtons Grove, a new point not yet fully established. At most of these points good houses of worship have been built, and the cause of the denomination is prospering in this section. This increased prosperity, under the blessings of God, is largely due to the labors of Rev. M. W. Butler."

Before he went to Waverly there was no newspaper in that town. But in 1885, through his influence, *The Sussex and Surry Dispatch* was issued and established as a weekly newspaper and it is still in circulation.

He was faithful to the Christian Church, faithful in teaching its principles and was not easily disturbed by the many erratic so-called new teachings of his day and generation. He was a fine personality, genial and friendly in spirit, fraternal in his attitude and loyal in his relations with others. In the latter part of 1946 he was in an automobile accident which incapacitated him for any more active service. He spent a while in a hospital in Petersburg, Va., and was later taken to the home of his daughter in Roanoke, Va., where he died January 13th, 1947. He was buried at Johnson's Grove Church, the funeral service being conducted by Dr. I. W. Johnson.

He was the last of a group of very active and influential ministers with whom he was associated in his early ministry. He died a member of the Eastern Virginia Conference, and this association in his last years was a benediction to the Conference and a pleasure to him. We record his passing with a continuing respect for his work and memory.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. MACCLENNY, *Committee Emeritus.*

It was moved and adopted that the report be received and recorded, and the Secretary convey to Mr. MacClenny the grateful thanks of the Conference together with its Christian greetings.

The President appointed the following names as a committee to arrange for the ordination of Mr. Morris E. Taylor: H. S. Hardcastle, John G. Truitt, Robert Lee House and Will B. O'Neill.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was presented by Rev. R. E. Brittle, and it was adopted as follows:



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

Some people are unnecessarily fearful of the word "Stewardship," and because of that fear have failed to give proper emphasis to it as one of the choicest of Christian graces, looking upon it as merely a scheme to raise money. If every treasury in every church had a substantial balance, all debts paid, and all Convention and Conference claims cared for, the practice of teaching, preaching and practicing Christian Stewardship would be just as mandatory, and just as much a part of the full gospel ministry as any of the other fine thoughts to which we should give great emphasis.

Though the primary purpose of stewardship is not the raising of money, but to bring Christian men and women into the proper relationship with the material things of this world, the needs of man and a consciousness of God which will make for a healthy growth in Christian character and Christian service. The practice of Christian stewardship will feed the roots of an increasing benevolence.

Christian stewardship recognizes God's claim on our time. We live in a busy world. Our day presses many duties upon us. So many that by means of comparing values and consequences we must select to use our time in doing the things that will bring to the most the greatest good. There are sadly too many who on the Sabbath Day do not take time to attend services of worship. The church member who habitually goes home or some other place at the close of the Sunday School service rather than worship at God's altar, and yet who thinks himself to be a very faithful steward, presents the church with one of its serious problems.

Just as Christian stewardship recognizes God's ownership of time, in like manner it takes into account God's claim on talent, love, life possessions, and the true Christian finds joy, peace and happiness in sharing with God and His church a portion. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in in mine house, and prove me now, herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open to you the windows of Heaven and pour you out a blessing so great that there will not be room enough to receive it."

Therefore we recommend:

1. That we place greater emphasis upon the full meaning and blessings of stewardship in all of our churches.

2. That we not only endeavor to deepen the spiritual life of our people by teaching and preaching stewardship in our regular programs, but wherever possible, stewardship institutes be held.

R. E. BRITTLE,  
B. H. WATKINS,  
C. H. BEALE,  
MRS. I. W. JOHNSON,  
MRS. HERBERT HARRELL.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for the ensuing year and on motion they were declared elected as named:

*President*—Dr. Frank H. Lewis, Portsmouth.

*Vice-President*—Rev. R. E. Brittle, Suffolk.

*Secretary*—Dr. Will B. O'Neill, Holland.

*Treasurer*—G. Chapman White, Waverly.

*Historian*—Dr. N. G. Newman, Windsor.

*Conference Representatives on the Executive Board of the Southern Convention*—  
Dr. John G. Truitt and Mills E. Godwin of Suffolk.

HERBERT G. COUNCIL, JR., *Chmn.*,  
J. FRANK MORGAN,  
FRANK H. LEWIS,  
*Committee.*

Rev. Henry E. Crutchfield presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions and pending its adoption an address was given by the Reverend Lewis Gilbert, Jr., missionary to China. The report was adopted as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The conception of the motive and aim of foreign missions should be a stimulating and compelling force in the life of every Christian man and woman in our church. We realize that in order to become an all-pervading and dominant influence in the world the religion of Jesus Christ must express itself everywhere in truly indigenous ways. The experience of the Christian movement the world around confirms our faith that the Spirit of Christ is the one great factor so much needed to redeem and preserve all mankind. The spirit of Christ, in reality is the hope of the world. We should be willing to give of our time, prayers and means to every promising effort to promote the Christian Spirit. We are in position today to think in terms of a world wide mission program. It is imperative that we put forth our very best effort in this endeavor. Through our own cooperation, wise planning and sacrificial giving we can maintain a vigorous and progressive program of foreign missions that will be effective throughout the world.

The world has recently been baptised in the spirit of hate and destruction. The task of creating and maintaining the spirit of goodwill and brotherly kindness is left to the Christian people of the earth. Each of us must assume our part of this great undertaking. We must support more liberally a Christian world program. In the missionary program we should take into consideration the need of the body as well as the need of the soul. It would be futile to undertake a program of teaching without taking into consideration physical means necessary to maintain life. The Christian task before us is to strive to preserve the whole of life.

In many foreign countries where we have missionaries, trained native Christian leaders are assuming heavy responsibilities and are accomplishing much in a very fine way, but they will need for many generations to come the constant cooperation and encouragement of our missionaries. They will need our prayers and loyal support. We face a great challenge in the work of foreign missions.

Therefore we recommend:

1. That emphasis be placed on foreign missions during the mission period as designated by the Convention.
2. That liberal support to our Shaowu mission in China be continued and encouraged.
3. That slides and movies be used when possible to further the cause of missions.
4. That we strive to become more world-minded Christians.

H. E. CRUTCHFIELD,  
MRS. J. F. MORGAN,  
MRS. J. G. TRUITT,  
D. D. NASH.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was presented by Dr. John G. Truitt and it was adopted as follows:

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

Your committee is of the opinion that one of the greatest needs in our Home Mission work in the Conference is additional well prepared ministers. Several of our churches are in need of ministers who would lead them out of the receiving-aid class in order that our Conference might go into advanced work. For instance, there is a growing field for our church between South Norfolk and Great Bridge, and a community of homes is rapidly developing on the Wilroy road between Suffolk and Wilroy. Perhaps a survey would show up other places.

For this year we recommend four appropriations as follows:

- (1) Joining with the Convention Mission Board and the C. M. A. we are recommending \$300.00 as the Conference's share in a full-time work at Union Southampton.
- (2) Your committee feels that we should seek to revive the work of the Dendron pastorate, and recommends an appropriation of \$900.00 to that end.
- (3) If the Wakefield pastorate will raise \$2,000.00 for salary for their pastor we recommend that we supplement same in the sum of \$400.00, thus bringing the pastorate up to \$2,400.00 and parsonage.

(4) We recommend that, if the funds permit, we continue aid to the Little Creek pastorate in the sum of \$300.00 to be applied on Ministerial Educational Fund note of \$1,800.00.

We further recommend that these appropriations be paid on a monthly basis beginning as of October 1st, and paid only when pastors are on the field giving full time.

JOHN G. TRUITT, *Chairman*,  
J. E. McCAULEY,  
E. L. BEALE,  
R. D. HOLLAND,  
B. H. WATKINS.

Moved that this Conference send to Rev. Richard L. Jackson and Dorothy Jackson our greetings, best wishes, and pledge of our continued interest and support. Adopted.

The report of Pilgrim Fellowship was read by Dr. H. S. Hardcastle in the absence of Mr. Melvin Bunch, president, and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

Pilgrim Fellowship wishes to submit the following report:

In the past year we held two rallies. The first at Cypress Chapel in January. This meeting was very well attended. The second rally was held at Christian Temple in August. At the August Rally officers for the new year were elected as follows: President, Melvin Bunch, Vice President, Jackie Wentz, Secretary, Della Crutchfield, Treasurer, Henry Gayle Bradshaw. Committees: Mission Action, Claire Bradshaw, Personal Action, Irma Lassiter, Interdenominational, Harry Lee Weaver, Social Action, Billy Taylor.

During the year we raised \$290.26.

This past summer a camp was held at Camp Hanes, near Winston-Salem. About 25 young people from Eastern Virginia attended and enjoyed one of the best camps ever.

Respectfully submitted,

MELVIN BUNCH, *President*.

The report of Eastern Virginia Sunday School Convention was read by Dr. I. W. Johnson in the absence of Hon. Mills E. Godwin, and it was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE EASTERN VIRGINIA SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Eastern Virginia Sunday School Convention of the Congregational Christian Churches met in annual session on Tuesday, July 21st, 1947 with the First Congregational Christian Church in Richmond, Virginia. There were over 125 delegates in attendance and a very interesting and inspiring program was presented, built around the theme of "Living Together."

Collections and reports have been received from 34 of our 44 Sunday Schools in our conference. The convention is concerned over those schools which are failing to participate in its work, particularly several of the Sunday Schools of our more active churches. The sum of \$757.00 has been collected this year and pursuant to the vote of the convention \$40.00 has been forwarded to the Virginia Council of Religious Education to assist in its work. The Executive Committee of the Convention has sent the sum of \$700.00 to Dr. W. T. Scott for help in the work of the Southern Convention for the current year. A balance of \$184.84 remains after all expenses have been paid and the officers of the Convention hope that this sum may be utilized for the promotion of our Sunday School work with particular emphasis on Leadership Training Classes. They feel that the Convention has a great opportunity to be of greater service to the several Sunday Schools of our conference and plans are being developed looking toward that service.

Respectfully submitted,

MILLS E. GODWIN, JR., *President*.



The report of the Committee on Place of Meeting was read by Mrs. I. W. Johnson, chairman, as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PLACE OF MEETING.

The South Norfolk Congregational Christian Church cordially invites the Eastern Virginia Conference to hold its one hundred and twenty-eighth session in South Norfolk. We recommend that this invitation be accepted.

MRS. I. W. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

It was adopted, and the invitation of the South Norfolk Congregational Christian Church was accepted by a rising vote of thanks.

Dr. Truitt made announcements concerning entertainment overnight and plans for supper.

Dr. I. W. Johnson presented the following motion which was adopted:

That we memorialize the Southern Convention to increase the Convention Fund Apportionment to provide for adequate funds for all the operating expenses of the Convention Office and to cover the amount required for publishing *The Christian Sun*, so there will be no transfer of any money from any other fund raised for the Convention, for these expenses, but all funds shall be used for the purpose designated in the appeal for support of the Convention apportionments.

A motion to adjourn was adopted and Rev. William L. Wood of Sunbury, N. C., pronounced the benediction.

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#### WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The President called the Conference to order at 7:30 P. M. and presented Dr. John G. Truitt who, assisted by the choir of the Suffolk Christian Church, conducted the service of worship.

The Conference Sermon was preached by Rev. Peter Young on the theme: "Christian Unity." He stressed the need and urgency for the consummation of the merger of our churches with the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

An ordaining presbytery, appointed by the president of the Conference, composed of Revs. H. S. Hardcastle, John G. Truitt, Robert Lee House and Will B. O'Neill, assisted by Rev. B. H. Watkins, ordained Mr. Morris E. Taylor as a Conference minister in accordance with the adopted recommendation of the Committee on Ministerial Education. The candidate was presented by Rev. B. H. Watkins, the ritual of ordination was conducted by Rev. H. S. Hardcastle, the charge was given by Rev. Will B. O'Neill, the Bible was presented by Rev. Robert Lee House and the ordaining prayer was made by Rev. John G. Truitt.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. J. E. McCauley, assisted by Dr. L. E. Smith, a number of ministers serving as deacons.

Benediction by Rev. J. E. McCauley.

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#### THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Conference was called to order by Rev. O. D. Poythress, president, at 9:30 A. M. Rev. J. Frank Morgan led the opening hymn, and Supt. W. T. Scott led in prayer.



In the temporary absence of Dr. J. G. Truitt the report of the Christian Missionary Association was read by the secretary. Dr. I. W. Johnson spoke to the report. Report adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

The Association held its fifty-fifth session last December 3rd with the Newport News Church and received \$2,640.00 from Bay View, Berea (Nansemond), Bethlehem, Christian Temple, Cypress Chapel, Elm Avenue, First, Norfolk, Second, Norfolk, First, Richmond, First, Portsmouth, Franklin, Holland, Holy Neck, Isle of Wight, Liberty Spring, Little Creek, Newport News, Oakland, Rosemont, Shelton Memorial, South Norfolk, Suffolk, Wakefield, Waverly, and Windsor. Dr. I. W. Johnson's field gave \$650.00, the largest from any pastorate, and Newport News had the honor of giving the largest sum from any single church, \$450.00.

The annual meeting will be held in Suffolk this year, December 9th, and it is hoped that every Church and Sunday School in the twenty churches not represented last year will have memberships. The business session will begin at 4:30, and there will be a supper meeting at 7:00 o'clock in Fellowship Hall. Here is one of the happiest and healthiest meetings of our men and women, and fraught with great opportunity to help in the making of strategic churches in needy fields in our own Conference. Are we proud of our Conference of fine churches? Let us make it a much better Conference.

We recommend that every church represented in this Conference, through its pastor and delegates to this session, set forth to make the coming session of the C. M. A. one of the largest attended in its history.

JOHN G. TRUITT, *President*.

A motion to include the report of the Treasurer of the Christian Missionary Association in the book of Advanced Reports was made, and after discussion it was tabled.

The report of the Woman's Missionary Conference was read by Dr. John G. Truitt and on motion it was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

The thirty-fifth year of the Woman's Missionary Conference was one of growth and advancement. The superintendents of the three districts did their work well, and their societies reported a good year. The Norfolk District, Mrs. Frank H. Lewis, superintendent, held its rally April 9, at the Shelton Memorial Church, the Suffolk District held their rally the following day with the Suffolk Church with Mrs. W. T. Harrell, superintendent presiding, and the Waverly District, Mrs. W. C. Seeley, superintendent, held their rally with the New Lebanon Church. Each of these rallies were well attended and well planned. Miss Pattie Lee Coghill brought inspiring addresses to each of these rallies.

The annual session was held with the Waverly Church with an attendance of more than 300 women. The theme was: "Opening Doors: For God, for Others, and for Ourselves." Our guest speaker was Mrs. H. H. Monroe, a returned missionary from Japan. Mrs. W. T. Scott, superintendent of literature for the Convention, was present, and presented the literature, the president of the Convention, Mrs. O. H. Paris, brought greetings, and Supt. W. T. Scott, was present and made a brief address. All reports were well presented, and the treasurer's report showed total receipts for the year to be \$8,700.74.

Officers for 1947-48 were elected as follows:

*President*—Mrs. John G. Truitt.

*First Vice-President*—Mrs. W. T. Harrell.

*Second Vice-President*—Mrs. R. T. Bradford.

*Secretary*—Mrs. L. W. Stagg.

*Treasurer*—Mrs. W. B. Williams.

*Spiritual Life*—Mrs. J. Rollie Gayle.

*Literature*—Mrs. Robert M. Kimball.

*Inter-Denomination*—Mrs. Garland Spratley.

*Family Life*—Mrs. Roy Richardson.

*Membership and Memorials*—Mrs. C. O. Byrd.

*Young People*—Mrs. Melvin Brinkley.

*Children*—Mrs. Carroll H. Beale.

*Cradle Roll*—Mrs. A. J. Holland.

*Norfolk District*—Mrs. W. B. Williams.

*Suffolk District*—Mrs. W. T. Harrell.

*Waverly District*—Mrs. W. C. Seeley.

MRS. JOHN G. TRUITT, *President*.

The report of the Committee on Apportionments was presented by Hon. Shirley T. Holland, chairman, and on motion it was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

We, your Apportionment Committee submit the accompanying table of apportionments for the year 1947-48. The amounts set forth in this schedule being requested by the Southern Convention and are the same as those for the year 1946-47.

We recommend for the Foundation of Religious Work in State Institutions the sum of \$75.00 with the request that the Eastern Virginia Sunday School Convention continue its annual appropriation of \$25.00, \$25.00 from the North Carolina and Virginia Conference for churches of that Conference located in Virginia, and \$25.00 from the Valley of Virginia Conference.

We recommend that the contribution of the Eastern Virginia Sunday School Convention be credited to the Conference's total apportionment for the Board of Christian Education.

In addition to the full payment of the regular apportionment by the Churches, we recommend to our Churches their generous support of the work of the Congregational Christian Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction for the relief of suffering humanity all over the world and the rebuilding of Christian communities destroyed by war. Though the war has been over for more than two years, the hunger and suffering of our brethren overseas is appalling. The Convention's goal for CWVR is \$7,000.00 per year. The Eastern Virginia Churches are urged to give sacrificially for this worthy cause. Contributions should be sent to the Convention Office, Elon College, N. C. designated "C. W. V. R."

Likewise the Convention adopted an "Over and Above" goal of \$10,000.00 per year for the Shaowu Mission in China, and \$10,000.00 per year for Church Extension—organizing and building new Churches within the Convention. The Eastern Virginia Churches will wish to pay their full share of this "Over and Above" for Kingdom extension. The Apportionment Committee heartily endorses these "Over and Above" gifts and urges our Churches to support them.

In cooperation with the program of the Board of Christian Education of the Southern Convention looking towards the creation of a Ministerial Scholarship Fund of \$1,500.00 our Conference voted last year to accept its share of \$500.00. This amount of \$500.00 was included in the Conference Fund and our churches are to be commended in that they have wholeheartedly accepted this small increase. For the sake of clarity we are establishing in the apportionment table a new column marked "Ministerial Scholarship Fund" and we have removed from the Conference Fund the amount apportioned each church for the Ministerial Scholarship Fund. This change makes no difference in the total apportionment, it remains the same as last year.

We recommend the transfer of \$500.00 from the Conference Fund to the Ministerial Scholarship Fund.

On behalf of the Conference your Committee again wishes to thank those churches which over-paid the amount of their Conference Apportionment and express its appreciation to the churches that raised the full amount apportioned.

SHIRLEY T. HOLLAND, *Chairman*,  
FLOYD A. TURNER,  
J. P. DALTON,  
H. S. HARDCASTLE,  
R. E. BRITTLE.

## SCHEDULE OF APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1947-1948

	Convention Home Missions	Convention Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues	Conference Fund	Ministerial Schol- arship Fund	Conference Home Missions	Va. Council of Chs. & Work in Prisons	Total Apportionment
Antioch .....	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 10	\$ 70	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 30	\$ 10	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 10	\$ 5	205
Harrett's .....	5	5	5	15	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	2	67
Herea (Nans.) .....	35	35	77	50	20	25	35	10	15	15	25	4	346
Herea (Nor.) .....	45	55	50	30	25	25	50	15	15	15	35	5	365
Bethlehem (Disp.) ....	10	10	10	5	5	5	10	10	5	5	5	4	84
Bethlehem (Nans.) ....	50	50	115	100	30	60	50	35	15	15	50	15	585
Hurton's Grove .....	5	5	8	6	5	5	10	2	5	5	5	1	62
Centerville .....	5	5	5	9	4	4	5	4	5	5	5	2	58
Cypress Chapel .....	50	55	125	95	20	35	45	22	15	15	50	11	538
Dendron .....	3	3	23	10	3	5	5	2	3	3	2	1	63
Dover, Del., Epworth													
Eure .....	35	30	58	95	10	10	50	25	10	10	25	10	368
Franklin .....	100	110	117	200	20	60	100	22	15	15	75	12	846
Holland .....	110	90	260	225	27	58	120	28	10	10	75	12	1025
Holy Neck .....	35	35	87	96	20	30	65	18	10	10	10	9	425
Hopewell .....	10	10	5	5	5	5	5	10	5	5	4	6	75
Isle of Wight .....	12	15	25	62	5	5	20	5	10	10	10	2	181
Johnson's Grove .....	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	2	54
Liberty Spring .....	40	40	100	120	15	30	45	22	15	15	40	12	494
Mount Carmel .....	50	50	68	85	20	20	50	15	15	15	35	7	430
Mount Zion .....	5	5	5	10	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	2	61
New Lebanon .....	15	15	10	25	5	10	15	5	10	10	10	2	132
Newport News .....	152	150	175	325	50	110	170	30	25	25	100	15	1327
Norfolk: Bay View ..	16	15	20	30	5	5	20	5	10	10	5	4	145
Christian Temple ...	350	350	295	750	60	125	375	80	35	35	100	31	2586
First .....	60	60	124	125	20	35	65	20	10	10	35	9	573
Little Creek .....	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	5	2	2	2	1	29
Rosemont .....	120	120	625	275	40	35	140	30	25	25	80	14	1529
Second .....	40	40	94	125	10	30	55	14	10	10	30	3	461
Oak Grove .....	20	20	20	50	5	5	25	7	5	5	10	3	175
Oakland .....	45	45	75	100	15	20	40	25	10	10	35	10	430
Portsmouth: Elm Ave.	50	48	30		10	20	30		5	5	30	3	231
First .....	70	70	124	150	20	35	70	10	10	10	35	6	610
Shelton Memorial ..	17	17	20	10	10	10	20	5	10	10	5	3	137
Richmond .....	50	50	100	150	10	20	50	10	15	15	35	5	510
South Norfolk .....	85	85	133	230	20	25	85	42	15	15	60	20	815
Spring Hill .....	16	16	20	25	5	5	20	5	5	5	10	2	134
Suffolk .....	375	375	647	875	75	150	395	100	40	40	300	43	3415
Sunbury, Damascus ...	25	20	52	60	5	10	30	12	10	10	15	5	254
Union (South.) .....	30	30	60	60	5	10	25	10	20	20	15	5	290
Union (Surry) .....	7	7	10	15	5	5	5	3	5	5	5	2	74
Wakefield .....	22	22	20	50	10	5	20	9	5	5	10	4	182
Waverly .....	60	60	60	150	10	10	80	15	10	10	25	5	495
Windsor .....	45	45	100	90	10	10	40	9	15	15	30	4	413
E. Va. S. S. Convention					550								550

Totals .....\$2302 \$2296 \$3975 \$4965 \$1216 \$1099 \$2487 \$720 \$495 \$495 \$1456 \$323 \$21829



The report of the Finance Committee was given by Hon. Shirley T. Holland, chairman, and on motion it was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We have examined the report of the Conference Treasurer, Mr. G. C. White and have found the same to be correct.

The records of the Treasurer show the following funds on hand and in bank:

1. For Southern Convention Enterprise and Causes:

Convention Fund .....	\$ 522.50
Convention Home Missions .....	423.50
Convention Foreign Missions .....	116.00
Elon College .....	941.72
Superannuation .....	167.00
Christian Education .....	118.00
The Christian Orphanage .....	8.25
Per Capita Dues .....	154.00

Total.....\$2,450.97

2. Ministerial Education Fund ..... 3,756.82

3. For Conference Causes:

Conference Fund .....	1,233.34
Home Mission Fund .....	1,608.69
Va. Council of Churches .....	315.00

\$3,157.03

We make the following recommendations:

1. That the Secretary be authorized to draw drafts for the amounts listed under the above collected for Convention Enterprises and Causes, payable to Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of the Southern Convention.

2. That the Secretary be authorized to draw drafts on the Treasurer to be paid out of the Conference Fund for the following bills: Dr. W. B. O'Neill, Secretary's Salary \$50.00, West & Withers premium on Treasurer's bond \$5.00, cost of printing conference programs and such other incidental expenses as may be incurred by him or the treasurer, throughout the Conference year which shall include a three-drawer metal file for the records of the Secretary. That draft be drawn by the Secretary for \$500.00 payable to the Ministerial Educational Fund from the Conference Fund for Ministerial Scholarships, and draw draft up to \$325.00 to the Virginia Council of Churches from that fund.

3. That the Secretary be authorized to draw drafts on the Conference Home Mission Fund for the following amounts as voted by the Conference:

(a) To Union (Southampton) Church \$300.00, payable in monthly installments.  
 (b) To the Dendron Pastorate \$900.00, payable in monthly installments.  
 (c) To the Wakefield pastorate \$400.00, payable in monthly installments, conditioned upon this pastorate raising \$2,000.00 for salary of pastor bringing the pastorate up to \$2,400.00 and parsonage.

(d) To Little Creek pastorate \$300.00, payable in monthly installments.

It is understood and agreed that these appropriations are to be paid only when pastors are on the field giving full time.

The records of the Treasurer are being kept in an excellent manner and he is to be commended for the work that he is doing as an Officer of this Conference.

S. T. HOLLAND,  
 J. P. DALTON,  
 W. H. BAKER,

*Committee.*

The Reverend Fred S. Buschmeyer, D. D., chairman of the Executive Committee of the General Council, was presented by Dr. Scott who moved that Dr. Buschmeyer be seated as a deliberative member.



Superintendent Scott presented the matter of the proposed merger with the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The president ruled that only delegates and ministers were eligible to vote.

The question as to whether we should vote by a roll-call vote of churches and ministers or as a Conference was discussed at some length. Dr. Buschmeyer explained that it was the sense of the Executive Committee of the General Council that individual churches would have opportunity to record their vote with the Council and that Conferences should vote as a unit. It was moved and adopted that we vote as a Conference.

A motion was made and adopted that we extend the time five minutes to give Dr. Buschmeyer opportunity to speak on the proposed merger.

The following resolution was presented by Rev. J. Frank Morgan:

RESOLVED, that this Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches hereby registers its decision upon the proposal to unite the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches into the United Church of Christ in accordance with the Basis of Union dated January 22, 1947.

A standing vote was taken with the result that fifty-seven delegates voted approval of the merger and twelve delegates disapproved. The chair declared the Conference was in favor of the merger.

Following the passing of the above resolution a second resolution was introduced, as follows:

RESOLVED, that in the event of the consummation of the union this Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches hereby undertakes to continue the same relations with the United Church of Christ that it now holds with the fellowship of the Congregational Christian Churches.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

The report of the Committee on Social Action was presented by Rev. Peter Young, chairman, as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION

The Committee on Social Action is one of the inactive committees of our Conference. So far as the chairman knows, it has not met in our two years. Maybe, like some other church committees, this one exists merely as window-dressing or face-saving.

But even an inactive committee might make itself felt in the life of our churches through an annual report, as indeed this one has in recent years. At least some thought is thus given to the ideas and hopes of the Committee, and whatever that means to the aspirations and concern of our churches may, therefore, be properly emphasized.

In this report for the year 1946-47, it is taken for granted that we all know the meaning of social action, and the purpose for which the Council for Social Action of our denomination was organized. Perhaps, however, a brief sentence defining social action may be helpful. Professor Judson T. Landis, of Michigan State College defines it as follows: "An intentional, direct effort to modify the attitudes toward or change the action in any phase of social life such as government, labor, or recreation." As churches we are committed to social action of this kind.

We surely realize that we are thus committed so far as temperance and the liquor interests are concerned. No phase of our social life gets such an immediate response from our church members as does the evil of liquor. We know we ought to do something about that. For instance, this past year the chairman of this Committee appeared on three different occasions before hearings of the State A. B. C. Board on the granting of liquor licences, that is, he objected to the granting of

licenses in the vicinity of his church. As a result one license was revoked and another put on probation. The members of his church believed their minister was properly using his time and influence in this matter, and church members generally would agree.

The ministers of our churches might also seek to make an intentional, direct effort to modify or change our attitudes in other areas of our social life. Inter-racial understanding is one such area. The ministers have access to the very extensive literature on racial relations, and it is their duty to challenge their congregations from time to time with progressive, Christian thinking and doing in this area of social tension.

The same applies to questions of international peace, the United Nations, the starving millions of Europe, labor relations, gambling, home and family living, delinquency prevention, etc. Our denomination has gone beyond the stage where it was content to pass resolutions condemning the evils of our social order, and now through education seeks to induce attitudes and actions which make for a change for the better. In some of these tension areas, we may well go beyond preaching and teaching, and appoint church committees to get something done. This is direct social action.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER YOUNG, *Chairman*,  
H. S. HARDCASTLE,  
H. W. LEE,  
ROBERT LEE HOUSE,  
ROBERT M. KIMBALL,  
J. EVERETTE NEESE.

Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer graphically described the devastated areas of Europe as he had found them on a recent trip as a representative of our denomination. It was a deeply moving message.

An offering was taken for C.W.V.R. in the amount of \$185.60 (including a \$10.00 pledge). The cash was forwarded later direct to the Convention Office.

Adjournment for lunch after prayer by Rev. Jesse M. Roberts.

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#### THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was reconvened at 2:00 P. M. Rev. O. D. Poythress led the opening hymn and Rev. D. D. Nash offered prayer.

The report of the Committee on Social Action was considered. Dr. I. W. Johnson moved that the concluding paragraphs relating to the rural church be stricken out of the report. This motion was carried. The report was adopted as amended.

Mr. J. T. Kernodle as chairman of the Committee on Superannuation presented its report, as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

The work of promoting the welfare of our aged and disabled ministers has taken a forward step during the past year. Acting under instructions from the Convention, our Convention Board of Superannuation has practically completed plans for the merging of our relief work with that of the national board. When this is done our local work will have a national backing which it has not heretofore had. This, however, will no way lessen our responsibility in raising funds for this worthy cause. Indeed, if we are to carry our share of the burden, it will be necessary that we redouble our efforts.

If the proposed merger between our church and the Evangelical and Reformed Church is consummated, the outreach of this work will become still greater.

Therefore we recommend:

First. That all ministers who are eligible for the Annuity Plan and who are not now members, make immediate effort to see that they become qualified under that plan. It seems to us that it is to their advantage to do this before any merger becomes operative.

Second. That our churches co-operate with their ministers in maintaining membership in the Annuity Plan.

Third. That our churches continue to support the program of superannuation by seeing that their apportionments for that purpose are paid in full. An over subscription for those who have long and faithfully served us will be in no way amiss.

Fourth. That unless otherwise provided for, an offering for this purpose be taken on Communion Sundays, and, that an offering be taken at Christmas as an "over and above" offering to the emergency fund of the Board of Ministerial Relief.

We record with regret the death of Rev. M. W. Butler, a superannuate who served well and far beyond his allotted time in the cause of his Master.

J. T. KERNODLE, *Chairman*,  
M. E. GODWIN, JR.,  
L. R. JONES,  
JOEL E. HARRELL,  
CALEB WEST.

Dr. W. T. Scott told of the need of the special Christmas offering and of the good accomplished by this special emergency fund. The report was adopted.

Mr. Loren P. Waldo, Jr., of Holland, a trustee of the Orphanage, gave a clear and comprehensive report on the good work being done at the Orphanage. The report was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON THE CHRISTIAN ORPHANAGE.

The Christian Orphanage was chartered in 1907. Mr. Johnston became its Superintendent in 1916. At that time it had one building, 132 acres of land, and 42 children in its home. Funds were very low and often he was unable to meet the bills. He had to plead and beg for funds and support in order that he meet and keep his head above water. All during this time the request to take more children was increasing and in order that he be able to do so, it was necessary that the plant be enlarged. This called for more and more pleading and requests from the Orphanage for funds to meet expenses. In the 31 years that Mr. Johnston has been Superintendent of our Orphanage, circumstances made it necessary that he plead and beg in every instance, and on every occasion. He has done a fine job, has the love and respect of his Board of Trustees, the Southern Convention, and this and other Conferences. However, habit is a great thing. If one has to do the same thing day in and day out you can see how it might become a habit, in far less than 31 years. I feel that maybe the impression is today that the Orphanage begs all of the time, and they always seem hard up. The need is great today. Income is very necessary for the maintenance and growth of any organization, and especially this one of yours and mine. We should be, and I am sure we will be, as generous in our giving as circumstances will allow, bearing in mind the words of our Saviour, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." "Let your light so shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in Heaven."

Our Orphanage is 40 years old this year. The present Superintendent has been at the helm 31 of those years and today the inventory of our institution will show three buildings, used to house the children, two homes, one used by the farmer as his home, the other bought within the last few years for a Superintendent's home, and at present is rented and the Orphanage received the income from it. One nice



Dairy Barn, hog barn, and other necessary buildings to house the farming equipment. All are in a very good state of repairs. They were inspected by the Trustees at our meetings held October 7th last. 32 milk cows, hogs to furnish meat for the orphanage for the coming year and 275 acres of nice land. This is all located in one block across the railroad from the college. The Orphanage has 80 children at this time, ranging in age from 3 to 18 years.

I know how boring figures are, but thought you might be interested in a few to give you some idea about the 1946 operation of the Orphanage. The figures are those furnished me in a report from the Duke Endowment and the averages used are from eight institutions in North and South Carolina, having from 76 to 151 children and are in the class with our institution. All having farms in connection with their plants.

Our institution in 1946 provided 29,204 days of institutional care for children at a per capita daily cost of \$1.32 as compared with the average for all eight institutions of \$1.58 per day. The per capita yearly cost of \$481.95 for our institution, and the average for the eight institutions is \$577.21. The total operating expenses for our institution in 1946 was \$38,562.00. Our institution had income in 1946 amounting to \$46,122.09. Of this amount the churches in the Southern Convention contributed \$21,533.14 and from others \$24,588.95 of which \$2,701.21 was received from the Duke Endowment Fund. Capital expenditures in 1946 amounted to \$7,921.40, included the purchase of additional land and the home mentioned above for the Superintendent.

For the first nine months of this year, and these figures are taken from monthly reports received by me, the Orphanage has received in contributions from Churches in the Southern Convention \$8,284.68 and from others \$13,348.14 of this amount \$2,918.45 received from the Duke Endowment Fund. Expenses for the same period amount to \$45,504.37 of which \$14,933.38 was spent for repairs and capital improvements to maintain the physical property. Leaving expenses for operating of \$30,570.99 which compares very well with the 1946 cost, even though conditions are different now.

In addition to the physical properties mentioned before in the inventory and the live stock, our Orphanage had a bank balance as of September 30, 1947 of \$27,549.79.

I am sure that you share with me the pleasure that is ours, knowing that our institution has progressed as it has in the 40 years of its life. That you would not want to feel that you were a part of anything that was not going forward, and that you realize to go forward we must give of our time and money, to make the next 40 years of our great institution's life as successful and useful to mankind as its first 40.

The report of the Committee on Religious Literature was presented by Rev. J. E. Neese, chairman, and pending its adoption an address was given by the Rev. R. M. Kimball. The report was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

A knowledge of God and the Christian way of life is dependent upon an understanding of the *Word* of God. One of the principles by which our Church is governed reads, that the Bible is "a sufficient rule of faith and practice." This being true, the Bible should be read and studied regularly by the ministry and laity of our fellowship, and special emphasis should be placed upon its reading during the period from Thanksgiving to Christmas and from Ash Wednesday to Easter.

To those who wish the romance of a diversity of reading, the Bible still remains the one great source Book. Whether it be poetry or prose, drama or other literary forms, adventure or science, one needs only to turn to the greatest masterpiece of all literature, the Bible. This Book, directly or indirectly, is the basis for all our Church literature.

Therefore, we recommend the regular use of daily devotional materials wherein one renews his covenant and fellowship with God.



For information concerning our Church work in the Convention, in the Nation and Abroad, we recommend *The Christian Sun*, *Advance*, and *The Missionary Herald*.

*The Christian Sun*, with its wide variety of materials, its coverage of local, national and ecumenical news, should be read by the constituency of our Church. The news of our churches should be reported faithfully. We commend those ministers and organizations which take the initiative in soliciting *Sun* subscriptions. We urge that we cooperate in every way possible with the editorial staff and the Board of Publication, that each church endeavor to increase its number of subscribers, that individuals and organizations be encouraged to contribute to *The Christian Sun* endowment fund, and that all new members of our churches be given an introductory copy or a one year's subscription to *The Sun*.

We also recommend the new magazine, *Pilgrim Youth*, as unsurpassed in its field for young people. *Children's Religion* is a good children's magazine for the Church and the home. *The International Journal of Religious Education* is especially helpful for Sunday School teachers, officers and administrative leaders. *Social Action* is a monthly magazine which deals with the political, moral, social and economic trends of our nation and how these effect the religious life of our people. For the minister, the *Seminar Quarterly* contains helpful suggestions and good reading material.

We further recommend, whenever practical, the use of our own denominational Sunday School literature.

Your committee,

J. EVERETTE NEESE, *Chairman*,  
MRS. R. T. BRADFORD,  
MRS. W. V. LEATHERS,  
R. L. HOUSE,  
J. M. ROBERTS.

The Committee on Resolutions presented its report through the Rev. J. E. Neese, chairman. A rising vote of thanks was accorded the Suffolk Church for its generous hospitality. The report was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Your Committee on Resolutions presents the following, that we recommend:

1. That we extend a rising vote of thanks to the pastor and people of the Suffolk Christian Church for the splendid way in which they have entertained this 127th Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Conference. Also, for their fine hospitality, their wholesome and delightful meals, and their warm spirit of fellowship.

2. That we express our appreciation to the officers and committee members of the Conference for their untiring efforts in promoting the interests of the conference, and the splendid program prepared for our enjoyment and inspiration. That we, also, express our appreciation to Rev. Lewis L. Gilbert, Rev. Fred S. Buschmeyer, and Miss Elizabeth Chicoine for their fine and inspiring messages.

3. That we express our appreciation to the pastor and choir of the host church for the splendid worship service presented at the evening session of conference.

4. We further recommend that the proposed merger of the CC and the E & R churches, which proposal was passed by this conference by a three-fourths majority, receive the prayers and praise of our fellowship, and that as we are one in Christ, we may be one in unity.

5. We further recommend that the secretary be authorized to draw draft of \$25.00 on Conference Fund to cover expenses of Dr. Buschmeyer. And that the secretary be further authorized to draw draft of \$175.60 on Special Fund in transferring Conference offering to Dr. W. T. Scott for C. W. V. R.

J. EVERETTE NEESE, *Chairman*,  
H. E. CRUTCHFIELD,  
C. H. BEALE.

Dr. John G. Truitt as chairman of the Home Missions Committee introduced the following motion:

That the Ministerial Education Committee loan the Hopewell Church for the purpose of installing new heating equipment the sum of \$1,500.00. The said loan to be secured by a Deed of Trust from the Hopewell Church and endorsed by the Mission Board of the Convention; the loan to bear four per cent (4%) interest, and the principal is to be repaid in semi-annual installments of \$250.00 each, beginning May 1, 1948; said loan to be further conditioned on the Hopewell Church inserting a reversionary clause in its deed in favor of the Eastern Virginia Conference.

This motion was adopted.

A further motion regarding the above transaction was made and seconded to the effect that when the heating plant is installed and the legal papers executed and turned over to the secretary that he be authorized to draw a draft for the specified amount in favor of the Hopewell Church. Carried.

The Nominating Committee presented the following list of names as delegates to the Southern Convention:

#### DELEGATES TO THE SOUTHERN CONVENTION.

Antioch—Miss W. Clements; Barrett's—Hubert E. Barrett; Berea, Nansemond—Mrs. R. T. Bradford; Berea, Norfolk—E. C. Calhoun; Bethlehem, Disp.—Andrew Balint; Bethlehem, Nans.—W. E. White, C. F. Savage; Burton's Grove—Mrs. G. C. Brittle; Centerville—John Padgett; Cypress Chapel—Roy Brinkley, Frank Harrell; Dendron—Mrs. Garland, W. Spratley; Eure—W. L. Askew, Atwell Felton; Franklin—J. Letcher Eley, Mrs. J. I. Beale, Jr.; Holland—Mrs. A. L. Jolly, E. L. Daughtry; Holy Neck—Emmett G. Harrell, H. L. Weaver; Hopewell—Mrs. Ralph Williams; Isle of Wight—Mrs. J. F. Chapman; Johnson's Grove—George E. Vick; Liberty Spring—George O'Berry, R. Wesley Harrell; New Lebanon—Ollie V. Cockes; Mount Carmel—Mrs. W. T. Cox; Newport News—Mrs. W. B. Williams, W. H. Baker; Norfolk, Bayview—Mrs. B. G. Harrell; Christian Temple—Mrs. E. M. Albright, L. M. Vaughan, Mrs. W. L. Cooper, L. G. Robinson; Little Creek—Mrs. W. B. Bowden, Mrs. M. E. Taylor; Rosemont—Mrs. Julia Dyer, Mrs. D. D. Johnston; Second—Rowland Allgood; Oak Grove—W. K. Parker; Oakland—Mrs. J. Rollie Gayle, Mrs. O. W. Newman; Portsmouth, First—Harry H. Harcum, B. L. Sawyer; Elm Avenue, Ports.—S. G. Nick; Shelton Mem'l.—Mrs. W. F. Lawrence, Mrs. F. H. Lewis; Richmond—John T. Kernodle, Mrs. R. L. House; South Norfolk—Mrs. R. O. Holland, T. R. Eason, A. L. Hanbury, C. E. Hollowell; Spring Hill—Mrs. C. S. White; Suffolk—Dr. J. P. Cross, Mrs. W. V. Leathers, W. A. Daughtry, Miss Susie Holland; Sunbury—Mrs. L. E. McCoy, Mrs. W. L. Wood; Union, Southampton—S. M. Joyner; Union, Surry—G. S. Huber; Wakefield—Mrs. W. C. Seeley; Waverly—R. H. Clarke; Windsor—S. T. Holland; Mt. Zion—Mrs. J. L. Gray.

It was adopted with the proviso that the Executive Committee be authorized to fill any vacancies.

Voted that the minutes be printed in THE ANNUAL and that the number to be ordered and allotted to the churches be left to the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Voted that the Conference adjourn following prayer and benediction by Dr. F. H. Lewis, and that it meet in its 128th annual session at South Norfolk Congregational Christian Church on Wednesday and Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1948.

The Conference adjourned following the benediction.

O. D. POYTHRESS, *President.*

WILL B. O'NEILL, *Secretary.*

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

- Executive*—Frank H. Lewis, R. E. Brittle, I. W. Johnson, H. G. Council, Jr., Will B. O'Neill.
- Ministerial Education*—H. S. Hardcastle, John G. Truitt, Frank H. Lewis, R. L. House, J. Frank Morgan.
- Christian Education*—R. L. House, L. E. Smith, Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Peter Young, C. Shannon Morgan.
- Appointment*—Shirley T. Holland, J. P. Dalton, Floyd Turner, H. S. Hardcastle, R. E. Brittle.
- Home Missions*—John G. Truitt, J. E. McCauley, Shirley T. Holland, R. E. Brittle, Dr. J. Parker Cross.
- Foreign Missions*—H. E. Crutchfield, Mrs. J. G. Truitt, Robert M. Kimball, D. D. Nash, Mrs. J. Frank Morgan.
- Evangelism*—O. D. Poythress, W. L. Wood, W. S. Carne, J. E. McCauley, H. E. Crutchfield.
- Religious Literature*—J. Everette Neese, R. L. House, Mrs. W. B. Williams, Mrs. R. M. Kimball, Mrs. William T. Harrell.
- Social Action*—C. Shannon Morgan, Harry W. Lee, J. Everette Neese, R. M. Kimball, H. G. Council, Jr.
- Stewardship*—R. E. Brittle, B. H. Watkins, Peter Young, M. E. Taylor, C. H. Beale.
- Superannuation*—J. T. Kernodle, B. H. Watkins, L. H. Jones, W. H. Baker, Letcher Eley.
- Program*—Frank H. Lewis, R. E. Brittle, I. W. Johnson, H. G. Council, Jr., Will B. O'Neill, O. D. Poythress.
- Place of Meeting*—Mrs. I. W. Johnson.
- Memoirs*—J. F. Morgan.

## MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

- Beale, Carroll H.*—Churches served, Barrett's, Burton's Grove, Wakefield; sermons preached, 82; members received, 2; prayer meetings held, 18; weddings performed, 3; conversions, 1; baptisms, 1; addresses, 17; funerals, 4.
- Brittle, R. E.*—Churches served, Bethlehem (Nans.), Cypress Chapel, Union (South.); sermons preached, 138; members received, 75; weddings performed, 126; conversions, 32; baptisms, 33; addresses, 5; funerals, 43.
- Carne, W. Stanley*—Church served, Elizabethtown, N. Y.; sermons preached, 456; members received, 5; prayer meetings held, 52; weddings performed 1; Conversions 0; Baptisms, 1; addresses 0; funderals, 1.
- Council, Herbert George, Jr.*—Church served, Rosemont; sermons preached, 60; members received, 7; prayer meetings held, 20; weddings performed, 10; conversions, 3; baptisms, 1; addresses, 5; funerals, 3.
- Crutchfield, H. E.*—Churches served, Damascus, Oak Grove, Holy Neck; sermons preached, 88; members received, 58; prayer meetings held, 0; weddings performed, 3; conversions, 29; baptisms, 22; addresses, 7; funerals, 4.
- Gleason, Henry Allan, Jr.*—Churches served, Elk Spur, Rocky Ford, Ivy Hill; sermons preached, 50; members received, 12; prayer meetings held, 30; weddings performed, 0; conversions, 0; baptisms, 0; addresses, 3; funerals, 2.

- Hardcastle, H. S.*—Churches served, Rosemont, First, Newport News; sermons preached, 97; members received, 26; prayer meetings held, 0; weddings performed, 16; conversions, 10; baptisms, 10; addresses, a number, funerals, 13.
- House, Robert Lee*—Church served, First, Richmond; sermons preached, 102; members received, 5; prayer meetings held, 0; weddings performed, 4; conversions, 2; baptisms, 2; addresses, 5; funerals, 0.
- Johnson, I. W.*—Churches served, Berea (Nanse.), Liberty Spring, Oakland; sermons preached, 50; members received, 6; prayer meetings held, 0; weddings performed, several; conversions, 5; baptisms, 8; addresses, 20; funerals, 12.
- Jones, Elwood W.*—Church served, supply minister St. Johns Methodist Church, Baltimore, Md.; sermons preached, 28; members received, 0; prayer meetings held, 0; weddings performed, 3; conversions, 0; baptisms, 3; addresses, 45; funerals, 0.
- Kimball, Robert M.*—Churches served, Franklin and Johnson's Grove; sermons preached, 103; members received, 26; prayer meetings held, 0; weddings performed, 4; conversions, 7; baptisms, 16; addresses, 6; funerals, 4.
- Lewis, Frank H.*—Church served, Shelton Memorial; sermons preached, not known; members received, 14; baptisms, 12.
- Morgan, J. F.*—Church served, Second, Norfolk; sermons preached, 92; members received, 9; prayer meetings held, 30; weddings performed, 16; conversions, 9; baptisms, 0; addresses, 25, funerals, 8.
- McCauley, Joseph E.*—Churches served, Waverly, Spring Hill, Centerville; sermons preached, 123; members received, 25; prayer meetings held, 0; weddings performed, 5; conversions, 20; baptisms, 14; addresses, 2; funerals, 14.
- Nash, Durant D.*—Church served, Hopewell; sermons preached, 142; members received, 6; prayer meetings held, not known; weddings performed, 15; conversions, 10; baptisms, 8; addresses, 16; funerals, 4.
- Neese, J. Everette*—Church served, Bay View; sermons preached, 84; members received, 12; prayer meetings held, 0; weddings performed, 16; conversions, 3; baptisms, 3; addresses, 8; funerals, 4.
- Newman, N. G.*—Church served, assistant to pastor of Oakland, retired since 1937; sermons preached, 3; funerals, 2.
- Olejar, George*—Retired.
- O'Neill, Will B.*—Church served, Holland; sermons preached, 60; members received, 1; prayer meetings held, 42; weddings performed, 1; conversions, 0; baptisms, 0; addresses, 12; funerals, 2.
- Pearce, G. A.*—Supply minister; sermons preached, 3.
- Phillips—S. W.*—No report.
- Poythress, O. W.*—Church served, South Norfolk; sermons preached, 146; members received, 35; prayer meetings held, 36; weddings performed, 77; conversions, 32; baptisms, 32; addresses, 10; funerals, 64.
- Scott, William T.*—Superintendent, Southern Convention; sermons preached, 100; baptisms, 2; addresses, 50.
- Smith, L. E.*—President, Elon College; sermons preached, 22; weddings performed, 2; addresses, 11; funerals, 5.
- Taylor, M. E.*—Church served, Little Creek; sermons preached, 65; members received, 20; prayer meetings held, 52; weddings performed, 0; conversions, 17; baptisms, 0; addresses, 0; funerals, 2.



*Truitt, John G.*—Church served, Suffolk, sermons preached, 125; members received, 38; prayer meetings held, 39; weddings performed, 19; conversions, 17; baptisms, 31; addresses, 67; funerals, 31.

*Twiddy, C. Baxter*—Church served, Mebane; sermons preached, 12; addresses, 10.

*Watkins, B. H.*—Church served, Berea, Norfolk; sermons preached, 96; members received, 26; prayer meetings held, 0; weddings performed, 7; conversions, 16; baptisms, 10; addresses, 3; funerals, 3.

*Young, Peter*—Church served, Christian Temple; Sermons preached, 53; members received, 44; prayer meetings held, 46; weddings performed, 19; conversions, 0; baptisms, 29; addresses, 15; funerals, 14.

# Proceedings of Seventy-Seventh Annual Session of the Western North Carolina Congrega- tional Christian Conference.

ALBEMARLE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH,  
ALBEMARLE, NORTH CAROLINA,  
NOVEMBER 5-6, 1947.

## WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The seventy-seventh annual session of the Western North Carolina Christian Conference met at Albemarle Congregational Christian Church, Albemarle, N. C., on November 5-6, 1947. The conference was called to order at 10:00 by the president, Rev. H. V. Cox.

Hymn: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"—led by Rev. M. A. Pollard.

Rev. B. J. Earp conducted the devotional service.

Rev. W. W. Hall, pastor of the host church, gave the welcome.

Response was given by Rev. F. C. Lester.

### ENROLLMENT.

*Ministers*—E. Carl Brady, H. V. Cox, Ben Joe Earp, Park W. Fisher, T. J. Green, F. C. Lester, B. H. Lowdermilk, W. T. Madren, D. R. Moffitt, M. A. Pollard, L. M. Presnell, John Q. Pugh, A. L. Lucas, G. C. Crutchfield, J. U. Fogleman.

### *Churches and Delegates.*

*Albemarle*—Alfred Plyler, Alec Talbert, Mrs. C. C. Mauldin, Mrs. Frank Van Hoy.

*Antioch (C)*—By report.

*Antioch (R)*—

*Asheboro*—Mrs. Orva Brown, Miss Vella Brown.

*Bailey's Grove*—

*Bennett*—Mrs. Lucille Scott.

*Big Oak*—E. K. Freeman.

*Biscoe*—

*Brown's Chapel*—Richard Brewer, Charlie Key, Ira J. Morgan.

*Ether*—H. J. Cochrane, W. H. Freeman.

*Flint Hill (M)*—Quentin Britt, Jason Britt.

*Flint Hill (R)*—W. R. Lanier.

*Glendon*—

*Grace's Chapel*—Mrs. Ralph Foushee, Mrs. Alton Yow, Mrs. C. R. Simpson, Mrs. A. L. Craig.

*Hank's Chapel*—Rowland Farrell, Wallace Farrell, Talmadge W. Farrell, H. C. Farrell.

*High Point*—Mrs. B. P. Moffitt.

*Liberty*—Cyrus Shoffner.

*Mt. Pleasant*—By report.

*Needham's Grove*—Betty Comer, Henrietta Moore, Johnsie Needham.

*New Center*—

*Parks Cross Roads*—(Rev. T. J. Green).

*Patterson's Grove*—

*Pleasant Cross*—Mrs. John Q. Pugh, Mrs. Mary Kinney.

*Pleasant Grove*—H. H. Bray, L. H. Brady, Mrs. L. M. Presnell.

*Pleasant Hill*—Mrs. M. A. Pollard, Mrs. O. T. Wicker, W. D. Murchison,  
L G Andrews

*Pleasant Ridge*—Mrs. Quinton Hicks, S. H. Pell, Mrs. Lendon Williams.

*Pleasant Union*—Louis Trotter, Clarence Snider, Hayes McDowell.

*Providence Chapel*—Mr. and Mrs. Claud Brewer.

*Ramseur*—E. A. Cox, Mrs. E. A. Cox, Mrs. Claud Craven.

*Randleman*—Vance Dorsett, Hubert Parker, Mrs. J. E. Brown.

*Seagrove*—Mrs. Amos Farlow, Mrs. C. C. Presnell.

*Shady Grove*—W. T. Shankle, Mrs. C. B. Cochrane, Mrs. B. B. Martin.

*Shiloh*—By report.

*Smithwood*—Lucille McPherson.

*Sophia*—Mrs. O. J. Webster, Mrs. P. H. Hall.

*Spoon's Chapel*—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Scott.

*Union Grove*—Ava Lee Brown.

*Zion*—

Rev. M. A. Pollard introduced the following visitors: Dr. W. T. Scott and Miss Elizabeth Chicoine of the Southern Convention Office, Elon College; Rev. J. A. Denton of the Eastern North Carolina Conference; Rev. W. Walter Hall of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference; and Rev. Carl Grimm of the Evangelical and Reformed Church of High Point. By motion they were seated as deliberative members of the Conference.

Secretary George T. Gunter submitted the printed program as the report of the Program Committee, with the insertion of the Report on Evangelism. By motion the printed program, subject to necessary changes, was adopted as the order of business.

The president appointed the following Special Committees:

*Press*—F. C. Lester, W. T. Scott, G. T. Gunter.

*Resolutions*—M. A. Pollard, G. O. Lankford, Cyrus Shoffner.

*Finance*—A. L. Lucas, P. W. Fisher, Alfred Plyler.

*Place*—John Q. Pugh, L. M. Presnell, Paul Coble.

*Nominations*—E. Carl Brady, T. J. Green, W. H. Freeman.

Dr. F. C. Lester introduced Rev. Carl Grimm, pastor of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in High Point, who delivered the annual sermon, using as his text Romans 1:16 and his subject was "The Power of the Gospel." By motion the Conference stood in appreciation of this splendid message.

Rev. M. A. Pollard led the congregation in singing "There Is a Fountain."

The communion service was conducted by Rev. M. A. Pollard and Rev. T. J. Green, assisted by Rev. J. Q. Pugh, Rev. L. M. Presnell, Rev. B. J. Earp and Rev. E. C. Brady.

The communion service closed with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

By motion conference adjourned until 1:30. Benediction by Rev. M. A. Pollard.

## WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

President Cox called the conference to order at 1:30 P. M.

Hymn: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"—sung by the congregation.

Rev. L. M. Presnell conducted the worship service.

Conference recessed for the session of the Christian Missionary Association.

A statement on the "Proposed Union Between the Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed Churches" was distributed by Dr. W. T. Scott, who briefly discussed the proposed merger.

The report on Home Missions, presented by Rev. John Q. Pugh, was adopted as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The greatest contribution our Conference can make to missions at home is that which is made through a deep spirituality on the part of the membership of the church. This can only be brought about by obedience to Matthew 22:37, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind."

The light that shines brightest at home shines farthest away.

Due to the shortage of ministers for our churches, and the meager salaries they receive for their labors, along with the low standard of morals and the great juvenile delinquency, we are made to wonder if that spiritual light isn't failing to shine in the home and in the church as it should. It is alarming to know the number of people young and old who do not attend church anywhere that need God and the Church. What a field for home mission work. We urge that pastors and laymen bestir themselves to the task that is ours.

We are happy to report that our church at Asheboro is in the process of construction which is estimated to cost \$40,000.

We, your committee, recommend that each church in the Conference take a special offering for the Asheboro Church on some Sunday in March, 1948.

We commend the Christian Missionary Association and Women's missionary societies for their good work, which we are sure will be of great help to our Conference and humanity at large.

We also recommend that Bennett, Flint Hill (M), and Shady Grove receive the same aid as last year, \$50.00 for every \$50.00 the church raises on pastor's salary.

JOHN Q. PUGH,

T. J. GREEN.

Pending its adoption it was discussed by Rev. E. Carl Brady, Rev. F. C. Lester, and Rev. W. T. Madren. The report was adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions was presented by Rev. M. A. Pollard.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We of the Western North Carolina Christian Conference should realize that we cannot possibly carry out world evangelism on the present scale of missionary work and giving. Therefore, we should put forth every effort to increase our gifts, and work harder to reach more souls. The need of the world today is to fill the hearts of people everywhere with the love of Christ. Only the principles of Jesus can win the world. For us as a Church to be effective in Christian evangelism these principles must be practiced in our own lives. We have been trying far too long to convince the world they need the love of Christ, when at the same time we are failing to show that love toward our fellowmen. When we can convince people everywhere that we have a deep and abiding love within our own souls, we can make them feel that it is worthwhile to be Christian.



The world today is looking for definite proof of our Christianity in a material, social and spiritual sense. If we argue that our brother in other lands needs bread, then in the name of Jesus Christ let's give him bread. If our Christian religion makes all men equal, then for Christ's sake let's take down the barriers of social and racial distinction. If our religious ideals and standards won't work at home, certainly they will never win the lost to Christ. Dr. Albert W. Palmer, Moderator of our General Council, says: "Our age is in peril because of self-indulgence and ruthless materialistic exploitation by some, and because of unscrupulous and diabolically clever propaganda of others, who rouse and prey upon the prejudices of men and nations. We desperately need to meet our problems with patience and tact, with insight and understanding. Above all we need the healing spirit of forgiveness and invisible good will. Without these our problems cannot be solved. To get this message into the consciences of the awakened and indifferent, as well as the corrupt, the wicked and unscrupulous, is the supreme task of Christianity this year. Nothing less than a moral and spiritual revolution in values, attitudes and objectives can save us. Already we are starting the old and well-known deadly rigamarole of diplomatic squabbling, antagonism, and armament races, the stereotypes of hostility which lead toward another world war. The church must stop this descent to hell and point the way to Heaven."

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions is seeking for 110 recruits for service abroad. That will make a working force of 450. Among these workers are ministers, teachers, doctors, nurses, farmers, and business men. These missionaries depend upon us for support. They give themselves to the work while we share with them by paying salary and expenses.

Our Southern Convention undertakes to give \$10,000 annually for the work in a dozen countries in Asia, Africa and Europe. In addition, we support the Shaowu Mission in China, where our own Richard and Dorothy Jackson are now at work. Several churches are giving to other projects.

We recommend:

1. That world needs be seriously studied by each church.
2. That each church consider its financial responsibility, and try to make contributions in keeping with the needs.

M. A. POLLARD,  
F. C. LESTER.

Pending the adoption of the report, Rev. James M. Hess, missionary to India, addressed the Conference, giving illustrations to show the influence of Christianity in that country and the opportunities which Christianity faces today in an independent India. He urged the Conference to support the Post-War Emergency Program of the denomination.

The report on Foreign Missions was adopted.

Rev. B. J. Earp presented the report on Stewardship and Apportionments as follows:

#### REPORT ON STEWARSHIP AND APPORTIONMENTS.

The needs of our Conference are great. The Southern Convention needs are still greater. Living costs have advanced at an astounding rate. The Church should advance her budget in proportion as other things have advanced. If this world is to be won to Christ and His bride, the Church, surely the time has come for us to prove our stewardship of time, talents, money, mind, love and labor; if we ever expect to win a world from greed and gold, selfishness and sin, darkness and danger, misery and mischief, hatred and hellishness.

Christ not only taught stewardship in his parables and preaching, but he set the example in actions and teachings. The Sermon on the Mount is saturated with stewardship. Paul was quite definite and said: "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him."

If our church members would really follow Paul's instruction in this particular, no church need ever go begging. We urge our church to go beyond the goals set by your committee. We believe for one more year the apportionment should remain the same, with the exception of Pleasant Cross. We are asking them for \$100.

BEN JOE EARP,  
A. L. LUCAS,  
CYRUS SHOFFNER.

## SCHEDULE OF APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1947-48.

	Convention Home Missions	Convention Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Elon College	Christian	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues	Conference Fund	Education	Total
Albemarle .....	\$ 48	\$ 48	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 44	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 340	
Antioch (C) .....	12	12	17	20	4	6	17	5	12	105	
Asheboro .....	18	18	28	30	9	9	20	5	18	155	
Bailey's Grove .....	10	10	15	14	4	6	11	3	10	83	
Bennett .....	12	12	20	20	4	6	14	2	12	102	
Big Oak .....	20	20	25	25	10	10	25	5	10	140	
Biscoe .....	18	18	38	24	6	8	20	3	18	153	
Brown's Chapel .....	14	14	19	20	6	8	15	4	14	114	
Ether .....	30	30	46	24	8	12	20	8	30	208	
Flint Hill (M) .....	10	10	20	14	4	6	12	3	12	91	
Flint Hill (R) .....	11	11	17	18	4	6	12	3	11	93	
Grace's Chapel .....	30	30	56	24	8	12	20	8	20	208	
Hank's Chapel .....	60	60	90	60	16	20	50	5	60	421	
High Point .....	20	20	45	20	18	10	25	4	20	182	
Liberty .....	25	25	25	30	8	8	20	4	15	160	
Mt. Pleasant .....	14	14	27	20	6	10	15	3	14	123	
Needham's Grove .....	14	14	28	20	6	10	14	4	14	124	
New Center .....	14	14	28	20	6	10	14	3	14	123	
Patterson's Grove ....	7	7	9	12	5	5	7	2	8	62	
Pleasant Cross .....	12	12	18	18	6	6	13	3	12	100	
Pleasant Grove .....	25	25	30	30	14	16	25	5	20	190	
Pleasant Hill .....	60	60	65	65	20	20	45	9	65	409	
Pleasant Ridge .....	70	70	75	65	20	20	45	7	65	437	
Pleasant Union .....	10	10	14	20	5	5	11	2	10	87	
Providence Chapel ....	5	5	7	10	5	5	6	2	7	52	
Ramseur .....	50	50	90	75	20	15	50	5	50	405	
Randleman .....	20	20	20	20	5	5	15	3	15	123	
Seagrove .....	30	30	35	30	10	10	35	3	30	213	
Shady Grove .....	6	6	14	7	6	6	8	1	7	61	
Shiloh .....	20	20	21	25	6	7	21	3	20	143	
Smithwood .....	20	20	30	25	6	7	22	2	20	152	
Sophia .....	10	10	15	25	4	8	15	2	13	102	
Spoon's Chapel .....	10	10	25	25	5	5	25	2	15	122	
Union Grove .....	10	10	25	30	5	5	20	3	20	128	
Zion .....	12	12	20	20	4	6	14	3	12	103	
Total .....	\$757	\$757	\$1117	\$965	\$293	\$328	\$735	\$149	\$713	\$5814	

Following discussion by Mrs. Orva Brown and Geo. T. Gunter, the report was adopted.

The report on Evangelism was presented by Rev. F. C. Lester as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

Evangelism is the process of "making disciples" for Christ. Many methods are used, but the object is always the same—to make followers of Christ.

Evangelism is greatly needed today. Only about half of the people in North Carolina are members of any church, and a much smaller percentage of the world's population make any profession of faith in Christ.

Only Christ can save our world from the hell which it is making for itself. We have only a brief time in which to turn men to God. Then our day will be over. We need to feel the urgency of the twelve-year-old Jesus who said: "I must be about my Father's business."

We recommend:

1. That pastors and leaders seek to secure new members each month.
2. That each church hold one or more revival meetings annually, with the purpose of getting conversions and new members.
3. That each Sunday school have a Decision Day in which an effort is made to get decisions for Christ and His Church.
4. That special emphasis be placed this year on personal evangelism.
5. That the program of the Church be undergirded by daily prayer, and that the church hold regular prayer meetings in which evangelism is a definite part of the program.

F. C. LESTER.

Following discussion by Dr. Lester and Rev. B. J. Earp, the report was adopted.

Mrs. W. W. Hall made an oral report for the entertainment committee.

Conference adjourned until 7:00. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. B. J. Earp.

#### WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 7:00 by the Vice-President, Rev. Ben Joe Earp.

The worship service was conducted by Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, Field Director of the Southern Convention, on the theme, "A Chance to be Big."

Rev. Mr. Freeman, pastor of the local Pilgrim Holiness Church, was introduced and welcomed to the conference by Mr. Earp.

The report on Sunday Schools and Pilgrim Fellowship was presented by Rev. W. T. Madren as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP.

The Sunday Schools of the Western North Carolina Conference met in a Convention at Pleasant Ridge Church on July 24. The Convention was well attended and more Sunday schools than usual were represented. The theme for the program was "Knowing and Doing the Work of Christ." The program was concluded by a commitment service. According to the reports that were submitted, our Sunday schools are progressing. New officers were elected as follows: W. T. Madren, President; L. M. Presnell, Vice President; Betty Robbins, Secretary-Treasurer.

After studying the needs of our Sunday schools we would make the following recommendations as points of emphasis for the year:

1. That our Sunday schools seriously consider our work of evangelism. That we seek to discover what constitutes Christian Evangelism and earnestly endeavor to teach it. That we think seriously about what is called "Decision Day" at which time we should seek to get our young people to make their decision for Christ and to unite with the Church.

2. That we emphasize Sunday school and church attendance and undertake some sort of attendance program.

3. That we study the relationship of our Sunday schools to that of our church and denomination and try in every way possible to fit the Sunday school program into that of the entire church.

4. That we give at least four Sundays in the year to the teaching of stewardship and seek to double our present number of tithers in every church.

### *The Pilgrim Fellowship.*

The young people of our Conference had their meeting at the Liberty Church. At this meeting new officers were elected as follows: President, Jack Shoffner; Vice President, Charlesanna Robbins; Secretary, Frances Biles; Treasurer, Harold Boone; Counsellors, Rev. F. C. Lester, Mrs. S. H. Pell, Cyrus Shoffner.

Following the business session, the young people enjoyed a picnic meal which was followed by a very interesting pageant given by the Pleasant Ridge Church. This meeting was well attended and much interest was shown on the part of the young people.

Another Rally is planned for the fifth Sunday in November at 4:00 at Hank's Chapel.

We would recommend that our Conference fully cooperate with the officers of the Pilgrim Fellowship and give them encouragement. For there is the future church and a good one.

W. T. MADREN,  
E. C. BRADY.

The report was adopted following discussion by S. H. Pell, Rev. W. T. Madren, and Rev. G. C. Crutchfield.

Mrs. H. R. Stewart reported on the "Woman's Missionary Conference" as follows:

### REPORT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S CONFERENCE.

The North Carolina Conference of the Woman's Missionary Convention held its annual session on Tuesday, October 7, 1947, at the Burlington Church. An unusually large crowd of about 300 attended the session and included about 25 ministers and their wives. Mrs. F. C. Lester, president of the N. C. Woman's Conference, presided.

Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, Field Director for the Southern Convention, led the opening worship service. Introductions were made by the host pastor, Rev. W. M. Stevens. The visitors included Rev. R. A. Whitten and Mrs. A. W. Andes of the Virginia Valley Conference and Mrs. John Fesperman and Mrs. Coble of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Presentation of our Thank Offering for the year was made by Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, who announced the goal for North Carolina as \$3,000.

The address of the day was given by Mrs. John Fesperman, Kannapolis, N. C., president of the Southern Synod Woman's Guild of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Mrs. Fesperman gave a summary of the work of the Woman's Guild, giving as their motto: "A place for every woman, and every woman in her place." She stated that the winning of the world for Christ is the task of the universal Church, and we are on the front lines in the hope for church unity.

The morning session closed with a Memorial Service conducted by Mrs. R. M. Cline in memory of all deceased members. During this service special recognition was given Mrs. C. H. Rowland, the first Woman's Convention president. A book containing Memorial Certificates from church and members of the Southern Convention in honor of Mrs. Rowland was presented to her two daughters, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman and Mrs. M. T. Garren.



During the lunch hour very lovely music was furnished by members of the Burlington Church, while the delegates partook of the delicious lunch. During the afternoon session workshops were conducted with the group dividing up to attend the different ones.

A very appealing report was given on "Open Doors for Relief and Reconstruction" by Rev. Frederick B. Eutsler, representative for the Convention on the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction. Mr. Eutsler stated that our goal was \$7,000 for this year. He urgently appealed to the group to help raise much needed help for this work. He made two requests of those present: (1) Each local church which has not already done so, should take a special offering for C. W. V. R. (2) Each local woman's group is asked to take an offering for C. W. V. R. before the end of the year. Also he urged us to write the Convention Office for milk bottle stickers to use in raising funds for children's milk.

The conference accepted an invitation to meet at Asheboro next year. Our goal for next year is \$8,250.

The session closed with an installation service for the new officers led by Mrs. O. H. Paris, Woman's Convention President.

Of thirty-three churches listed in the ANNUAL in this Conference, only ten have missionary societies. Now when the needs of the world are so great, it seems that more of our women might belong to missionary societies. Transportation to meetings is no longer the problem it was during the war, and people are not moving away as they were then. Now seems to be a good time for new women's groups to start.

Churches where they do not have missionary societies could send gift boxes overseas, or a Sunday school class might be the agency where boxes could be sent to Miss Angie Crew or the Richard Jacksons. A recent letter from Miss Angie Crew, Kobe College, Nishinomiya, Japan, says: "Last Sunday I visited the little church in Kobe which I used to attend. Although their church was destroyed by bombs, they have been meeting regularly in the "upper room" of the pastor's home. The pastor was at the point of having to give up his work, because of poor health caused by lack of food. I was so happy to be able to take them food from my friends in the Southern Convention. As we sat on the straw-covered floor, I could hardly keep the tears from my eyes—they had been so faithful and were in such need."

MRS. H. R. STEWART.

Mrs. F. C. Lester introduced Mrs. James M. Hess, missionary to India, who addressed the Conference in a very interesting manner. Following her address, the report was adopted.

Rev. W. W. Hall spoke words of appreciation for the presence of the visitors from the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

Conference adjourned to meet at 10:00 Thursday morning.

Rev. Mr. Freeman pronounced the benediction.

## THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 10:00 A. M. by President Cox.

The devotional service was led by Rev. M. A. Pollard.

The minutes of the previous day's sessions were read, corrected, and approved.

Rev. W. T. Madren was added to the Committee on Religious Literature. Rev. F. C. Lester was added to the Committee on Resolutions.

Dr. L. E. Smith and Superintendent C. D. Johnston were introduced and welcomed to the Conference. By motion they were seated as deliberative members.

Rev. M. A. Pollard presented the part of the report of the Resolutions Committee having to do with the proposed merger. Pending the adoption of the report, it was discussed by Rev. H. V. Cox, Dr. W. T. Scott, Rev. P. W. Fisher, Dr. F. C. Lester, Alfred Plyler, Harvey Smith, Dr. L. E. Smith, Rev. B. J. Earp, Rev. W. W. Hall, H. C. Farrell, Wallace Farrell, A. L. Lucas, E. A. Cox, Cyrus Shoffner, M. A. Pollard, and various others.

The report was adopted as follows:

#### RESOLUTIONS REFERRING TO PROPOSED MERGER.

The Principles and Government of the Christian Church, under which this Conference operates, speaks in definite words on the subject of Christian Union: "The Savior came into the world to establish one Church. . . ." (Matt. 16:18). "All the redeemed are brethren" (Matt. 23:8) and "members of the Church" (I Cor. 12:20). The Church is spoken of in the Scriptures as a family (Eph. 3:15), of which God is the Father (Eph. 4:6) and as a household (Eph. 2:19), which should not be divided against itself (Mark 3:25; Matt. 12:25).

"Its mission (that is, the mission of the Christian Church) will be consummated in the conversion of the world (Ps. 2:8), the union of all the followers of Christ (Eph. 4:13), and His reign in human society."

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That this Conference hereby register its approval of the proposal to unite the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches into the United Church of Christ, in accordance with the Basis of Union dated January 22, 1947. (Approved by vote of 21 to 17.)

2. That in the event of the consummation of the union, the Conference hereby undertake to continue the same relations with the United Church of Christ that it now holds with the fellowship of the Congregational Christian Churches. (Approved by a vote of 25 to 0.)

Hymn: "Amazing Grace"—led by Rev. M. A. Pollard.

Report of the Executive Committee was read by Secretary Geo. T. Gunter and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1. The court case involving the status of Pleasant Cross Christian Church was decided in favor of the Conference and Pleasant Cross Christian Church. The notice of appeal to the Supreme Court has been given and is now pending.

2. The Executive Committee in session on September 25 authorized the Conference Treasurer to pay J. Dolph Long from the Conference Fund the sum of \$375 on attorneys' fees in connection with the church cases.

H. V. COX, SR.,  
M. A. POLLARD,  
W. H. FREEMAN,  
CYRUS SHOFFNER,  
GEO. T. GUNTER.

Rev. L. M. Pressnell presented the report on Moral Reform, which was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MORAL REFORM.

In John 3:5 we read that except a man be born of the water and of the spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. We believe that for man to be good morally, the first thing he must do is be born of the spirit. We believe Jesus Christ to be the Head of the Church. Therefore, if a man is to be good morally, he must be a follower of Jesus Christ. The life that Christ lived was an example for men to follow.

We believe that everything man does has to do with his moral life. Since many people today seem to compromise with sin, we believe that we as Christians should

stand for the things that are good and take a firm stand against the things that we know are degrading and not good.

The committee recommends to this Conference Session the following suggestions:

1. That we as Christians rededicate our lives unto the kingdom service.
2. We believe that one of the greatest evils of today is the alcoholic problem, yet some church people seem to deny it. We think this Conference should go on record as opposing the legalized sale of alcoholic beverages in any form, or the advertising of it in newspapers, magazines, or over the radio.
3. We believe that the Lord's Day is a day that should be revered and such entertainment as ball games, races, picture shows and such are not good and should be opposed as to that day.
4. That all ministers and church leaders encourage the reading of the Bible, good books and good literature.
5. We believe that athletics are good for our young people and have much to do with their moral life if properly supervised by Christian leaders.
6. We believe that all Christians should find themselves at church on the Lord's Day and any other time there is a service there. If these are practiced the moral life of today will be reformed.

L. M. PRESNELL,  
PARK W. FISHER.

Rev. G. C. Crutchfield reported for the Committee on Ministerial and Church Relations. Following discussion by Cyrus Shoffner, W. H. Freeman, and W. T. Scott, the report was adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL AND CHURCH RELATIONS.

There is a quotation from the Bible which reads, "How can two walk together unless they be agreed?" This is certainly the full meaning of this fellowship which prevails with the minister and the church to which he may be charged.

There should be but one man and one church. When once this sort of fellowship has begun, the Minister does feel his responsibility and leads his life towards it. Likewise should the church know that if it is to be successful as such in a community, it must respect the leadership of its minister. There cannot be progress and friction at the same time. I remember when a boy I was hired out to an uncle one summer. There came a day when my uncle went down in the meadows to cut his hay. When the hay was cured sufficiently, it was raked, shocked, and ready to haul into the barn. We were in the latter process, having loaded our wagon and started for the barn, when the team became bothered and balked. Having tried every method he knew, but to no avail, my uncle threw a part of a shock of hay under each mule and struck a match to it. When the heat had reached a certain temperature, the team exchanged places with the wagon, and that is the story. The work of our Lord does not go forward with the balk and burn method.

The minister is as Jesus declared him to be "your servant" and failure to use him in this capacity spells defeat.

There are so many ways a church and minister can team up. First of all, they can realize that they are the agencies for good and God. They have been assigned to a holy and righteous cause.

There are some good signs on the horizon. More and more of our churches are looking forward to a larger ministry in the communities of which they are a part. This awakening of course is calling for more of the minister's time. It will in turn give him a better opportunity to prove himself and the value of his ministry. This committee urges every church to have as many services per month as possible to be, for the thing that draws minister and church together is a hard job well done together.

Your committee would urge each church whenever it becomes necessary to supply the pulpit, which has been declared vacant, to work with our Superintendent in finding the best and proper man for the job.

We further recommend that when an election is necessary, that the church study the minister's past record and elect him on this basis, and not divide the



congregation by putting up the names of two or more men to be voted on. This method divides the congregation, and makes the work more difficult for the minister. Let each remember, "We are laborers together with God."

G. C. CRUTCHFIELD,  
B. J. EARP.

The report on Religious Literature was made by Rev. J. U. Fogleman and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Religious literature is the printed matter that the church and individuals use for study and guidance in the molding of Christian character. It must be of such a nature that it will develop the moral, mental, and spiritual life of the individual for leadership and service.

It is natural for the normal person to have a desire to read, and the average person reads a great deal, but are our people in general reading good literature?

There is an axiom which says, "Speaking makes a ready man, writing an exact man, and reading a full man." It should be the church's desire to keep before its youth, and all church members the very best reading material.

Our ministers, Sunday school superintendents and teachers should encourage a more extensive study of the Bible, and of reading our religious literature. Our church leaders should see to it that one or two available copies of the Bible be kept in the Sunday school room, and should ask that every family have the Bible in their homes, because the Bible is our main source of religious study.

Then the Church should see to it that it has on hand a good supply of religious literature, such as leaflets, church magazines, Bible stories, etc. for constant reading. The following material can be purchased from our denominational publishing house, Dayton, Ohio: The Bible, Bible stories, The Upper Room, the Quiet Hour, the Children's Religion, The Fellowship of Prayer. Then there are a few magazines such as *Pilgrim Youth*, *The Missionary Herald*, also our church paper, *The Christian Sun*, *Advance* and *The Missionary Herald*. Any part of these materials may be purchased at reasonable cost.

The church and Sunday school will find use for this literature in most of its programs, and the average individual will find help and satisfaction in reading for leisure, as well as study.

With the above mentioned in mind, we offer the following resolutions:

1. That every Christian, including the ministers, make it a daily habit to read and study the Holy Bible.
2. That we all practice more thoroughly what it teaches in our living.
3. That at least one church paper or magazine be in every church member's home.
4. That if possible each church have a small library, or book shelf, with as much religious literature as it deems necessary to aid in building a good Christian character.

J. U. FOGLEMAN,  
E. A. COX,  
A. L. LUCAS.

The report on Superannuation was submitted by Rev. B. H. Lowdermilk and was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

It is the obligation of our churches and our Conference to assist in a financial way our retired ministers and their widows, who have given their time and service to preaching the gospel of Christ that they might win the unsaved to Christ and to help Christians to live a better life. This is one way we can express our appreciation and regard for the services they have rendered.

We recommend that our churches take an offering at Christmas, also at communion services and pay in full the Superannuation apportionment. We recommend



that Mrs. T. E. White, Dr. G. O. Lankford, and Rev. T. J. Green be continued for aid from the Board.

D. R. MOFFITT,  
B. H. LOWDERMILK.

Conference adjourned until 1:30. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Park W. Fisher.

## THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The President called Conference to order at 1:30 P. M.

Devotional service was conducted by Rev. A. L. Lucas.

Rev. E. Carl Brady submitted the report on Christian Education and the Ministry as follows:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND THE MINISTRY.

Scientific education that is Christian is one of the great needs of the world. Colleges are intended to educate people, and Christian colleges are expected to develop culture and character.

Since 1890 our churches of this area have depended upon Elon College to educate our youth, train our leaders, and help to establish Christian culture in our world.

It has been the pleasure of the members of the churches to contribute their children and their money in order that Elon College can perform its proper function. We have expected Elon to be a liberal arts college of high standing. Nothing more is expected, and nothing less will please the contributors, who are, in fact, owners of the college.

Buildings and equipment are essential to any institution. A college must have books, laboratories of many kinds, and other things of which most of us know little or nothing. There must be students and faculty—those who want to learn and those who are prepared to teach. These persons must be housed and fed. At present our college is facing the problem of heat, for the old power plant has served its day and must soon go the way of all junk.

Many of our people have contributed to our college. Some churches have met their quota on the Staley-Atkinson-Newman Memorial Foundation. But some have not. Our college really needs immediate aid.

Therefore, we recommend:

1. That all churches pay as soon as possible the quota suggested for the Memorial Fund, and more if possible; and
2. That all churches seriously try to pay all apportionments for the college during the coming year; and
3. That pastors, leaders and members do their best to direct the young people of our churches to Elon College for their college training.

Rev. Earl Farrell requests a letter of transfer to the N. C. and Virginia Conference. We recommend the granting of his request.

Rev. W. W. Hall of the N. C. and Virginia Conference wishes to transfer his membership to this conference. We recommend his reception pending his letter of transfer.

Brother Fred Allred of the Pleasant Ridge Church asks for admission into the Biblical Class. We recommend such admission and are happy to note that he anticipates entering Elon soon.

Brother Martin Fogleman is in his second year at Elon. His progress is praiseworthy. We recommend his continuance in the Biblical Class.

We recommend that Brother Roy Harper of this church continue in the Biblical Class and that he be given a certificate showing his status in the conference.

E. CARL BRADY,  
F. C. LESTER.

Pending the adoption of the report Dr. L. E. Smith addressed the Conference speaking in behalf of the some of the needs of Elon College. Following his address the report was adopted.

Superintendent Charles D. Johnston told about the work and needs of our Christian Orphanage.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by Rev. E. Carl Brady and adopted as follows, and the officers were declared elected:

#### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

We recommend the following:

*President*—Geo. T. Gunter.

*Vice President*—Rev. B. J. Earp.

*Secretary*—Mrs. F. C. Lester.

*Assistant Secretary*—Rev. M. A. Pollard.

*Treasurer*—Cyrus Shoffner.

*Representatives on N. C. Council of Churches*—Rev. G. C. Crutchfield, Cyrus Shoffner.

*Delegates to Southern Convention*—J. F. Hill, Rt. 2, Albemarle (Albemarle); Miss Flossie Bray, Bennett (Pleasant Grove); Homer J. Cochrane, Ether (Ether); Mrs. B. P. Moffitt, Rt. 5, High Point (High Point); C. Fred Allred, Box 84, Ramseur (Pleasant Ridge); Miss Nancy Lou Farlow, R. 1, Sophia (Pleasant Ridge); Mrs. Orva Brown, 967 Straight St., Asheboro (Asheboro); O. W. Parks, Seagrove.

We recommend that the Executive Committee of Conference, on nomination of the churches, complete the list of delegates to the Southern Convention.

E. CARL BRADY,

W. H. FREEMAN.

The report of the Committee on Finance was presented as follows by Rev. A. L. Lucas, chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We have examined the books of the Treasurer and find them to balance.

We recommend that \$50.00 be paid to the North Carolina Council of Churches.

We recommend that \$35.00 be paid to our Conference Secretary for his services and expenses.

We recommend that \$10.00 be paid to our Treasurer for services and expenses.

We recommended that the needed amount of ANNUALS be purchased to supply the Conference.

We recommend that the sum of \$10.00 be paid to Rev. Carl Grimm, minister of the Evangelical and Reformed Church for services rendered to this Conference.

We recommend that the Lambert Printing Co., Asheboro, N. C., be paid \$6.00 for printing Conference programs.

A. L. LUCAS,

PARK W. FISHER,

ALFRED G. PLYLER.

While the report was pending, the following Treasurer's Report was read by Cyrus Shoffner, Treasurer.

#### REPORT OF TREASURER.

Balance in Treasury November 7, 1946 .....	\$ 815.35
Collected from November 7, 1946 to November 1, 1947 .....	211.43
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	\$1,026.78

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Lambert Printing Co.—For programs .....	\$ 6.00
Dr. John G. Truitt—Travel expense .....	10.00
Miss Louise Meebold—Travel expense .....	10.00
Southern Convention—Convention Fund .....	66.47
Geo. T. Gunter—Salary and postage .....	37.81
North Carolina Council of Churches .....	75.00
Jarrett Stationery Co.,—Conference seal .....	7.00
Rev. H. V. Cox—Home Missions, Shady Grove and Bennett .....	95.00
Rev. W. J. Andes—Conference Annuals .....	109.11
Geo. T. Gunter—Postage, mailing Annuals .....	3.56
Long and Long—Attorney's fees .....	375.00
Cyrus Shoffner—Treasurer's salary and postage .....	10.00
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	804.95
Balance in Treasury November 1, 1947 .....	\$ 221.83
Collected November 1-6, 1947 .....	503.39
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Balance in Treasury November 6, 1947 .....	\$ 725.22

CYRUS SHOFFNER, *Treasurer.*

The report of the Committee on Finance was adopted.

Mrs. Frances Cook, representing Church World Service and the North Carolina Council of Churches, told of the need for clothing and food and methods of collection of same.

W. H. Freeman made a supplementary report of the Nominating Committee as follows:

## SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

We recommend that Sybrant H. Pell be our representative on the Committee on Layman's Work in the Southern Convention.

We recommend that our representatives on the Southern Convention Executive Board be Geo. T. Gunter and Rev. E. Carl Brady.

We recommend that all ministers be delegates to the Southern Convention.

E. CARL BRADY,  
W. H. FREEMAN.

The supplementary report was adopted.

Rev. John Q. Pugh reported for the Committee on Place as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

We, your Committee on place, have received invitations from the following churches: Pleasant Hill and Pleasant Union. After due consideration, we recommend that the Conference meet with Pleasant Union for its next session.

JOHN Q. PUGH,  
L. M. PRESNELL.

The report was adopted.

Rev. M. A. Pollard presented the report of the Resolutions Committee which was adopted as follows:

## REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, recommend:

1. That we extend a rising vote of thanks to the Albemarle Church and pastor for their hospitality expressed in many ways, not the least of which was the bountiful food. We consider it a privilege to meet with such a church of unusual generosity, and we congratulate them for the years of fruitful service in the building of the Kingdom of God.

2. That we express our appreciation for the beautiful flowers which have added much to the Conference sessions.

3. That we express our appreciation for the efficient work accomplished by the officers of the Conference, and the members of the various committees.

4. That we thank Rev. and Mrs. James M. Hess, missionaries to India, for sharing with us their experiences as missionaries to India.

5. That the churches of this Conference seek to relieve the suffering and needy, not only by prayer but by gifts of money and material things so much needed in devastated areas.

6. That we encourage our young people and children to practice Christian Stewardship, give to missions and attend faithfully the worship services of their church.

7. That we endorse the work of the Convention's Committees on Spiritual Life, Evangelism and Stewardship.

8. That we commend the churches that have raised their apportionments in full for this act of faithfulness; and that all churches that have not raised their entire apportionments be contacted and urged to send in their apportionments to the Conference Treasurer.

9. That we endorse the Convention's "over and above" gifts per year as follows:

1. \$10,000 for Shaowu.
2. \$10,000 for Church Extension.
3. \$7,000 for C. W. V. R.
4. The Christmas offering for Superannuation.

M. A. POLLARD.

The president read a resolution of the Eastern Virginia Conference and a letter requesting that a similar resolution be adopted by the Western North Carolina Conference. Such a resolution was adopted as follows:

#### RESOLUTION REGARDING CONVENTION FUND.

Moved that the Conference memorialize the Southern Convention to increase the Convention Fund Apportionment to provide for adequate funds for all the operating expenses of the Convention Office and to cover the amount required for publishing "The Christian Sun," so there will be no transfer of any money from any other fund raised for the Convention, for these expenses, but all funds shall be used for the purpose designated in the appeal for support of the Convention apportionments.

Rev. F. C. Lester reported that twenty-six local church reports had been received, showing a net gain of three members, and per capita giving of \$15 per member for the year.

It was voted that we have minutes published in *THE ANNUAL*, secure 150 copies and distribute them on a pro-rata basis.

W. H. Freeman spoke concerning *The Christian Sun*, urging that our people subscribe to and read it, and that short, interesting articles be sent in to the paper by ministers and lay leaders of the Western North Carolina Conference.

It was voted that the completion of the minutes be left to the secretary and the Executive Committee.

The local church was given a rising vote of thanks for their gracious hospitality.

The retiring president, Rev. H. V. Cox, was given a rising vote of thanks for his services.

The new president, George T. Gunter, spoke briefly, announcing the members of the Executive Committee, other committees to be named later.



The conference voted to adjourn to meet on the Wednesday following the first Sunday in November, 1948, at Pleasant Union Christian Church at 10:00 A. M.

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was sung as the closing hymn.

The benediction was pronounced by Dr. L. E. Smith.

H. V. Cox, *President*.

GEO. T. GUNTER, *Secretary*.

### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Executive*—George T. Gunter, H. V. Cox, T. J. Green, M. A. Pollard, Cyrus Shoffner, W. H. Freeman, Mrs. F. C. Lester.

*Home Missions*—J. Q. Pugh, T. J. Green, Herbert Farrell.

*Foreign Missions*—M. A. Pollard, H. V. Cox, Vance Dorsett.

*Evangelism*—F. C. Lester, Fred Register, Alfred Plyler.

*Christian Education and the Ministry*—E. Carl Brady, J. Q. Pugh, F. C. Lester.

*Religious Literature*—J. U. Fogleman, A. L. Lucas, Arthur Cox.

*Superannuation*—D. R. Moffitt, B. H. Lowdermilk, P. E. Coble.

*Stewardship and Apportionments*—B. J. Earp, A. L. Lucas, Cyrus Shoffner.

*Moral Reform*—L. M. Presnell, P. M. Fisher, W. R. Jones.

*Ministerial and Church Relations*—W. W. Hall, H. V. Cox, Mrs. Troy Hall.

*Sunday Schools and Pilgrim Fellowship*—W. T. Madren, E. Carl Brady, Miss Frances Biles.

*Program*—George T. Gunter, B. J. Earp, Mrs. F. C. Lester.

### MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

*E. Carl Brady*—Not devoting full time to ministry; number of sermons, 40; conversions, 3; members received, 0; baptisms, 0; prayers meetings held (?); addresses, (?); funerals, 3. Salary, (?).

*H. V. Cox*—Is not devoting full time to ministry; number sermons, 39; conversions, 7; members received, 0; baptisms, 0; prayer meetings held, (?); addresses, (?); weddings, 1; funerals, 3. Salary, \$624.51.

*G. C. Crutchfield*—Is not devoting full time to ministry; number sermons, 142; conversions, 4; members received, 4; baptisms, 2; prayer meetings held, (?); addresses, 6; weddings, 10; funerals 20. Salary, \$1,800.00.

*Ben Joe Earp*—Is devoting full time to ministry; number sermons, 81; conversions, 10; members received, 8; baptisms, 10; prayer meetings, 30; addresses, 10; weddings, 3; funerals, 5. Salary, \$1,500.

*Earl Farrell*—Is devoting full time to ministry; number sermons, 61; conversions, (?); members received, 8; baptisms, 6; prayer meetings, 1; addresses, 1; weddings, 1; funerals, (?). Salary, \$1,800.

*Park W. Fisher*—Is not devoting full time to ministry; number sermons, 27; conversions, 6; members received, 6; baptisms, 5; prayer meetings held, (?); addresses, (?); weddings, (?); funerals, (?). Salary, \$358.28.

*J. U. Fogleman*—Is not devoting full time to ministry; number sermons, 38; conversions, 4; members received, 4; baptisms, 4; prayer meetings held, 7; addresses, (?); weddings, 1; funerals, 1. Salary, \$575.

*Edward F. Green*—Retired.

*T. J. Green*—Retired; number sermons, 5.

*G. O. Lankford*—Retired; number sermons, 3.

*F. C. Lester*—Is devoting full time to ministry; number sermons, 60; conversions, 4; members received, 7; baptisms, 15; prayer meetings held, (?); addresses, (?); weddings, (?); funerals, 5. Salary, \$3,000.

*B. H. Lowdermilk*—Is devoting full time to ministry; number sermons, 190; conversions, 26; members received, 7; baptisms, 6; prayer meetings held, 8; addresses, 2; weddings, 12; funerals, 15. Salary, \$1,639.54.

*A. L. Lucas*—Is not devoting full time to ministry; number sermons, 45; conversions, 20; members received, 7; baptisms, 7; prayer meetings held, 15; addresses, 3; weddings, 4; funerals, 9. Salary, \$300..

*W. T. Madren*—Is devoting full time to ministry; number sermons, 72; conversions, 7; members received, 11; baptisms, 10; prayer meetings held, (?); addresses, (?); weddings, 2; funerals, 3. Salary, \$1,800.

*D. R. Moffitt*—Is not devoting full time to ministry; number sermons, 10; weddings, 1; funerals, 4.

*M. A. Pollard*—Is devoting full time to ministry; number sermons, 119; conversions, 17; members received, 17; baptisms, 17; prayer meetings held, 80; addresses, 8; weddings, 6; funerals, 16. Salary, \$2,600.

*L. M. Pressnell*—Is not devoting full time to ministry; number sermons, 142; conversions, 5; members received, 14; baptisms, 0; prayer meetings held, (?); addresses, 2; weddings, 3; funerals, 13. Salary, \$830.

*John Q. Pugh*—Is not devoting full time to ministry; number sermons, 65; conversions, 16; members received, 4; baptisms, 3; prayer meetings held, (?); addresses, 0; weddings, 0; funerals, 6. Salary, \$456.32.

*Fred P. Register*—Student; number sermons, 60; conversions, 12; members received, 17; baptisms, 9; prayer meetings held, (?); addresses, 2; weddings, 1; funerals, 0. Salary, \$1,500.

#### MEMBERS OF BIBLICAL CLASS.

*Martin L. Fogleman*—Student at Elon College.

*Roy Harper*.

# Proceedings of the One Hundred Twenty-Second Annual Session of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference.

BETHLEHEM CHURCH, ALTAMAHAW,  
ALAMANCE COUNTY, N. C.,  
NOVEMBER 11-12, 1947.

## TUESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The 122nd annual session of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met with the Bethlehem Church at Altamahaw, in Alamance County, N. C., on November 11, 1947, and was called to order at 10:00 A. M. by the President, Rev. Joe A. French.

The hymn and prayer were led by Rev. Thurman F. Bowers.

The roll of ministers and churches was called and a quorum was found present. The complete enrollment for the session included twenty-one ministers, and one hundred and five delegates representing thirty-four of the forty-six churches of the conference.

### ENROLLMENT.

*Ministers*—Revs. Mark W. Andes, W. J. Andes, James B. Allan, D. J. Bowden, G. C. Crutchfield, H. R. Clem, J. H. Dollar, Earl Farrell, Joe A. French, Stanley C. Harrell, J. L. Neese, C. E. Newman, Kenneth D. Register, Ferris E. Reynolds, H. Shelton Smith, W. W. Snyder, W. M. Stevens, Earl D. Weed, Mack V. Welch, and W. E. Wisseman.

*Licentiates*—Revs. Clyde L. Fields and L. P. Rippy.

### *Churches and Delegates.*

*Apple's Chapel*—R. M. Murrel, Mrs. John Troutman, Mrs. J. W. Payne, Miss Asa Busick.

*Asheville*—By letter.

*Belew Creek*—Mrs. H. C. Murray, Mrs. Emma Martin.

*Berea*—Mrs. Howard Gerringer, Mrs. W. L. Iseley.

*Bethel*—Mrs. Thelma M. Hooper, Mrs. U. L. Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. King.

*Bethlehem*—Minot Moore, Miss Jamima Sutton, Mrs. C. H. Gilliam, Claud L. Simpson.

*Burlington*—Mr. and Mrs. Garland F. Huffman, Mrs. W. W. Horne, Walter R. Sellars.

*Carolina*—Harper Dickens, Mrs. Isis Murray, Miss Betty Lou Councilman.

*Concord*—Miss Bessie Tate, A. Y. Allred, Miss Nellie Tate.

*Danville*—Mrs. Daniel Marshall, Mrs. Mable Toler, P. H. Ricketts, J. H. Hilliard.

*Durham*—A. J. Glenn, Mrs. D. M. Estes, Robert L. Vowell, C. E. Young.

*Elk Spur*—By letter.

*Elon College*—W. Howard Loy, Mrs. William T. Scott, George D. Colclough.

*Gibsonville*—

*Graham, Providence Memorial*—Mrs. W. H. Holt, J. A. Ingram.

*Greensboro, First Church*—Miss Effie Lowe, Mrs. O. H. Paris, Mrs. W. W. Tate, R. G. Moffitt.

*Greensboro, Palm Street*—Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Hall, Mrs. W. E. Hinshaw.

*Happy Home*—R. J. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Ellington, Miss Ruth Helen Gunn.

*Haw River*—Mrs. Ben Pearson, Albert Murray.

*Hebron*—By letter.

*Hines Chapel*—Mrs. Monroe Martin, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Iseley, Mrs. H. S. Lowe.

*Hopedale*—

*Howard's Chapel*—

*Ingram*—Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Carlton.

*Ivy Hill*—

*Kallam's Grove*—Mrs. Ralph McCollum, Mrs. Homer Simpson.

*Lebanon*—Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wells.

*Liberty*—E. J. Tuck, Burnette E. Bray, Jr.

*Long's Chapel*—Miss Sarah Douglas, Mrs. Sam S. Anderson, Mrs. Harvey Squires.

*Lynchburg*—W. T. Dunn, Mrs. Floyd H. Dunn.

*Mebane*—By letter.

*Monticello*—Mrs. J. E. Cumbie, Mrs. N. Glenn Walker.

*Mt. Bethel*—Mrs. Della Baker, Mrs. Claudia McCollum.

*Mt. Zion*—A. P. George, Miss Georgia Bradley, Mrs. Oma Iseley, Zeb H. Lynch.

*New Lebanon*—By letter.

*Pfafftown*—Mrs. Agnes Daub, Mrs. T. S. Scott.

*Pleasant Grove*—

*Pleasant Ridge*—Mrs. P. G. Fleming, J. W. Pegram, Mrs. C. C. Higgins.

*Reidsville*—S. J. Page, Mrs. Carrie Fields, Mr and Mrs. Kemp L. Smith.

*Rocky Ford*—

*Salem Chapel*—Miss Frankye Marshall, Mrs. C. Y. Fair, Mrs. John C. Crews, C. M. Marshall.

*Shallow Ford*—Miss Ethel M. Barber, Mrs. R. S. Crawford, Mrs. C. T. Iseley.

*Tryon, Erskine Memorial*—By letter.

*Union (N. C.)*—Walter H. Garrison, David O. Barker, Mrs. Preston Boswell.

*Union (Va.)*—G. W. Pollard, Mrs. C. E. Newman, Arnold Dunkley, Robert Murray.

*Winston-Salem*—Mrs. J. E. Brown, Miss Vearl Linville.



Rev. Kenneth Register presented the printed program as the report of the Program Committee. It was moved and carried that the printed program be adopted as the order of this session subject to such changes as Conference may find it necessary to make.

The report of the Executive Committee was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Executive Committee of the N. C. and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches, received a recommendation from the Conference Committee on the Ministry that Brothers Mack V. Welch and Allen L. Hurdle be ordained as Elders of the Conference. The recommendation was approved; and Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, Dr. W. T. Scott, and Miss Ruth I. Seabury were appointed to serve with the President of Conference, Rev. Joe A. French, as an ordaining presbytery to ordain Brothers Welch and Hurdle. The Ordination Service was held at Elon College, on June 18, 1947.

We recommend that this action of the Executive Committee be approved by Conference.

JOE A. FRENCH,  
KENNETH REGISTER,  
STANLEY C. HARRELL,  
*Executive Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the report of the Executive Committee be adopted.

The following visitors and new pastors were introduced to Conference and accorded the privilege of the floor: Dr. L. E. Smith, Rev. G. C. Crutchfield, Rev. R. C. Tappan, Rev. Earl D. Weed, Rev. James B. Allan, Rev. and Mrs. James M. Hess, Dr. W. W. Sloan, Dr. W. T. Scott, Mrs. Edna Cobb, Rev. H. E. Crutchfield, Miss Mary Walker, Rev. Ernest J. Arnold, Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer, Rev. Fred B. Eutsler, Rev. John B. Peeler and Dr. H. A. Fesperman. Mr. Peeler and Dr. Fesperman were fraternal delegates from the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The report of the Committee on Memoirs was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

Your Committee on Memoirs has no information of any death among the ministers or officials of our Conference during the year 1946-47. For this we are very grateful to God.

ELLIS N. CLARK, *Chairman.*

The report of the Historian was deferred because of the absence of Dr. C. E. Newman.

The report of the Treasurer was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF TREASURER.

1946			
Nov.	7	Balance in Treasury .....	\$1,578.26
	25	Received from Collectors .....	884.00
Dec.	19	Interest .....	3.60
1947			
Mar.	27	Interest .....	5.17
May	31	Long's Chapel .....	21.00
June	19	Interest .....	5.19
	17	Pfafftown Church .....	16.00
Aug.	25	Pleasant Ridge .....	20.00
Sept.	28	Burlington, First Church .....	115.00

Oct.	15	Mt. Bethel Church .....	13.00
	24	Salem Chapel .....	18.00
	30	Berea Church .....	22.00
	31	Greensboro, First Church .....	86.00
Nov.	1	Reidsville Church .....	55.00
	1	Burlington, First Church .....	135.00
Sept.	23	Interest .....	4.77
Total .....			\$2,981.99

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*Disbursements.*

Nov.	26	Draft No. 186—J. G. Truitt .....	\$ 10.00
Dec.	7	Draft No. 184—W. T. Scott, Supt. ....	117.00
	11	Draft No. 187—S. C. Harrell .....	60.00
	18	Draft No. 185—W. T. Scott, Supt. ....	10.00
Feb.	22	Draft No. 188—North Carolina Council of Churches .	150.00
Mar.	8	Draft No. 189—Virginia Council of Churches .....	50.00
Aug.	25	Draft No. 190—W. J. Andes, Treas. ....	171.60
			568.60
Nov.	6	Balance in Treasury .....	\$2,413.39
Balance Divided as follows:			
		Ministerial Loan Fund—1946 .....	\$ 497.25
		Interest—1947 .....	4.97
Total .....			\$ 502.22
		New Hope Church Sale—1946 .....	\$ 183.60
		Interest—1947 .....	1.83
Total .....			\$ 185.43
Balance Conference Fund—1947.....			\$1,725.74
			\$2,413.39

W. WALDO BOONE, *Treasurer.*

On motion the report of the Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Special Committees were appointed as follows:

*Finance*—W. J. Andes, L. P. Rippey, J. E. Cumbie, K. L. Smith.

*Place*—Mrs. J. H. Dollar, Miss Frankye Marshall, Mrs. Clyde L. Fields.

*Resolutions*—Mrs. O. H. Paris, Mrs. Mark W. Andes, Mrs. D. M. Estes.

*Press*—W. T. Scott, W. M. Stevens, W. E. Wisseman.

*Collectors*—Mrs. Edna Cobb, Mrs. Luther Iseley.

*Nominations*—D. J. Bowden, Mrs. J. D. Strader, J. H. Dollar, F. E. Reynolds, Zeb H. Lynch.

Pending the reading of the report on Foreign Missions Rev. James M. Hess of Madura, India, addressed the Conference on "Our Common Cause With India."

Mrs. James M. Hess spoke of the work being done by missions for women and girls of India.

Mrs. W. E. Wisseman spoke on: "All Together for Shaowu."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was presented as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

During the Pre-Easter season members of this committee prepared papers on the two following topics: "Why My Interest in Foreign Missions" and "How My

Church Emphasizes Foreign Missions." The first group of papers found place in a sermon, entitled "Being Filled They Spoke," which was printed in *The Christian Sun*. In each of the churches these committee members were located, we found active Missionary Societies, active interest in Foreign Missions by the Sunday Schools and the Church organizations.

Never before has Christianity had such an opportunity to enter the many open doors around the earth. They are calling for the best men and women that we have to come to their aid, and we are sending some of the best.

Shaowu, China, is on our hearts and we must help the Jacksons and the other representatives there. From our Convention should come \$10,000 for Shaowu this year and also an extra \$1,000 for the training of a student from Shaowu.

Our Foreign Mission Goal for Overseas Service for the Convention is:

ABCFM Regular .....	\$10,000
ABCFM Shaowu .....	10,000
ABCFM Shaowu Student .....	1,000
ABCFM Specials .....	300
ABCFM Reidsville Project .....	3,000
ABCFM Burlington Project .....	600
ABCFM Y. P.'s Project .....	600
Other .....	500

Total for Overseas Service .....\$26,000

To administer and promote this enlarged program here in the Southern Convention, it will cost us about \$2,275.00. Thus totally, we must raise for Foreign Missions \$28,275.00. Our Burlington and Reidsville Churches have their specials and they will give also to the regular channels. Therefore we must continue to enlist our people in all of our churches in the cause of Foreign Missions.

Keep posted by reading *The Christian Sun*, the *Advance*, the *Missionary Herald* and other publications concerning the work abroad. The Christian Church must undergird all work relative to peace if there is to be sincere and everlasting peace.

W. J. ANDES,  
MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN,  
P. R. RICKETTS,  
CLYDE FIELDS,  
J. E. CUMBIE.

It was moved and carried that the report on Foreign Missions be adopted.

In the absence of Dr. H. A. Fesperman who was to conduct the Devotional, Rev. Joe A. French led the worship service, using as his theme: "Have You Made Your Will?"

The Conference recessed for lunch.

Dr. L. E. Smith gave thanks for the noon meal, and pronounced the Benediction.

### FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference reconvened at 1:45.

Prayer was led by Rev. Clyde L. Fields.

It was moved and carried that the report on Stewardship be made a part of this afternoon's program, and that the evening program be dispensed with because of the unfavorable weather.

President L. E. Smith addressed the Conference on the subject: "Our College." This was followed by a general discussion on the needs of Elon College.

The President of Conference presented Dr. Stanley C. Harrell, President of the North Carolina Council of Churches. Dr. Harrell introduced Rev. Ernest J. Arnold, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Council of Churches, who spoke to the theme: "Uniting for Service."

The report of the Committee on Social Action was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION.

Because the coming twelve months, and especially the next four, will be crucial in determining the possibility of world peace and economic stability, our report is confined to a consideration of what is known as the Marshall plan of economic aid to Europe. In the eyes of the beleaguered peoples of western Europe, this is their one last hope of restoring a desperately sick economic organism. America's decision in regard to the execution of this plan is therefore of fateful importance.

In a historic address at Harvard University last spring, Secretary of State Marshall invited the nations of Europe jointly to take the leadership in determining the amount of economic aid that they would absolutely require as a whole in order to restore their productive capacity, and then to lay that burden of need before the American government. In good faith representatives of the European nations assembled at Paris to see what could be done cooperatively to comply with Secretary Marshall's sympathetic overture. Unfortunately internal dissension, provoked largely by Russia and her national satellites, prevented cooperative action on a total European scale. Nevertheless, sixteen nations succeeded in making a collective analysis of their economic needs. It is upon the basis of their requests, whittled down to a minimum by the State Department, that the financial program of the Marshall plan has been evolved. The plan calls for American assistance to the extent of \$15,081,000,000 over a period of four years.

Our Congress will meet soon to reach a decision on this far-reaching proposal. Candid realism requires us to recognize that the Marshall plan will probably encounter no small amount of opposition in one form or another. The European picture, indeed, is so black that few Congressmen who are not absolutely irresponsible will dare take the position that no aid whatever is necessary; yet a considerable number of them may try to reduce the amount of aid to a comparative trickle, to delay action until it will be too late to save the European economic order from irretrievable collapse, or to impose hamstringing limitations on the method of using the money provided. In other words, the tactics of the obstructionists will be cleverly designed to conceal their real desire to undermine the ultimate effectiveness of the Marshall program. Some, doubtless, will argue that our tax burden must be reduced; others, that a large amount of aid to Europe will be an overdrain upon our own economy; and still others, that the execution of the Marshall plan will throw out of control an already overinflated domestic market. The unfortunate fact is that there may be a grain of truth in these and other claims that will be advanced by our Congressmen.

In the heat and turbulence of debate, the public as well as Congressmen may easily lose sight of the paramount issue. What will happen both to Europe and to America if the Marshall plan is not adopted? This is the sixty-four dollar question. It must not be obscured or side-stepped in the din of argument and invective, or else a later generation may well accuse our leaders of atrocious blindness. If a constructive answer is not given to this question, our most competent observers predict at least the following consequences: (1) Europe's rapidly sagging economy will dissolve in a welter of chaos, and its impact will veer America toward ultimate depression; (2) the last vestiges of democracy in Europe will be destroyed in tortuous battle between Fascist and Communist factions; (3) a whole generation will become hostage to disease and death; and (4) the last stable elements of a tottering continental Christendom will be liquidated.

We shall make no attempt in this report to elaborate the more detailed meaning of these effects, except to remark that the current tobacco crisis in North Carolina, in which our farmers may experience a seventy-five million dollar reduction in income next year, is symbolic of America's interdependence with the Old World.



We Americans are now on the brink of making what is possibly as grave a decision as we had to take in regard to entering World War II. We churchmen are deeply involved in this decision, and we must not assume a neutral attitude toward it, as though Christian morals were not at stake. To their credit, the churches have a laudable record in their response to the needs of overseas war victims. Through their efforts, aid in the form of shoes, clothing, foodstuffs, and cash has been sent in large amounts. But a new phase of crisis is emerging, and it can only be met by quick and generous action on the part of the American government. A mass American consciousness of the imperativeness of the Marshall plan must be awakened. The churches, under the leadership of their ministers, must unite with other agencies in creating this all-important sentiment. If the public can be aroused from shore to shore, our representatives at Washington will be greatly encouraged to execute a plan of aid that will save Europe and her civilization from a dismal future.

Your Committee, therefore, offers a two-fold resolution: (1) that the Conference endorse the Marshall plan and commend it wholeheartedly to the conscience and support of all its constituent churches; and (2) that the Conference authorize and instruct its Secretary to convey to Senators Hoey and Umstead the following message: "The North Carolina and Virginia Congregational Christian Conference, in annual session assembled at Altamahaw, N. C., unanimously endorses the Marshall plan, and it urges you to give it your hearty support in the forthcoming special session of Congress."

Respectfully submitted,

H. SHELTON SMITH, *Chairman*,  
D. J. BOWDEN,  
C. SHANNON MORGAN,  
AUBREY TODD.

It was moved and carried that the report on Social Action be adopted.

The report of the Committee on the Ministry was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY.

In compliance with the recommendation of the Convention Committee on the Ministry, many of the churches of this Conference observed a special Sunday during the conference year, at which service the challenge of the Christian ministry was emphasized. This, together with other efforts directed to the same purpose appear to be bearing fruit. We recommend that pastors and church officials continue to bring to the attention of promising young people the claims of the Christian ministry; and pray that God may call them into his service.

After their graduation from Elon College last May, Brothers Mack V. Welch and Allen L. Hurdle made application to your committee for ordination. Both were recommended by churches which they had served as pastor. They passed excellent examinations before the committee, and were recommended to the Executive Committee of Conference to receive ordination. This was approved and carried out as set forth in the Report of the Executive Committee.

Dr. W. W. Sloan is Professor of Religious Education at Elon College, and has accepted the pastorate of Shallow Ford Church. Dr. Sloan is an ordained minister of the Presbytery of Dayton. He makes application for membership in this Conference. It is recommended that pending the receipt of his letter of transfer, that he be received and enrolled as a member of this Conference.

A Letter of Transfer of the ministerial standing of Rev. Mark W. Andes from the Virginia Valley Central Conference to the North Carolina and Virginia Conference has been received. It is recommended that Brother Andes be received and enrolled as a member of Conference.

Rev. Bernard V. Munger has accepted the pastorate of the Chapel Hill Church and requests that he be granted a letter of transfer of his ministerial standing to the Eastern North Carolina Conference. It is recommended that this request be granted.

Rev. C. Shannon Morgan is now a pastor of the Eastern Virginia Conference, and requests that his ministerial standing be transferred to that Conference. It is recommended that his request be granted.

Rev. W. Walter Hall is now pastor of our Albemarle Church and requests that he be granted a transfer of his ministerial standing to the Western North Carolina Conference. It is recommended that his request be granted.

Rev. Earl D. Weed, a member of the Bay Association of Congregational Christian Churches in San Francisco, Calif., is now pastor of our Asheville Church. His letter of transfer from the Bay Association to this Conference has been received. It is recommended that he be received and enrolled as a member of this Conference.

It is recommended that Brother Leonard P. Rippey be continued as a licentiate of Conference for another year, with the hope and expectation that he find a place of service with some of our churches.

It is recommended that Brother I. T. Underwood be continued as a licentiate for another year.

Brothers William T. Scott, Jr and Staley Sorrell are continuing their work as students. It is recommended that they be continued as members of the Biblical Class.

Brother Clyde Fields is now completing his sophomore work at Elon College. He has been doing acceptable work in the churches he has been supplying. Brother Fields makes application for licensure. After due examination, your committee recommends that his application be approved and that he be licensed at this session of Conference.

Brother Richard C. Cook, a member of the Third Avenue Christian Church of Danville, Va., is recommended by his church as a suitable candidate for the ministry. It is recommended that he be enrolled as a member of the Biblical Class, and that he take up with the Committee on the Ministry and his pastor, those courses of study which would qualify him for the Congregational Christian ministry.

Brother Bland Leebrick, a member of our Lynchburg Church, is a member of the freshman class at Elon College. He applies for enrollment in the Biblical Class. It is recommended that his request be granted.

Misses Melva and Sara Foster, members of our First Church of Greensboro, are students in religious education at Elon College. It is recommended that they be so recognized; and that Miss Melva Foster be recommended to the College for a tuition scholarship.

Rev. Ellis N. Clark has accepted pastoral work in the Eastern Virginia Conference, and requests that his ministerial standing be transferred to that Conference. It is recommended that Mr. Clark's request be granted and the letter of transfer issued.

Rev. G. C. Crutchfield now has the major portion of this work in this Conference. He has requested a letter of transfer from the Western N. C. Conference. It is recommended that pending the receipt of the letter of transfer that he be received and enrolled as a member of this Conference.

Rev. James B. Allan, a member of the North Association of the Florida Congregational Christian Conference, and pastor of our Lynchburg Church, has requested a letter of transfer to this Conference. It is recommended that pending the receipt of his letter of transfer that he be received and enrolled as a Conference member.

Rev. G. H. Veazey, a member of the Virginia Valley Central Conference, is now pastor of Long's Chapel and Belew Creek. It is recommended that pending receipt of his letter of transfer, that he be received and enrolled as a member of this Conference.

STANLEY C. HARRELL,  
W. MILLARD STEVENS,  
D. J. BOWDEN,  
H. R. CLEM,  
F. E. REYNOLDS,  
W. J. ANDES,

*Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the report of the Committee on the Ministry be adopted.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Nominating Committee presents the following to serve in the offices named for the Conference Year 1947-48:

*President*—Rev. Kenneth D. Register.

*Vice-President*—Rev. W. M. Stevens.

*Secretary*—Rev. W. J. Andes.

*Assistant Secretary*—Mr. George D. Colclough.

*Treasurer*—Mr. Russell Powell, 411 Woodlawn Avenue, Greensboro, N. C.

*Conference Representatives to Executive Board of the Southern Convention*—Ministerial: Rev. K. D. Register; Lay: Mr. Zeb H. Lynch.

*Representatives to the North Carolina Council of Churches*—Ministerial: Rev. W. J. Andes; Alternate: Rev. D. J. Bowden; Lay: Mrs. W. E. Wisseman; Alternate: Mr. W. H. Garrison.

*Representatives to the Virginia Council of Churches*—Ministerial: Rev. Mark W. Andes; Lay: Mr. W. T. Dunn.

*Home Mission Board*—Rev. W. M. Stevens, Chairman, Mrs. J. D. Strader, W. T. Dunn, Mrs. O. H. Paris, Rev. W. W. Snyder, Mrs. Howard Gerringer, Rev. Joe A. French, C. R. Wicker,

*Representative on Convention Laymen's Council*—J. Hinton Rountree.

Not enough church reports are in hand for your committee to make a complete list of nominations for delegates to the Southern Convention. We recommend that the Executive Committee of Conference be authorized to elect the Convention delegates from this Conference.

It was moved and carried that the report of the Nominating Committee be adopted and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of Conference for the nominees.

The Secretary cast the ballot as directed, and the President declared the officers elected.

The Conference gave place to the Conference Missionary Association.

Conference re-convened at 3:50.

The President requested Mrs. Walter W. Tate, Secretary of the North Carolina Woman's Mission Conference to report on the past year's work.

The Pilgrim Fellowship report was read as follows:

## CONFERENCE PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP REPORT.

The young people in the conference have progressed somewhat in the past year.

The Pilgrim Fellowship in this conference has not been accustomed to holding rallies, but they made a few changes this year. A Spring Rally was held at the Congregational Christian Church in Burlington, and it proved to be very successful. A large group of young people represented many of the churches in the conference. This was a week-end rally.

After the rally, a group of interested "P-Fer's" met in order to form what we called a "team." One of our projects for the year was to form teams of interested young people who would be willing to visit other Pilgrim Fellowship groups and be of service to them. Two teams visited several of the churches; one helped to organize a Pilgrim Fellowship at Elon, the other visited Spoon's Chapel and Pleasant Ridge.

A Winston-Salem District Rally was held last fall; the first of four held during the year. Seven churches are represented in this area. These rallies have aroused much interest and have brought about fellowship with a large number of young people.

A large number of young people were represented at Camp Hanes this past summer for a week of fun and fellowship together.

Some of the individual P-Fer's did much work in Student Summer Service work.



The individual Pilgrim Fellowship groups were very active this year. Greensboro held a retreat at Camp Nawaka. Burlington played an active part in the formation of the Burlington Youth Council.

Our part of the financial goal for 1946-47 was \$875.

The report on Pilgrim Fellowship was admitted to record.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

Great numbers of church people apparently do not understand the meaning of Christian Stewardship. The word implies money to most people—and nothing more. Stewardship is a spirit of living, of serving and of giving. It means the commitment of self to Christ; the giving of service through the church, with time and talents; the giving of substance. Stewardship means the consecration of self, service and substance to Christ and the furtherance of his cause. Helen Wallace says, "Christian Stewardship is absolutely fundamental to the advance of the cause of Christ throughout the world. Without the faithful stewardship of strength, time and talents there would be no Christian service. Without the stewardship of life and of money there would be no world-wide missionary enterprise. In short, consecration to Christ of all that his followers have is necessary to the progress of His task, and the greater the consecration the swifter the progress."

The great need of our church today is for a great forward movement to give the Gospel of light and life of the world. This can be brought nearer to realization by the members of the church becoming Christian stewards in the matter of worship, personal service and giving.

Your committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That a systematic program of Stewardship education fitting local needs be inaugurated in every church.
2. That churches seek to develop Christ-like giving by all, urging generous support for the Kingdom work and to relate each member properly to God.
3. That our churches encourage scriptural methods of finance. That tithing be recommended as a working scheme of proportionate giving by which we can make the principle of stewardship actual and living.
4. That our churches secure and make use of Stewardship literature made available by our denomination and other agencies.

W. E. WISSEMAN, *Chairman,*  
M. W. ANDES,

*Committee.*

On motion the report on Stewardship was adopted.

Rev. J. L. Neese made announcements relative to entertainment.

On motion the Conference voted to adjourn until 9:30 Wednesday morning.

Benediction by Rev. J. M. Hess.

#### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference met and was called to order at 9:30 A. M.

Prayer was led by Rev. H. E. Crutchfield.

Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

It was moved and carried that Dr. J. H. Dollar be requested to make available for printing in *The Christian Sun* the sermon scheduled for last evening's service, which was not held.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education was presented as follows:



## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Present trends in Christian Education are noticeably in the direction of a more down-to-earth course. The flare of a few years ago has faded and we are now in the midst of an effort to re-locate emphasis from methods to content of the central message of Christian Education. The present trend comes out of a sense of the inadequacy of both the content and the methods we have employed. While we stand upon a broader base than in the days before experimentation in the field of Christian Education, we are looking once again at the central figure—Christ—and are placing new emphasis upon the central message of Christian Education—the Truth He told, and the Life He lived.

We desire, therefore, to make the following recommendations to this conference.

I. We heartily commend the report of your committee to this conference last year and urge action upon its recommendations.

I. We commend those churches, Sunday Schools or other organizations that have sought to follow up the suggestions of the above committee.

III. We commend those Sunday Schools which have held, during the past summer, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, Supported summer conference programs sponsored by the Board of Christian Education of the Southern Convention, summer program of recreation under the direction of the church in its local communities, Schools of Leadership Training—inter-community or inter-denominational—and especially those churches which have given support and cooperation to the teaching of Bible in the public schools of their communities.

IV. As a means of helping the Sunday Schools of our churches to make their methods of presenting both the lesson materials and supplementary materials to the various age groups in a given school as effective as possible, your committee on Christian Education, together with the Field Worker of the Convention, prepare a questionnaire to be sent to all Superintendents, and pastors, asking them for their Sunday School set-up and procedure, and that as a result of this asking the committee seek to meet with church and Sunday School officers of local churches and groups of churches, and help them develop such methods and acquaint them with such materials as will bring greater interest and helpfulness to their schools.

V. That the Field Worker, Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, be asked to prepare and submit a full list of audio-visual and visual educational films, etc. to each pastor and Sunday School, giving the source of such materials and the advantage of cooperative use of such materials by groups of churches, or groups within the local church.

V. That we commend Pilgrim Press for the issuance of the Pilgrim Series lessons, especially for the Primary, Junior and Intermediate Departments, both for its Bible-centered content and the manner of its presentation. To enable our denomination to continue to prepare and publish an ever-increasing amount of this Christian literature, we request all our Sunday Schools to use this material, and request our churches to use our publishing house when purchasing church supplies—and to order well ahead of date of expected use to allow delivery by due date.

VI. We urge upon our constituency the necessity of taking and reading *The Christian Sun* and other church publications to the end that we may be well informed on the plans and programs of our church.

VII. That in view of our desire as churches, seeking to honor three of our great church leaders—Dr. W. W. Staley, Dr. J. O. Atkinson and Dr. J. U. Newman—by raising a Memorial Fund of \$100,000 with which to endow a chair in the Department of Christian Education at Elon College, and in view of the fact that many churches have not yet indicated willingness to pay their suggested apportionment, we urge each church and each pastor to give immediate attention to the matter of raising their full quota to this foundation, at the earliest possible moment.

Respectfully,

JESSE H. DOLLAR, *Chairman*,  
MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN,  
BERNARD V. MUNGER,  
JOHN GRAVES,

It was moved and carried to adopt the report on Christian Education as set forth above.

Mr. C. D. Johnston spoke on "Our Orphanage."

Supt. W. T. Scott led a Round Table Discussion of the proposed merger of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Dr. Scott was assisted by Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer, Rev. John B. Peeler and Dr. H. A. Fesperman.

Following the discussion the official vote of the Conference was taken relative to the merger. The vote was on two resolutions. The resolutions and the vote on each were as follows:

#### RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved that this North Carolina and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches hereby registers its decision upon the proposal to unite the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches into the United Church of Christ, in accordance with the "Basis of Union" dated January 22, 1947, by the following vote: Approved, 56; Disapproved, 1.

Resolved that in the event of the consummation of the union this North Carolina and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches hereby undertakes to continue the same relations with the United Church of Christ that it now holds with the fellowship of the Congregational Christian Churches. Approved, 56; Disapproved, none.

Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer addressed the Conference on the subject: "As Oft As Ye Do It Unto the Least of These," presenting the urgent need for European relief.

At the conclusion of Dr. Buschmeyer's address the Conference made an offering amounting to \$169.65 to the Committee on War Victims and Services.

Dr. Buschmeyer led the closing prayer and gave thanks for the noon meal.

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#### SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference reconvened at 1:45.

Prayer was led by Rev. L. P. Rippy.

The report on Religious Literature was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

There is so much that is good to read that it cannot be hard to make a choice. Reviews of books are given in all of our religious and church papers. These are safe guides to follow.

First of all then on your reading list, we recommend the Bible. Read it, in as many different translations as you can. Surely, it is the best spiritual food that can be found. Materials for daily devotions are in abundance and are very helpful supplements to Bible reading. We would recommend the following such booklets: *The Fellowship of Prayer*, *The Quiet Hour*, *Daily Devotions*, and *The Upper Room*.

*The Christian Sun* is also a must on our reading list, for it serves as a guide and a goal in the promotion of our work in the Conference and in our Convention. For information about our larger fellowship, we recommend the *Advance*. Unequaled in our missionary education and information, is the *Missionary Herald*. We recommend its use, especially among the missionary organizations throughout our North Carolina and Virginia Conference.

A magazine of interdenominational scope but of great value for personal devotion

or for general use in the home or church is *The Christian Herald*. It is highly recommended by your committee.

For our young people, *Pilgrim Youth*, continues to be the best in inspiration, in helpfulness, and in instruction. A good magazine for the church and home is *Children's Religion*. We recommend its use in the religious training of the child.

Unsurpassed in its field, is the *International Journal of Religious Education*. It is especially helpful for Sunday School officers, teachers, and administrative leaders. The monthly magazine, *Social Action*, deals with the social, moral, political, and economic trends of our nation and how these affect the religious life of our people. *The Seminar Quarterly* contains many helpful suggestions and good reading material for the minister.

We recommend, too, that all our church people read and become familiar with our mission study books for each year. "World Evangelism" is our theme of missions this year, and the full realization of the meaning of these words will bring us to consecrate our gifts and to make our prayers for the world-wide mission of the church.

We recommend further that our ministers become alert to what is good literature, thus helping to challenge their people to better reading and encouraging and promoting the best in religious literature.

DELLA C. SCOTT,  
ELIZABETH CHICOINE,  
FRANKYE MARSHALL,  
MRS. G. D. ELLINGTON,  
*Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the report on Religious Literature be adopted.

The report of the Committee on Men's Work was presented by W. T. Dunn, as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE LAYMEN'S COMMITTEE.

There has been a feeling for many years that the laymen of our church could and would do more if given an opportunity. This year we have undertaken to start a program for our laymen and to arouse them to greater efforts for the development of the Kingdom.

In April, Mr. Walter Graham, Director of the National Laymen's Fellowship of our church, met with us at Burlington, where we had more than seventy-five laymen and twenty-three churches represented. At this meeting we adopted an organization plan and since then have been working to get our local churches organized.

Our organizational plan calls for a chairman and a secretary from each church and then each conference is to elect a chairman, and these conference chairmen will work with the convention committee of five in the formulating of a program of work. Many of our churches have already selected their chairman and secretary, and we hope to have the entire group organized within a reasonable length of time.

We are stressing the fact that we hope our laymen will do something in their local church this year. The officers will receive literature from time to time, making suggestions as to possible projects for the local laymen.

We would like to recommend that our laymen think more seriously about the problems of the church, that we resolve to devote more time to doing the job in the local church, as well as attending conferences and other church meetings. We would like to urge that each layman group undertake one or more project in the local church. We would also like to recommend that they read the pamphlet by Mr. Montgomery, setting forth the duties of deacons, superintendents, teachers, and other officials of the church. Together we can and will do a better job by our churches.

It was moved and carried that the report on Men's Work be adopted.

The Conference Historian, Dr. C. E. Newman presented the following paper:



REPORT OF HISTORIAN TO THE NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA  
CONFERENCE AT BETHLEHEM, ALAMANCE COUNTY,  
NORTH CAROLINA, NOVEMBER 11-12, 1947.

Just a few miles from this place where this Conference is now in session, four of the most important enterprises of the Christian Church had their origin; *The Christian Sun*, The Southern Christian Convention, Elon College, and the first Home Mission Society. Here in Alamance County are the Christian Orphanage, Elon College, and the Executive Offices of the Southern Convention.

Bethlehem Church has had an important part in making history for the Church. Near this place, operating in the last half of the 19th century and in the early part of the 20th, was Gilliam Academy. Scores of young men and young women received inspiration and training for useful service in various spheres of life. Many of them were members of this Church. Among these was an humble farmer lad who later graduated at Elon College, studied at Johns Hopkins and Columbia Universities and for nearly four decades has been at the head of the Natural Science Department of Elon, developing it into one of the strongest of any small colleges in the south.

Bethlehem Church was organized in 1832 with thirty Charter members. Among these are the names of Allen, Brown, Coleman, Dickey, Gerringer, Hughes, Isley, Ireland, Love, Melvin, Tickle and Waynick. Rev. Alfred Iseley was the first pastor, who died in 1876. Rev. Albert Anderson, the second pastor, was born in Caswell County, North Carolina, December, 1810, licensed to preach at Bethlehem in 1857, and was pastor in 1879, when the present building was erected. At least nine sessions of the North Carolina and Virginia Conferences have met here; those of 1839, 1857, 1880, 1890, 1895, 1911, 1923, 1939, and 1947.

In my report of 1946, I stated that the Churches of this Conference were making material preparation to meet the needs of the post-war period. The cost of labor and material is delaying much planned improvement to our church property, but money is being raised to build parsonages, improve churches, and erect new houses of worship. From the best information available, there is being planned an expenditure in material improvements at least the amount of a quarter of a million dollars. The women of our Missionary Societies are doing a fine work. Besides raising their apportionments in full, they have given, in 1947, over fifteen hundred dollars to the Shaowu work in China.

The Christian Missionary Association is increasing its sphere of service. I learn that their planned budget for 1947-1948, will be an increase of about 100% over previous years.

In my 1946 report, I made two unfortunate errors. My attention was called to the same by my friend, W. E. MacClenny of Suffolk, who is an authority on Church history. I stated that in the early days of this Conference, the Churches in Eastern Virginia and in Tennessee were members of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference. I was right as to Tennessee. At the first Conference of which there is a record held at Union Meeting House, Alamance County, North Carolina, there were churches in Surry County, Virginia and in Southampton County members of this conference. Reverend J. D. Berry was assigned to the Surry County, Virginia circuit. In 1832 and again in 1839, the North Carolina and Virginia Conference met at Old Lebanon, Surry County, Virginia. At the New Providence Conference in 1837, a letter of admonition was sent to Mars Hill Church in Southampton County, Virginia, concerning trouble in that church. Some years later, Conference in Session passed a motion advising ministers and churches where more convenient, to transfer to the Eastern Virginia Conference. Mr. MacClenny informs me that the Eastern Virginia Conference was organized in 1816 and all minutes of sessions are preserved from 1819 to the present.

In 1946, this conference had a church membership of 9,738. A gain of 196 over the previous year. In the Sunday School, 6,512; and young people's societies, 1,093. There were 402 subscribers to *The Christian Sun*. The pastors received \$45,944, the average salary of those giving full time service being \$2,112. Grand total for all purposes, \$189,492. Value of church property, \$776,300, with an indebtedness of \$3,804. Amount of money contributed by each member, \$18.40.

C. E. NEWMAN.



It was moved and carried that the report of Historian be received and admitted to record.

It was moved and carried that a committee be appointed to investigate the condition of the cemetery in which Rev. James O'Kelly is buried, and that the committee make report to the next session of Conference.

The President appointed on this committee Dr. C. E. Newman, Rev. Mark W. Andes, Rev. G. C. Crutchfield and Rev. Martin Fogleman.

The Committee on Evangelism reported as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

For years in the annual sessions of our convention and conferences, we have been setting goals and passing resolutions regarding evangelism in our churches and the consequent winning of men, women and children to Christ and into the membership of our churches. But it would seem that we have been more out-spoken about having these resolutions printed than we have been in putting them into effect. The entire membership of this conference was asked to win 800 people to Christ and into the membership of our churches during the conference year now closing. I am afraid that we have not reached our goal—not because it is too high but because our efforts have been too feeble and too few.

We have an evangelistic gospel. We have an evangelistic church. The Christian Church was born in an evangelistic upheaval. When the Christian denomination was organized, our ministers felt that they were Evangs of a new Christian movement with a new emphasis on the old gospel, and they went to the extent of their means of travel and ability carrying this good news. Large congregations attended these meetings. Many were converted and churches were organized. The minister was the messenger of God then. The minister is the messenger of God today. If your church has not gained as it should, your minister is responsible. This responsibility must be laid at the door of the parsonage and on the heart of the minister. This is the purpose of his calling and if he fails, he fails. We must marshal the evangelistic forces of the Church anew if we are to win the world to Christ.

There are different ways of conducting evangelistic work. Different methods are employed but more depends upon the man than upon the method.

Evangelistic methods commonly used are: (1) Mass Evangelism, (2) Personal Evangelism, (3) Visitation Evangelism, and I am suggesting a fourth method—Graded Evangelism (Children, Young People, Adults).

#### Recommendations:

(1) That we authorize a simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign to be conducted in the churches of this conference.

(2) That the Lenten period beginning Ash Wednesday, February 11, and ending on Easter Sunday be designated as the period of evangelism in the churches of this conference.

(3) That we employ all methods of evangelistic endeavor mentioned above beginning with Graded Evangelism. It is suggested that a week be given to Child Evangelism including the Intermediate and Junior Departments in our Sunday School; a week to our Young People including Seniors in our Sunday School, Pilgrim Fellowship groups and Christian Endeavor Societies; and a week to Adult Evangelism. Each week closing with special evangelistic services on Sunday. Holy Week be given to Mass Evangelism, closing on Easter Sunday.

(4) That the Superintendent of our Convention, the Executive Committee of this conference, and the Committee on Evangelism be charged with the responsibility of setting up this program and of organizing the ministers and churches for this forward movement.

L. E. SMITH, *Chairman*,  
M. A. POLLARD,  
M. T. SORRELL,  
MACK V. WELCH,  
*Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the report on Evangelism be adopted.

The report on the North Carolina Woman's Mission Conference was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Session of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Conference of the Congregational Christian Churches met at the Burlington Church on October 7, 1947 with an attendance of about 300.

The Theme for our Conference was "Opening Doors."

Mrs. John T. Fesperman of Kannapolis, President of the Evangelical and Reformed Women of North Carolina, was the principal speaker. Her subject was "Opening Doors of Friendship." Mrs. Fesperman explained to us the work of "The Woman's Guild," which is the activities of the women of their church.

Rev. F. B. Eutsler gave a forceful message on Relief and Reconstruction in the war-torn countries of Europe.

Dr. F. C. Lester, who attended a recent meeting of our Foreign Missions Board in Burlington, Vt., gave an interesting talk on "Open Doors Around The World."

Our foreign study for the past year was on India, home study was on Christian and Race, and our Bible study was on "The Divine Fatherhood." For the coming year we will study for home and foreign missions "World Evangelism." Our Bible study will be on Matthew, with emphasis on the Sermon On The Mount.

During the year we sent Friendly Service Gifts to Franklinton Center, Elon Orphanage, Fancy Gap, Va. and to India. Overseas kits were also included in our Friendly Service Gifts.

Rallies were held on April 8, 9, 10 and 11. At these Rallies Miss Pattie Lee Coghill spoke on her recent trip to India.

The treasurer's report showed total disbursements for the year of \$8,479.48, and of that amount \$2,181.86 went to the Shaowu Mission as our Thank Offering.

We accepted the decision of the Convention and voted that our Thank Offering for the coming year go to help build a parsonage for the Convention Superintendent at Elon College.

The money received from Life Memberships and Memorials for the next four years will be used to educate in the United States a Chinese seminary student from Shaowu.

Our next annual Conference will be held at the Asheboro Church.

We feel that under the leadership of our President, Mrs. F. C. Lester, our Conference has made great progress during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. W. TATE, *Secretary*,  
VONGUE M. TATE.

It was moved and carried that the report of the work of the Woman's Mission Conference be received and made a part of the record.

A letter from Rev. J. A. Henderson was read, in which he expressed his appreciation of the invitation to take part in the Conference program, and his regret that circumstances beyond his control prevented his attendance.

By authority of the vote of Conference on yesterday, in adopting the report of the Committee on the Ministry, the President licensed Brother Clyde L. Fields, a member of the Reidsville Congregational Christian Church, as a probationer to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The report of the Committee on Apportionments was presented as follows:

## SCHEDULE OF APPORTIONMENTS—1947-1948.

	Convention Home Missions	Convention Foreign Missions	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Conference Fund	Per Capita Dues	Total Apportionment
Apple's Chapel ....	\$ 49	\$ 42	\$ 114	\$ 111	\$ 32	\$ 32	\$ 70	\$ 39	\$ 34	\$ 523
Asheville .....	11	17	21	22	6	6	12	6	8	112
Belew Creek .....	19	13	24	38	13	16	36	22	9	190
Berea .....	19	13	24	38	14	10	36	22	10	186
Bethel .....	18	18	60	60	10	10	20	12	14	212
Bethlehem .....	50	42	107	116	30	30	67	33	27	502
Burlington .....	146	418	2300	500	115	110	215	135	64	4003
Carolina .....	13	6	15	22	10	8	31	20	6	131
Concord .....	21	15	36	45	16	10	31	23	9	206
Danville .....	122	120	50	50	20	55	46	31	64	558
Durham .....	200	190	310	440	92	112	205	108	35	1692
Elk Spur .....	7	3	10	9	5	2	15	12	2	65
Elon College .....	139	130	207	352	71	70	160	77	35	1241
Gibsonville .....	24	18	37	50	15	20	42	25	17	258
Graham-Providence .	12	5	8	19	10	5	16	18	6	99
Greensboro, First ..	172	163	262	440	70	75	195	86	36	1499
Greensboro, Palm St.	37	36	100	95	20	18	37	23	21	387
Happy Home .....	41	34	87	90	30	28	56	34	22	422
Haw River .....	39	30	77	88	20	19	46	33	13	365
Hebron .....	20	13	27	40	10	10	21	22	9	172
Hines Chapel .....	25	25	50	50	15	20	30	25	10	250
Hopedale .....	14	8	17	26	10	8	21	20	8	132
Howard's Chapel ..	5	2	10	9	5	5	5	12	2	55
Ingram .....	57	48	125	136	32	28	67	46	17	556
Ivy Hill .....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	10
Kallam Grove .....	14	8	15	25	10	8	16	20	7	123
Lebanon .....	21	14	35	45	12	10	31	22	11	201
Liberty .....	21	14	32	45	14	10	31	23	16	206
Long's Chapel .....	27	20	47	58	15	14	36	25	13	255
Lynchburg .....	27	20	47	57	16	14	41	25	10	257
Mebane .....	4	2	10	17	10	5	6	14	2	70
Monticello .....	15	8	20	25	11	8	26	20	7	140
Mt. Bethel .....	22	22	60	55	12	12	23	13	5	224
Mt. Zion .....	24	18	42	52	16	12	41	23	13	241
New Lebanon .....	36	28	72	80	20	18	41	34	15	344
Pfafftown .....	10	4	10	15	10	6	16	16	2	89
Pleasant Grove ....	31	24	60	65	21	22	46	28	21	318
Pleasant Ridge ....	15	8	20	29	12	6	20	20	4	134
Reidsville .....	68	58	157	160	25	40	86	55	44	693
Rocky Ford .....	7	3	10	9	5	2	15	12	2	65
Salem Chapel .....	15	9	20	30	10	6	31	18	10	149
Shallow Ford .....	31	24	62	66	16	16	52	28	16	311
Tryon, Erskin Mem.	40	33	80	88	26	20	52	33	16	388
Union, N. C. ....	36	27	69	80	26	18	58	57	26	397
Union, Va. ....	41	34	87	95	26	25	52	33	35	428
Winston-Salem ....	21	7	12	22	10	12	21	32	2	139
Totals .....	\$1787	\$1795	\$5046	\$3955	\$ 995	\$ 992	\$2222	\$1440	\$756	\$18998

On motion the report of the Committee on Apportionments was adopted as the schedule of apportionments for the churches for the conference year 1947-48.

The report of the Committee on Finance was as follows:

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Finance Committee, have examined the Report of the Treasurer and find it verified by vouchers and bank statement.

We recommend:

1. That the Secretary be paid \$50.00 for his services and \$10.00 for stationery and postage.
2. That the bills for Annuals, report blanks and programs be paid on receipt of bills for same by the Treasurer.
3. That \$200 be paid to the North Carolina Council of Churches, and \$50 to the Virginia Council of Churches for the support of the work they are doing.
4. In view of the extended efforts of the C. M. A., we recommend that the amount of the appropriation from the Conference Fund to the C. M. A. be left in the hands of the Executive Committee of Conference with power to act.
5. That \$500 be paid from the Conference Fund to the Convention Treasurer to be credited to the Scholarship Fund for students in divinity schools. (The \$500 voted at the last session of Conference for this purpose was not paid, but will be paid immediately.)
6. That the Conference pay \$15 to the Mission Board for the travel expenses of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Hess, and \$15 to Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer for his travel expenses.

W. J. ANDES,

KEMP L. SMITH,

*Finance Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted.

The Committee on Place reported as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

The Lynchburg Congregational Christian Church has extended an invitation to the Conference to hold the 1948 session in their church. We recommend that the invitation be accepted.

MRS. J. H. DOLLAR, *Chairman.*

MISS FRANKYE MARSHALL,

MRS. CLYDE FIELDS,

*Committee.*

On motion it was voted to accept the invitation and to hold the next session of Conference in Lynchburg, Virginia.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved that we express our deep appreciation to the Bethlehem Church, its pastor and his wife for the gracious way in which they have entertained the Conference; for the hospitality of Christian homes where our delegates have stayed; for the delicious and abundant meals they have prepared and served under difficulty but with great efficiency; for the beautiful flowers in the Sanctuary and for the fine spirit of fellowship which we have enjoyed.

Resolved that we extend our thanks to Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer and to Rev. and Mrs. James M. Hess for the information and inspiration they have brought to us and the contribution they have made to the program; and to all leaders and speakers who have helped to make this one hundred and twenty-second annual session of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference a success.



We appreciate the presence of Rev. John Peeler and Dr. H. A. Fesperman of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Resolved that we go on record as approving the state-wide clothing drive for the overseas relief in January, 1948, as announced by Secretary Arnold of the North Carolina Council of Churches, and urge our churches to give their full support to the project.

We recommend that we take seriously the report of the Committee on Social Action to the extent that we as individuals write to our Congressmen and Senators expressing our approval of the Marshall Plan and urging their support of it.

Resolved that we accept with deep regret the resignation of our conference secretary, Dr. Stanley C. Harrell. For twenty-five years he has given of his time and talent to this work and has rendered an invaluable service toward the efficiency of this Conference. We recommend that we record our grateful appreciation for his faithful sacrificial service and valued contribution and that we give him a rising vote of thanks.

Year after year we listen to reports and recommendations of the various committees, then all too often the end of the year finds little of that planning carried through. In fact we are beginning to realize that many of our conference committees function in name only, so much so that some of these reports have become meaningless. Feeling that it is perhaps the fault of the set-up rather than of the individual, we believe the time has come when we need to re-think the work of our Conference. We therefore recommend that the Executive Committee of this Conference, at its next meeting and thereafter, consider the possibilities of improvements that might be made for the good of the Conference, and for the efficient application of its program; and present suggestions of such changes at the next session of this Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. O. H. PARIS,

MRS. D. M. ESTES,

MRS. MARK W. ANDES,

*Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the report of the Committee on Resolutions be adopted.

The Eastern Virginia Conference passed the following resolution, and requested that it be presented to this Conference for consideration:

"Moved that this Conference memorialize the Southern Convention to increase the Convention Fund Apportionment to provide for adequate funds for all the operating expenses of the Convention Office and to cover the amount required for publishing *The Christian Sun*, so there will be no transfer of any money from any other fund raised for the Convention for these expenses, but all funds shall be used for the purpose designated in the appeal for support of the Convention apportionments."

The motion to adopt the Resolution was defeated unanimously.

It was moved and carried that when the Collectors have tabulated their receipts, that the Collector's Report be made a part of the record; and the amount collected for Conference Fund be forwarded to the newly-elected Treasurer, Mr. Russell Powell.

The Committee on Superannuation reported as follows:

#### COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

The Board of Superannuation seeks to serve the retired and disabled ministers and their dependents. It is fitting that we recognize the servants of our Church in the ministry, who through the years have given themselves to the service of our Churches on small salaries. We owe them a debt of honor.

The Board of Superannuation has effected a merger with our National Board of Ministerial Relief whereby our Board receipts are handled by the National Board and sent to those recommended by our Board. In addition to the regular quarterly

grants to the superannuates, there goes a special Christmas check, also. The Board further serves by providing special emergency grants to our ministers and their dependents in time of trouble.

The Board of Superannuation secures its funds through the regular Apportionment giving from our Churches and through the special Christmas offering. We urge our Churches to pay in full apportionment to Superannuation, and to take the special Christmas Fund offering, over and above the apportionment.

Your Committee from the North Carolina and Virginia Conference recommends the following for continued aid: Rev. J. S. Carden, Rev. C. E. Newman, Mrs. J. W. Knight, Mrs. H. T. Mofitt, Mrs. L. L. Wyrick, and Mrs. J. L. Foster.

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. FONVILLE,  
CHAS. D. JOHNSTON,  
L. P. RIPPY,

*Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the report of the Committee on Superannuation be adopted.

It was moved and carried that the minutes of this session of Conference be printed in THE ANNUAL; and that this Conference purchase 225 copies of THE ANNUAL for pro rata distribution among the churches.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Executive*—K. D. Register, W. M. Stevens, W. J. Andes, S. C. Harrell.

*Program*—K. D. Register, W. M. Stevens, W. J. Andes and pastor of host church.

*Evangelism*—L. E. Smith, M. V. Welch, Thurman Bowers, J. L. Neese.

*Ministry*—S. C. Harrell, D. J. Bowden, F. E. Reynolds, W. M. Stevens.

*Christian Education*—J. H. Dollar, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, John Graves, Miss Mary Walker.

*Men's Work*—W. T. Dunn, G. D. Colclough, W. B. Truitt.

*Social Action*—H. S. Smith, D. J. Bowden, J. A. French, W. H. Garrison.

*Ministerial and Church Ethics*—W. W. Snyder, H. R. Clem, C. E. Newman.

*Budget and Apportionments*—G. D. Colclough, W. E. Walker, J. L. Neese.

*Foreign Missions*—W. J. Andes, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, C. L. Fields, J. A. French.

*Historian*—C. E. Newman.

*Memoirs*—Earl Farrell.

*Stewardship*—W. E. Wisseman, M. W. Andes, A. H. Blalock, E. D. Weed.

*Superannuation*—D. R. Fonville, Earl Farrell, L. P. Rippy.

*Religious Literature*—Mrs. W. T. Scott, Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, Mrs. J. H. Dollar.

*Home Mission Board and Rural Church*—W. M. Stevens, Mrs. J. D. Strader, W. T. Dunn, Mrs. O. H. Paris, W. W. Snyder, C. R. Wicker, H. R. Clem.

*Pilgrim Fellowship*—Miss Tessie Zimmerman, Bland Lebrick, Mrs. M. W. Andes.

It was moved and carried that following the Devotional by Dr. H. A. Fesperman, that the Conference adjourn to meet Tuesday after the second Sunday in November, 1948, with the Congregational Christian Church of Lynchburg, Virginia; and that the Devotional constitute the closing service.

Dr. H. A. Fesperman used as his theme for the closing worship: "That They All May Be One."

The 1947 Conference was adjourned.

JOE A. FRENCH, *President.*  
STANLEY C. HARRELL, *Secretary.*

## MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

*Allen, James B.*—Received to membership at Conference.

*Andes, Mark W.*—Sermons, 72; members received, 22; marriages, 3; conversions, 15; baptisms, 5; funerals, 10. Salary, \$2,000.

*Andes, W. J.*—Sermons, 103; members received, 10; marriages, 6; conversions, 3; baptisms, 5; addresses, 18; funerals, 7. Salary, \$2,400.

*Bowers, Thurman F.*—Sermons, 130; members received, 38; prayer meetings, 50; marriages, 10; conversions, 50; baptisms, 32; addresses, 2; funerals, 9. Salary, \$2,950.

*Bowden, D. J.*—Professor at Elon College.

*Brooks, Arthur C.*—Teacher at Asheville Boys School.

*Carden, J. S.*—Retired.

*Clark, Ellis N.*—Sermons, 70; members received, 1; marriages, 4; conversions, 7; funerals, 15. Salary, \$1,200.

*Farrell, Earl*—

*French, Joe A.*—Sermons, 85; members received, 45; prayer meetings, 48; marriages, 16; conversions, 41; baptisms, 27; funerals, 9. Salary, \$2,790.

*Harrell, Stanley C.*—Sermons, 90; members received, 25; prayer meetings, 45; marriages, 9; conversions, 14; baptisms, 9; addresses, 9; funerals, 9. Salary, \$3,280.

*Hurdle, Allen L.*—Sermons, 44; prayer meetings, 15; funerals, 5. Salary, \$1,260.

*Jackson, Wm. P.*—Retired.

*Johnston, S. M.*—Retired.

*Moody, C. LeGrand, Jr.*—Chaplain U. S. Navy.

*Mueller, Robert C. H.*—Missionary to India.

*Murtfeldt, Frank W.*—Sermons, 46; members received, 17; conversions, 5; baptisms, 5; addresses, 6; funerals, 2. Salary, \$3,100.

*Neese, J. L.*—Sermons, 127; members received, 21; prayer meetings, 30; marriages, 4; conversions, 127; baptisms, 18; addresses, 5; funerals, 21. Salary, \$2,400.

*Newman, C. E.*—Sermons, 2; marriages, 11; funerals, 18. Retired.

*Register, Kenneth D.*—Sermons, 90; members received, 9; marriages, 5; conversions, 19; baptisms, 5; addresses, 2; funerals, 6. Salary, \$2,400.

*Reynolds, Ferris E.*—Sermons, 33; members received, 2; marriages, 1; baptisms, 2; addresses, 7; funerals, 4. Salary, \$1,000.

*Sloan, W. W.*—Received to membership at Conference.

*Smith, H. Shelton*—Professor, Duke Divinity School.

*Smith, J. Howard*—Sermons, 14; baptisms, 9; teaching and graduate student at Yale University.

*Snyder, W. W.*—Sermons, 102; members received, 22; marriages, 14; conversions, 43; baptisms, 22; addresses, 8; funerals, 10. Salary, \$2,080.

*Stevens, W. M.*—Sermons, 65; members received, 32; prayer meetings, 44; marriages, 24; conversions, 19; baptisms, 24; addresses, 30; funerals, 9. Salary, \$4,200.

*Todd, Aubrey C.*—No report.

*Veazey, G. H.*—Received to membership at Conference.

*Weed, Earl D.*—Received to membership at Conference.

*Wehrenberg, E. L.*—No report.

*Welch, Mack V.*—Sermons, 130; members received, 20; conversions, 51; baptisms, 23; funerals, 9. Salary, \$2,500.

*Wissemann, W. E.*—Sermons, 112; members received, 23; prayer meetings, 35; marriages, 24; conversions, 7; baptisms, 11; funerals, 12. Salary, \$4,200.

## LICENTIATES.

*Fields, Clyde L.*—Sermons, 75; members received, 12; prayer meetings, 2; conversions, 8; addresses, 2; funerals, 6. Salary, \$1,500.

*Rippy, L. P.*—Sermons, 6. Salary, \$22.50.

*Underwood, I. T.*—Sermons, 3.

## MEMBERS OF BIBLICAL CLASS.

*Scott, William T., Jr.*—Sermons, 5. Student at Elon College.

*Sorrell, Staley M.*—Sermons, 70; prayer meetings, 3; conversions, 65. Salary, \$450.

# Minutes of the Eighteenth Biennial Session of the Woman's Missionary Convention.

WHITLEY MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM,  
ELON COLLEGE, N. C.  
JUNE 17-18, 1947.

## *"Opening Doors"*

"Behold I have set before you an open door which no one is  
able to shut."—Revelation 3:8.

## TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Eighteenth Biennial Session of the Woman's Missionary Convention of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches was called to order by the President, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, at 3 o'clock.

Opening Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy."

Prayer: Mrs. J. Monroe Harris.

Enrollment of Delegates:

North Carolina Conference .....	57
Eastern Virginia Conference .....	35
Virginia Valley Central Conference .....	7
Guests .....	1

Total Enrollment .....100

The Convention voted to accept the Stay-At-Home Convention records as official for the 1943-1945 biennium.

The President paid a special tribute to all former Presidents in attendance at the Convention as follows: To Mrs. J. Monroe Harris for her efforts in behalf of the first two Schools of Missions; To Mrs. John G. Truitt for her work in connection with the "Silver Anniversary"; To Mrs. Walter R. Sellars for her unfailing interest and spiritual influence throughout the years of the Convention's existence.

The Secretary was instructed to send greetings to Mrs. W. A. Harper and Mrs. J. A. Williams, former presidents who were unable to be present.

The Report Books were presented by the President, who stated that the drawings were done by Oscar Paris, the stencils were cut by Miss Melva Foster, and Dr. Wisseman "ran" the copies.

Mrs. M. T. Garren was requested to serve as official reader for the Convention.

Reports of the Conference Presidents were presented and accepted as follows:

## REPORT OF THE EASTERN VIRGINIA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

We would like to begin our Conference report with a word of thanks and commendation to the officers of our Conference who retired from office last October, for this report is largely a report of their work.

We feel gratified to report that in the forty societies of our Conference we have grown in attendance and giving. Our gifts for the biennium total \$16,223.59 which is an increase of \$2,792.69 over the last biennium. A more detailed report of our conference activities may be found in other reports. Those who have been chiefly re-



sponsible for this increase are our former president, Mrs. J. Frank Morgan and our District Superintendents, Mrs. J. Rollie Gayle, Mrs. William T. Harrell—Suffolk District; Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Mrs. Walter Seeley—Waverly District; Mrs. Frank H. Lewis, Mrs. W. B. Williams—Norfolk District, who have given unstintingly of their time and talents.

Our District Rallies and Conference programs have been fine, well attended, and have contained very inspiring reports. The speakers who have encouraged and challenged us in our work have been Mrs. J. Frank Morgan, Rev. Richard L. Jackson, Mrs. Richard L. Jackson, Mrs. Robert C. Chandler, Mrs. Howard Stone Anderson, and Miss Pattie Lee Coghill.

The members of our Conference are conscious of the opportunity to serve our Lord, and fellowman, through the several departments of our Convention. Worship, Education, Giving, Service, and Fellowship, and pray that we may receive spiritual strength, courage, and willingness to serve in responsible places. Paul challenges us through his letter to the Romans, 12th Chapter and first verse, "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. JOHN G. TRUITT, *President,*  
*Eastern Virginia Conference.*

#### REPORT OF THE VIRGINIA VALLEY CENTRAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

There are twenty churches of our denomination in the Valley of Virginia with a total membership of less than twenty-five hundred. Within these churches only seven woman's societies were reported last year, with seven young people's societies, four junior and four cradle rolls. The overall picture would not seem too good. Maybe the Valley President's goal of four missionary societies in each church has been too high. But she still has not lowered the standard and we are hoping that this year may bring that \$1,000 - dreamed - of annual report from the Valley Woman's Conference Treasurer.

The nineteenth annual session of the Valley Woman's Conference was held at Bethel Church in July, 1946. The theme of that Conference was "Forward-Together-With Christ." Mrs. Guy Thelin, who with her husband and family is back in Foo-chow, brought inspiration in her message: "China Looks to the Future."

All reports showed progress in the Woman's Missionary enterprises. Many societies reported Friendly Service work for War Victims and other projects. There was an increase in Life Memberships and Memorials. Study books had been presented and interesting worship programs arranged. Most societies observed the World Day of Prayer. One most encouraging note in the treasurer's report is that much of this year's offering, both in dues and Thank Offering, comes from young people's groups. The hope of missionary work lies in the interest of our young people since they are our Future Church.

The five districts of the Valley have long anticipated a visit from Miss Pattie Lee Coghill and she is the scheduled speaker for the Rallies, June 8-9-10, held a bit late in order to have her bring the wonderful message that will mean much to missionary work in the Valley.

It is felt that a progressive step was made when the Valley women voted last year to hold their conference in early September rather than in July, thus putting them in much better line with Convention schedules.

We feel that we have come a long way in our missionary work during the last biennium. At least two new societies have been organized this year. But much remains to be done.

The Woman's Missionary Conference of the Valley has taken seriously its responsibility to Christ, means to make the best of its opportunity for service in the field of Missions and to put into practice its last Conference theme: "Forward—Together—With Christ."

Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. ROBERT A. WHITTEN, *President,*  
*Valley Virginia Central Conference.*

## REPORT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

It is with a feeling of "pride and joy" that I report for North Carolina. Since our last report to the Convention, we have enjoyed four years of progress under the capable leadership of Mrs. Jerry D. Strader of Burlington, and through the sacrificial efforts of the members of our local societies.

Our achievements in the various fields will be reported by the departmental superintendents. In spite of difficulties and tragedies caused by war, there has been a growing feeling of "oneness" on the part of our women, and an increasing desire to accomplish great things for the Kingdom of God. Our study, our worship, our gifts, and our fellowship have broadened our horizons, deepened our individual spiritual lives, and brought success to our joint efforts.

In order to keep the record complete, these items are given from the annual conference report:

- 1942-43—Conference held in Greensboro; speaker, Miss Pattie Lee Coghill; total giving, \$5,888.28.
- 1943-44—Conference held in Durham; speaker, Mrs. Robert E. Chandler; total giving, \$6,183.20.
- 1944-45—Conference held in Elon College; speakers, Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Jackson; total giving, \$7,183.24.
- 1945-46—Conference held in Raleigh; speaker, Mrs. Howard Stone Anderson; total giving, \$8,348.47.

The increase of \$2,460.19 in the total giving is a reflection of the increased interest on the part of our women.

In 1944, Mrs. Joseph Moulton of India was the speaker at our Rallies; in 1945 there were no Rallies on account of travel restrictions; in 1946 Rev. Charles L. Storrs of China was our guest speaker; and in 1947 Miss Pattie Lee Coghill reported on her recent trip to India at our Rallies.

Reports for the past year show that we have 60 women's societies, 10 young people's societies, 8 children's societies, and 13 cradle roll societies reporting to the treasurer. However, we have reason to believe that many young people's and children's groups study about missions and give to missions through their local Sunday schools and churches.

It is with a deep prayer of thanksgiving for the results of our efforts during the past four years, and with a hope that we may continue to grow in numbers, service, and giving that I make this report.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. F. C. LESTER, *President,*  
*North Carolina Conference.*

The report of the President of the Woman's Missionary Convention was presented by Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, and accepted with thanks, as follows:

## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE WOMAN'S CONVENTION.

I have looked back into the records of our Woman's Convention a bit to find out if our presidents give reports. I find that they have given addresses (and I shall do that, too!); and they have given reports to the Southern Convention. But I want to make a report to you, the Woman's Convention.

Part of my term of four years was during the war period when travel was difficult, so I did not attend as many of the conference sessions as I wanted to. I attended the Valley Conference once; the Eastern Virginia Conference once; the Eastern Virginia Rallies this spring; and the North Carolina Conferences.

I have written letters by the hundreds. My theory has been that the more women who know about our work, the more women there are interested, and the more we can do. So I have sent out countless letters and bulletins telling you many things about our work.

Because I was your president, I have taken part in three outstanding services of the Southern Convention. When the Jacksons and Miss Whitaker were commissioned at Waverly last spring, I spoke for the women of the Convention. When the Reidsville church commissioned their first missionaries, I was present again as your repre-

sentative and spoke for you. When our new Superintendent of the Southern Convention was installed at Elon College last summer, I again represented you and gave the charge to the Convention.

Three times I have attended the mid-winter meetings of the Missions Council in Cleveland, Ohio, taking part in the meetings of the Women State Presidents prior to the meeting of the Council. For two years I served on the Executive Committee of the Women State Presidents. Last summer I attended the meeting of the General Council at Grinnell, Iowa, and took part in the service of Dedication of the Woman's Gift.

Being president of the Woman's Convention means that automatically you become a member of the Mission Board of our Southern Convention, so I have served for four years on this Board. Last fall when the Mission Board was divided into three parts for more intensive work, I was asked to serve as chairman of the Promotion Division. This I have done for the past nine months.

Your president is also a member of the Executive Board of the Southern Convention which meets twice a year, and of the Executive Committee of this Board, which meets also twice a year—and sometimes more often!

During my term of office we have added three new departments to our work: Interdenominational Cooperation, Family Life, and Visual Aids. And our Recommendations Committee is suggesting in its report another office, that of Historian. As you listen to the reports of the Superintendents you will note how our work is progressing in all departments.

As I end my term as your president I am filled with mingled feelings. There is the feeling of relief that my job is ended; a feeling of regret that I was unable to do all the things I wanted to do, and all the things I did, better; a deep sense of gratitude for the high honor you gave me in electing me as your president, and for the wonderful way in which you have responded to my leadership; and a feeling of great confidence in the women of the Southern Convention and their ability to do great things for God.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN.

Reports of Departmental Superintendents were presented and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF FAMILY LIFE SUPERINTENDENT.

In November, 1946, I was asked to succeed Mrs. A. Greig Ritchie as Superintendent of Family Life. During the time that Mrs. Ritchie served, a number of books on various phases of Family Relations were purchased by the Eastern Virginia Conference and the North Carolina Conference. These books may be borrowed by churches for use in programs or just to be read by members of the local churches. The books may be secured from the Family Life Superintendent in each Conference.

Since my appointment, I have written three articles for *The Christian Sun*. One article called attention to a number of pamphlets published by the National Committee on Family Life and suggested that these pamphlets be distributed in our churches. In another article I recommended various ways that Family Life Week might be observed in our churches.

I have spoken at three programs held in observance of Family Life Week in Holland, Suffolk and Franklin.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. M. KIMBALL.

#### REPORT OF CRADLE ROLL SUPERINTENDENT.

Number of Cradle Rolls—Eastern Virginia, 24; North Carolina, 14; Valley, 7.

Number of Members—Eastern Virginia, 482; North Carolina, 341; Valley, 73.

Number having 5-week project in sharing for 4-6 years—Eastern Virginia, (?); North Carolina, 6; Valley, 2.

Cradle Rolls now organizing—North Carolina, 3.

Cradle Rolls through Sunday School—Eastern Virginia (?); North Carolina, 3; Valley, (?).

Number having annual Cradle Roll party—Eastern Virginia, (?); North Carolina, 7; Valley, (?).



Number having program for mothers at Cradle Roll party—Eastern Virginia, (?) ; North Carolina, 10; Valley, (?) .

Number having Circulating Library, or using materials—Eastern Virginia, 4; North Carolina, 3; Valley, (?) .

It has been the policy for the past two years to include material for the Cradle Roll parties in the Packet—a story for the children showing where part of the money in their mite boxes goes; recognition of new members; and program suggestions for the mothers.

The Board is familiar with the division of Cradle Roll into two sections: 0-3 years and 4-6 years of age. For both groups, of course, birthday cards, calls on parents of new babies, distribution of material for both parents and children have been recommended, at least, and especially have we recommended that material for the parents of new babies be taken when the visit is made.

For the older children, the emphasis toward missionary education has been through the five week project with the nursery age in Sunday school, i. e., not just giving the Sunday school offering one Sunday a month to some project, but rather having five or six consecutive weeks given to getting acquainted with children in need—in one spot, and coordinating this with some general Friendly Service project of the women—with the children bringing their box to the meeting—Christmas party, Mite Box opening, or whatever convenient in a given church.

1943—Migrant Children; 1041—Grant Hospital for Children; 1945—Indian Children; 1946—American Immigrant Children; 1947—Sari, Little Indian Girl.

We do not believe that the majority of Cradle Rolls have put their minds to this project and carried it through, and hope that more will take it up in the future. For the feeling behind this recommendation was that while children do not earn or understand money, they can understand how important to them are soap, tooth brushes, crayons, wash rags, etc., and want to share them with others who do not have these things that they can take for granted.

The recommendation for the past four years for a Circulating Library is gaining ground slowly; nearly all Cradle Rolls used some material. A good many subscribe to *Children's Religion*. It is an attempt to get material to mothers and children in our more isolated churches, and churches with limited budgets. The church cannot set up a central library, but someone interested can distribute materials. With as small an amount as \$10.00 a good start in books both for parents, and for children can be made, and one book can be used seven times over. Some progress has been made in this direction, but I believe, more in town than in the rural churches.

This report as a whole is very incomplete—Mrs. Holland knows of parties and rallies held which were not mentioned in the reports to her. North Carolina had no report for one year, and Mrs. Register was able to obtain only incomplete reports. For a report of the money we refer you to the Convention Treasurer's report. This is bound to be the most accurate.

We can say that there has been steady increase in both the number of Cradle Roll groups, in the total membership, and in material used for all three conferences. There has been considerable increase in requests for material, and the variety used. There is still a long way to go.

The Superintendent has enjoyed the work, and is sure the next Superintendent will, also.

Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. D. J. BOWDEN.

#### REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF CHILDREN.

It is difficult to make a statistical report, as many of our churches do not have organized primary or junior societies, but rely on their Church School organization to reach the children with mission units. Any tabulation would, of necessity, be incomplete; so such a report will not be undertaken.

Judging from the Conference superintendents' reports and word-of-mouth, and word-of-letter contacts, our children have been receiving instruction and carrying it forth into their play-work-study world.

A generation or so ago nearly every little girl was at sometime or other smitten with the desire to be a missionary. Did that happen to you? It did to me. I still wish



that I might serve in Africa. Our American Board is calling for recruits. No better place to begin than with our children. The two young people who have gone from us can serve as examples. Too few ministers, religious education workers, and missionaries have gone from North Carolina and Virginia. Let us make our children church service conscious.

I should like to direct my "resolutions" to mothers and grandmothers and others entrusted with the training and leading of children. Let us be resolved:

1. To teach our children the fundamental principles of our Church. In case you have forgotten them, they are to be found on the second page of *The Christian Sun*.

2. To read the Bible to them and with them. It carries the foundation of all our missionary endeavor.

3. To help them be discerning in racial and class matters. For us it is difficult to be free of prejudices, but may we strive toward understanding ourselves as we help our children in their contacts.

4. To find opportunities for worship or quiet times at home. The mission heroes and heroines make good subject matter for juniors.

5. To emphasize the importance of church attendance by setting a good example yourself. You and your husband, together, with your family, going to God's House.

May I say facetiously that when last I reported, I was among the "experts" on child training: old maids, great-grandmothers, and married women without children. Alas! I have fallen from my chair of expertness. Now I am a mother who is anxious, like you, to have my children learn the true meaning of the Master's command: "Go ye . . ." Over half of the children in our nation are untouched by religious training. May we go forth to find and save them. Yes, "save," for anyone who reads the daily press with its accounts of horror and crime among youngsters knows that our mission begins at home, literally and figuratively.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ROBERT LEE HOUSE.

#### REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUPERINTENDENT.

One of the very important phases of the work of the women of the Southern Convention is that of sponsoring the young people's work in the churches. No woman's group, no matter how well it fulfills all the requirements set for it, should consider itself to have succeeded unless some of its members (acting for the group) see to it that the young people in their church have opportunities for missionary education and expression. The extent to which the church women need to work at this will vary greatly from church to church: in the churches where there is a paid Director of Religious Education, the young people will no doubt have an active organization with a regular leader who works with the young people to plan their program. Here the women's society might need only to have a friendly interest in the group, help them when opportunity arises and suggest that the world mission of the church is a necessary element in any well-rounded youth program. In other churches where the minister and his wife are the only full-time workers, perhaps the woman's group could furnish the leadership for the youth group. Surely if the organization looks for opportunities to help the young people's program, many will be found. But what of the smaller churches where ministers cannot be present at young people's meetings or even offer much guidance, due to an already too-full program, living off the field, or other factors? It then becomes the responsibility of the women to take the initiative and see that the young people have some kind of program suited to their age and interests and that missions have a prominent place in the program. The Southern Convention Women believe that sharing the joys of Christian faith with the peoples of the world is a natural expression of Christian beliefs. What could be more important than inspiring youth of the Convention with the same zeal?

The channels through which the young people of our area work are varied and have been for many, many years. In parts of the Convention, there have long been organized missionary societies for young people, usually meeting monthly, following standards similar to those of the women, holding rallies for groups of churches yearly or twice yearly. At the same time and in the same areas, there have been organizations called by other names, many of which have fitted in with the missionary program and

contributed through the regular missionary channels. In some parts of the Convention there have been active groups in certain churches, but no strong Conference organization. In other parts of the Convention little or nothing has been done for the young people in the matter of a missionary program. (There are a large number of churches where there is no woman's work or special missionary emphasis as well.) It would seem that, while many churches have splendid programs for youth (either missionary societies or groups of other types which include missions in their programs), a great many have nothing more than Sunday School and church services. As fine as these two traditional services may be, they are not enough to meet the needs of modern youth in matters of religion. Young people need to meet together to discuss problems connected with everyday life; they need to see beyond the church which they attend and feel the bigness of the world church and have a part in advancing it; they need times of fun and fellowship under church auspices. Wherever it is at all possible, the church women should feel it their task to see that such a program is provided for the young people holding meeting weekly, twice monthly or monthly as seems best in the situation. Wherever there is no chance of having such a program, they should try to approach it as closely as they can. For example, if there is a church with widely scattered membership and a pastor who does not live on the field or near it and meetings other than the regular Sunday ones are terribly difficult, the Sunday meetings should be expanded to include more than a Sunday school lesson and preaching. When it isn't "preaching Sunday" why not have meetings for young people, juniors, young children and adults following the Sunday school? Here the emphasis could be on Christian living and the implications of Christian faith. Missionary education would be an important part of the program from time to time. And on some Sunday, why not bring picnic lunches and in addition to the special meeting have a time for fellowship with games by age groups and games for the entire group? Let it be the concern of the church women to study their own situations and work out a plan to enrich the life of their churches with particular emphasis on work for young people.

A dream of many of the Southern Convention Women has been realized in that we now have a person who is specifically responsible for young people's work throughout the convention. Miss Elizabeth Chicoine is now on the staff with headquarters at the Convention Office at Elon College. She is doing a fine job and will no doubt continue to do much to stimulate and aid youth work. However, the Convention area is a large one and she can only be one place at a time. Also, she cannot stay very long with any one group. It will therefore continue to be necessary for the church women to do their part in the youth program. Let each society survey the situation in its own church, see what needs to be done and start work in cooperation with the young people to do it. The young people should be encouraged to do as much of the planning and executing as they possibly can, but the older people are needed to give stability and guidance.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. A. GLEASON, JR.

#### REPORT OF LITERATURE SUPERINTENDENT AND CONVENTION EDITOR.

During the biennium the following have been done by your Superintendent:

1. The study themes have been promoted during each of the years: 1945-46—"For the Living of These Days." The Church Among Uprooted Americans; Africa. 1946-47—"The Lord Thy God . . . And Thy Neighbor." America and Race; India.
2. The North Carolina Conference was attended in 1945, and the Eastern Virginia, North Carolina, and Valley of Virginia Conferences in 1946. Packets were sold and aid given in the presentation of other literature.
3. Plan Books were prepared and mimeographed in 1945, containing suggested programs and activities for each month in the year.
4. Year Books were prepared and mimeographed in 1946, containing reports for the preceding year, directory of officers, and suggested programs and activities for each month in the year.
5. Packets of literature for use in the local societies were ready for distribution in August, 1945; 125 were sold at 50c. Similar packets were prepared and sold in the fall of 1946; 140 were sold at 75c.

6. Material concerning the following missionaries was sent out: 1945-46—Miss Angie Crew, Miss Hazel E. Barnes, Rev. and Mrs. Preston S. Hinderks, Rev. and Mrs. Richard L. Jackson, Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Gleason, Jr., and Elizabeth Morgan; 1946-47—Rev. and Mrs. Walter Tong, Rev. and Mrs. R. C. H. Mueller, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Moulton, Miss Frances L. Whitaker, Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Stanton, Rev. Edward Hawley.

7. Many letters have been answered concerning orders for study books, materials for various types of programs, information concerning our missionaries, and orders for various religious periodicals.

8. The Woman's Page in *The Christian Sun* has appeared more often than once a month, as originally planned. Material has been received from local societies, copied, and sent to *The Christian Sun*, and write-ups featuring various phases of our work have been prepared by your editor.

Before the biennium closes, it is anticipated that your superintendent will:

1. Arrange for a display of literature at the School of Missions.
2. Arrange for taking orders for study books for 1947-48 at the School of Missions, on the general theme of "World Evangelism."
3. Make preliminary plans for packets for 1947-48, in order that some materials may be available for sale at the School of Missions.

In the light of experience as your Superintendent of Literature for the past six years, and your Convention Editor for four years, I would like to make the following recommendations:

#### 1. Separation of Duties:

A. Superintendent of Literature to be responsible for preparation of packets, for presentation of literature at the Conferences and Convention, and for general promotion of the study themes for each year.

B. Convention Editor to be responsible for Woman's Page in *The Christian Sun* and for publication of the *Year Book*.

C. The selection and promotion of "Missionaries for Special Study" to be done by another person (or committee) appointed by the President of the Woman's Convention.

#### 2. Packet:

A. Available by August 1, if materials are published by then.

B. Containing all materials to be used by the women, including the devotional book and the home and foreign study books.

C. A separate packet for the young people, prepared in cooperation with the young people's superintendent and the Field Worker of the Convention Office.

D. The consideration of a separate packet for children's work, or the inclusion of this material in some of the packets prepared for a women's society.

E. The continuation of the plan to have definite programs and activities suggested for each month in the year.

#### 3. Woman's Page:

A. The publication on this page of only those articles which have been sent in by the editor of the page, so that the material can be well planned, edited, and have the proper "unity, coherence and emphasis."

#### 4. Missionaries for Special Study:

B. A reconsideration of this plan of learning about our missionaries with a consideration of: (1) Are there too many for study in one year? (2) Should we continue to study six, but keep the same six on our list for two years? Could a system be devised where we continue to study some of the missionaries for the preceding year, and add some new ones?

It is with a deep sense of the vast importance of the job to be done in the field of Literature, and with a keen realization of the many things which have been left undone during these years I have attempted to serve, that I submit this report.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. F. C. LESTER.



## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF FRIENDLY SERVICE.

Jesus told us many years ago that we are his friends if we do the things that he tells us to do and today he shows us new opportunities for service.

Every local women's auxiliary should consider it a privilege to contribute to one or more of the quotas of Friendly Service. This department was introduced to our Convention only a few years ago, but it has grown and interest has been demonstrated.

Your superintendent had a letter sent from the Convention Office to every local women's organization, with full details of the work and addresses to whom and where to send. This same information was printed in *The Christian Sun* for emphasis.

The quotas for the year 1945-46 were:

1. Migrant camps in North Carolina. Carroll County in Virginia.
2. Christmas gift packages for servicemen in hospitals here and overseas.
3. Clothing, food and money for the needy in war-torn areas.
4. Practically all local auxiliaries of every conference reported having done one or more of the quotas. I asked for a report of one hundred per cent participation.

For the year 1946-47 the quotas are:

1. Carroll County, Franklinton Center, India.
2. Every child in some Sunday schools.
3. The year will not close until October, so reports are not in, but great work is being done.

Throughout the years, the department has stressed books, toys, food and clothing to children in Carroll County, Japanese evacuees, Negroes, Indians, migrants in the United States and war needy overseas. Boxes for Christmas were sent to servicemen in hospitals both at home and overseas. Food, clothing and money have been sent to Greece, China, and India. Communion linen for chaplains, and also clothing, was made, and knitting for overseas for women and children.

May we, the women of the Southern Convention, show by our work that we are conscious of the need of our Friendly Service and each woman share her time, money and possessions with those less fortunate than herself, not only here, but in war-torn areas. The need is urgent, the call is to you.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HERBERT HARRELL.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SPIRITUAL LIFE.

As I make this report, I am particularly conscious of our purpose as an organization of Church Women, which is "to cultivate the spirit of Christ, beginning in our own lives and reaching out into home and community and the uttermost parts of the world" and I have never been more certain that the way to go about accomplishing this task is first of all to enrich our spiritual life. We feel this strongly, for the Spiritual Life Department has come to be of outstanding value in the work of the Woman's Convention. We have come to realize that Bible study and worship undergirds the work of the whole organization. Worship of God is *primary* and the following of our theme is *secondary*. As the devotional life of each woman is strengthened and enriched, will she find herself ready to meet the routine tasks and emergencies of each day, eager to share her spiritual experience and her possessions with others?

For our Bible Study in 1945-1946, we used "Christian Witnessing" based on scripture from both the Old and New Testaments. The number of societies and individuals touched by this course was gratifying.

This year, 1946-47, we have had an excellent study, "The Divine Fatherhood," also based on reference from both the Old and New Testaments. Some societies have taken this study chapter by chapter, perhaps in circle meetings, prayer meetings or monthly inspirational meetings. Others have had an all-day study. It has proven to be a delightful course tying right in with our home study on Race Relations.

Now, for 1947-48 we have a real treat in store—"Studies in the Gospel by Matthew" with special emphasis on the Sermon on the Mount.

The material is excellent; for an intensive study of Matthew you will want, for your leader, the textbook *Emmanuel* by Caroline Palmer, which gives ample material for ten or twelve lessons. If you want to concentrate on studies in the Sermon on the



Mount, you will need the text, "Thy Kingdom Come—Beginning in Me," which is an excellent study for those who use it in circle meetings or short devotional periods. There is also a Guide Book for each member, to be used in connection with "Thy Kingdom Come" booklet. These books sell for 25c each and may be bought here at the Literature Counter or may be ordered from Committee on Woman's Work, Henry Grady Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

I think we are most fortunate to have, at this School of Missions, one of our own ministers and Professor of Religion here at our College to present and teach this course—Dr. Ferris Reynolds—and I recommend that you talk with him about any problems you may have in your mind concerning this study.

I also recommend that you keep in touch with the Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York City, for books and leaflets that will be helpful for spiritual enrichment.

And now as I hand this Department over to a new Superintendent, I do so very reluctantly, for I feel that I am going to miss the rich experience of planning and close Bible study. It has been a source of great inspiration and guide for my life during these busy days.

May you never become slack or weary concerning worship and Bible study, for God is our source of strength and inspiration and real devotional living provides the motive for all the services and giving of your group.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. O. H. PARIS.

#### REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMORIALS.

For this department of our Woman's Convention we are pleased to report two good years. Through the excellent cooperation of all local societies each biennium has been better than the preceding one. For this biennium we make the following report:

*Life Memberships*—North Carolina, 57—\$570.00; Valley of Virginia, 7—\$70.00; Eastern Virginia, 73—\$730.00. Total, \$1,370.00

*Memorials*—North Carolina, 63—\$630.00; Valley of Virginia, 4—\$40.00; Eastern Virginia, 63—\$630.00, Infant Memorials, 4—\$4.00, Atkinson Memorial, 1—\$1.00. Total \$1,305.00. Total Certificates, 272; total Receipts, \$2,675.00.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN G. TRUITT.

#### REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION.

Since the creating of this department two years ago, one of the things I have done is to try to know the duties of the office. This being a new venture of the Convention Woman's Board, it has been mainly a job of making my own work.

I have established contact with the United Council of Church Women, and through this Council have had information about the three days of emphasis during the year—World Day of Prayer on the first Friday in Lent, May Fellowship Day on the first Friday in May, and World Community Day on the first Friday in November. To emphasize these three days, I have sent articles to *The Christian Sun* and letters to local presidents. At times I have offered assistance in securing programs and have sent out some programs, though I had only a limited supply.

At our North Carolina Woman's Conference last October, I prepared a group of materials and aids to present in a workshop on Interdenominational Cooperation, though no one came. This would have given me an excellent opportunity to promote the idea of this new department, and I was very sorry not to have an audience.

In regard to our proposed merger with the Evangelical and Reformed Church, the Convention has purchased a record, in which Dr. Blanchard of our church and Dr. Richards of our neighbor church discuss important issues in the merger. I recommend this highly to local societies, as it is an excellent recording. In this connection, I have attended as many as possible of the meetings in regard to our proposed merger, and have become acquainted with many people in the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

I have tried to keep informed on the latest developments by reading current articles and publications.

The local Council of Church Women has seemed to me an important consideration for this department, and therefore, I have tried to be active in our local council, as well as know about other councils. This council can do a great deal toward church cooperation and better understanding of all denominations. It could be a great force for good in any community, taking over many projects of need. I have tried to attend, also, sessions of the North Carolina Council of Churches whenever possible, and have read of the actions of the National Assembly of the United Council of Church Women in Grand Rapids. I subscribe to *The Church Woman* and feel it is practically a necessity for carrying out my duties.

This department has only started to scratch the surface. Many other duties could be added as it continues to be a part of our organization.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. J. ANDES.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AUDIO AND VISUAL AIDS.

The Committee of Audio and Visual Aids will have a brief report to make for the year 1946-1947. It is so new yet that it has not had time to function fully, and thus has only a few activities to report.

The audio and visual supplies of the Convention are kept at the Southern Convention Office at Elon College, North Carolina, and from that place they are sent out to the various groups which borrow them. In the matter of equipment, we have an "AAA" projector and a screen. Both pieces of this equipment are for use by church groups, also. The following aids may be borrowed from the depository with a service charge of \$1.00:

Colored slides on the life of Christ.

Colored slides on various Old Testament stories.

"In His Name and for Their Sake"—colored slides on our Post-War Emergency Program and C.W.V.R. This set has records accompanying the slides.

"Is Your Home Fun?"—black and white film-strip with accompanying records. Excellent for young people's meetings, Family Night, etc.

"Three Coat Men"—black and white film-strip showing healing, teaching, preaching lives of African missionaries. Accompanying script.

Pilgrim Series—black and white film-strip for use in promoting new Sunday School courses: Pilgrim Series. For use at Workers' Conferences, etc. Accompanying script.

"We, Too, Receive"—black and white 16 mm. film. Missions and their effect.

*All Aboard for Adventure*—true stories of missionaries, recorded by professional artists as dramatic skits:

Series I—"Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels," "The Christian Pig," "Robin of India," "Over the Hump," "Rongo Rongo," "On Foot to Freedom," "Under the Sea to Safety," "The Orphan of Sticky Pond," "Cannibals and a Christmas Carol," "Burma Surgeon," "Surgeon Under Fire."

Series II—"The Boy Who Went to School on a Cookstove," "The Real Victory," "The Race for the Iron Lung," "First Americans at Attu," "Building with Bricks," "Journey to Freedom," "My Little Brother," "Rescue from the Sky," "Why Can't Sammy Stay?" "They Built the Ships," "The Missionary Cow," "The Cow that Went to Sea."

Five records on work with returning service men—The Church's Opportunity and Responsibility, etc.

One record on the proposed merger with the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

One record of the 1944 General Council at Grand Rapids.

Nearly every week there is a request for at least one of our audio or visual aids. Women's societies, young people's groups, junior societies, Sunday evening services, Family Night suppers, Wednesday evening services, Sunday Schools—even public schools have made use of them. We feel that in proportion to the amount of supplies we have to offer, the people of the Southern Convention get a great deal in the way of education, inspiration, and information.

The newly-formed committee has also ordered some new aids:

"Improve Your Teaching"—51 slides showing common problems faced in an average church, with helps based on practical experience for use in large or small schools.

"Visual Aids and Their Use in Religious Education"—black and white film-strip—a general introduction to this subject.

"Twenty-third Psalm"—13 slides based on pictures of shepherd life in Palestine today.

"Visit to a Jewish Synagogue"—40 slides of a Sunday School Class which visits a synagogue in interests of fellowship and better understanding of our common religious heritage.

"God Who Touchest Earth With Beauty"—50 slides of a worship service showing the beauty of nature and its meaning.

"Small Rain"—38 slides—for use with Primary and younger Junior children. Reproduction of pictures with Bible verses from book of same title.

"Illustrated Hymns"—"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"—9 slides, and "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"—9 slides.

We have ordered these aids because we feel that slides and film-strips such as those above will have the greatest use. We have "calls" for them very often, and, of course, we dislike very much to be forced to say, "I'm sorry, but we don't have that!" Now, we'll be glad to answer, "Of course, you may borrow that. When would you like to use it?"

If we, as Christians, are vitally interested in helping the Kingdom of God to come to the earth, we must constantly be alert to find new and effective ways of teaching, of enlisting others, of enlarging our horizons, of presenting Jesus Christ as the Master. We believe that audio and visual aids have a part in this truly great program.

ELIZABETH CHICOINE,  
MRS. WM. T. SCOTT,  
MRS. J. D. STRADER.

Hymn for the coming year, "Father of Lights," was announced and sung.

The President appointed the following committees:

*Press*—Miss Frankye Marshall, Mrs. E. H. Stephenson.

*Recommendations*—Mrs. John G. Truitt, Mrs. W. J. Andes, Mrs. Herbert Harrell.

*Resolutions (Courtesy)*—Mrs. L. W. Stagg, Mrs. W. B. Williams, Mrs. C. C. Fonville.

*Resolutions Concerning Col. J. E. West*—Mrs. R. T. Bradford, Mrs. L. E. Smith, Mrs. Claud E. Eley.

*Nominations*—Mrs. S. C. Harrell, Mrs. O. H. Paris, Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle.

*Finance*—Miss Susie Allen, Mrs. J. Monroe Harris, Mrs. A. W. Andes.

The President urged registration for the School of Missions and Pastors' School—called attention to Mrs. Wm. T. Harrell's exhibit—and announced that Bay View Church (Eastern Virginia Conference) had cook books for sale in Exhibit Room.

Recommendations of the Executive Board were presented by Mrs. John G. Truitt, Chairman of the Recommendations Committee, to the Convention for information and study (to be voted on at a later session), as follows: (Note: See Wednesday's Session for final reading and adoption.)

*First*—That the funds received through the Life Memberships and Memorials Department for the next four years be used to educate in the United States, a Chinese student from Shaowu, recommended by Rev. Richard Jackson.

*Second*—That the Convention approve the addition of the following new Committees: Interdenominational Cooperation, Christian Family Life and Visual Aids.

*Third*—That the Staley Memorial Scholarship Fund be augmented by \$500 per year, instead of \$250, until it reaches \$5,000.00. This money is to come from the current funds of the Convention.



*Fourth*—That the Thank Offering this year, 1947-1948, be used to redecorate and refurnish the parlors at Elon College. The President of the Convention shall appoint a committee to study the needs and see that the work is done.

*Fifth*—That the Standard of Excellence be changed to a set of goals and revised accordingly.

*Sixth*—That the Convention approve the plan for pooling the expenses of the Women State Presidents for the Mid-Winter Meeting.

*Seventh*—That the Convention elect a Historian.

*Eighth*—That the Convention sponsor an annual School of Missions.

*Ninth*—That our Friendly Service Gifts for 1947-48 be sent to Franklinton Center and to Japan.

The Re-written Constitution and By-Laws, as prepared by the Revision Committee and approved by the Executive Board, was presented by Mrs. J. S. Rollings, Chairman, to the Convention for information and study (to be voted on at a later session). The major changes were spoken to by Mrs. F. C. Lester and Mrs. W. V. Leathers.

The session was closed with prayer by Mrs. W. R. Sellars.

## TUESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

Mrs. F. C. Lester presiding.

Hymn: "Father of Lights."

Prayer: Mrs. R. A. Whitten.

Miss Grace Storms, Boston, Mass., Children's Secretary, Congregational Christian Churches, was introduced to the Convention.

Mrs. Lester presented "A Worthy Daughter of a Lovely Mother," Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, President of the Convention, whose message, "Adversaries and Open Doors," was most timely and inspiring.

Miss Ruth Seabury presented the project for which the Convention offering was to be used. Seven young people from the Congregational Christian Churches in the United States are to attend the World Conference of Christian Youth, in Oslo, Norway, July 22-August 1, 1947, and the offering received will be applied on the expenses of these young representatives of our Church.

Hymn: "O Worship the King," was sung, as programs were distributed for the Memorial Service for Mrs. C. H. Rowland, first president of the Woman's Missionary Convention, led by Mrs. John G. Truitt.

The altar flowers were presented by the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Congregational Christian Church, Greensboro, North Carolina.

MRS. C. H. ROWLAND

1874-1946

### THE LIFE VICTORIOUS

It singeth low in every heart,  
We hear it each and all,  
A song of those who answer not,  
However we may call;  
They throng the silence of the breast,  
We see them as of yore,  
The kind, the brave, the true, the sweet,  
Who walk with us no more.

'Tis hard to take the burden up,  
When these have laid it down;  
They brightened all the joy of life,  
They softened every frown:  
But O 'tis good to think of them  
When we are troubled sore;  
Thanks be to God that such have been,  
Though they are here no more.



PROGRAM

Organ Meditation—Mrs. W. B. Truitt, Greensboro, North Carolina.  
Call to Remembrance:  
    “The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.”—Psalm 112:6.  
    “They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed,  
        but abideth forever. . . . As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the  
        Lord is round about his people from henceforth even forever.”—Psalm 125:  
        1-2.  
Invocation—Mrs. John G. Truitt, Suffolk, Va.  
The Supremacy of Love—I Corinthians 13—(Read Responsively).  
The Convention’s Tribute—Mrs. John G. Truitt.  
Solo—“Open the Gates of the Temple”—Mr. John R. Truitt, Greensboro, N. C.  
Prayer—Rev. Stanley C. Harrell, D. D., Durham, N. C.  
Hymn—“O God, Our Help In Ages Past.”  
Moment of Silence.  
Benediction—Rev. W. E. Wisseman, D. D., Greensboro, N. C.  
Organ Postlude—“Blessed Are Ye Faithful” - - - - - *Brahms*

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Hymn: “Love Divine, All Love Excelling.”  
Prayer: Rev. Frederick B. Eutsler, pastor of United Church, Raleigh.  
The President urged those in attendance at the Convention to enroll as  
Visitors for the School of Missions, if they could not remain for its sessions.  
The Treasurer’s Report was submitted by Mrs. W. V. Leathers, and  
adopted as follows:

TREASURER’S REPORT.

Biennial report of the Woman’s Missionary Convention of the Southern Conven-  
tion of Congregational Christian Churches, June 25, 1945 - June 9, 1947:

RECEIPTS.

North Carolina Conference:		
1945-1946 Women .....	\$6,836.17	
1946-1947 Women .....	7,398.41	
		\$ 14,234.58
1945-1946 Young People .....	\$ 409.70	
1946-1947 Young People .....	276.96	
		686.66
1945-1946 Juniors .....	\$ 222.65	
1946-1947 Juniors .....	202.15	
		424.80
1945-1946 Cradle Roll .....	\$ 163.55	
1946-1947 Cradle Roll .....	159.09	
		322.64
		<u>\$ 15,668.68</u>
Virginia Valley Central Conference:		
1945-1946 Women .....	\$ 564.58	
1946-1947 Women .....	529.40	
		\$ 1,093.98
1945-1946 Young People .....	\$ 228.88	
1946-1947 Young People .....	318.68	
		547.56
1945-1946 Juniors .....	\$ 16.53	
1946-1947 Juniors .....	9.50	
		<u>26.03</u>

# AUXILIARY BODIES

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1945-1946 Cradle Roll .....	\$ 7.85		
1946-1947 Cradle Roll .....	6.90		
		14.75	
			1,682.32
Eastern Virginia Conference:			
1945-1946 Women .....	\$6,156.72		
1946-1947 Women .....	6,132.65		
		\$ 12,289.37	
1945-1946 Young People .....	\$ 939.98		
1946-1947 Young People .....	977.50		
		1,917.48	
1945-1946 Juniors .....	\$ 510.10		
1946-1947 Juniors .....	491.81		
		1,001.91	
1945-1946 Cradle Roll .....	\$ 424.03		
1946-1947 Cradle Roll .....	465.80		
		889.83	
Gift of Garland Gray, Elon College Thank Offering .....		125.00	
			16,223.59
Grand Total for Biennium .....			\$ 33,574.59
Mrs. O. H. Paris refund on literature purchased for packets .....			5.00
Cash in Bank June 22, 1945 .....			45.38
Total Receipts .....			\$ 33,624.97

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Mrs. W. E. Wisseman—Postage .....	\$ 10.00
Norfolk Engraving Company .....	4.70
West & Withers—Premium on Bond for Treasurer .....	12.50
Mrs. Mattie Cox Parker, Treasurer .....	2,532.76
A. D. Pate & Co., Burlington—Stationery .....	7.75
Missions Council Contributions for expenses of Mrs. Howard Anderson, Nat'l Chairman, C. C. Women trip to England .....	15.00
Mrs. Leathers, Treas., Life Memberships & Memorials (savings) .....	250.00
Mrs. Leathers, Treas., Life Memberships & Memorials (savings) .....	930.00
Mrs. Mattie Cox Parker, Treasurer, S. C. C. ....	2,987.95
Mrs. W. T. Scott—Postage Thank Offering letters & materials .....	12.19
Mrs. Mattie Cox Parker, Treasurer .....	5,598.40
Mrs. Leathers, Treas., Life Memberships & Memorials (savings) .....	221.00
Mrs. Mattie Cox Parker, Treasurer S. C. C. ....	3,455.63
Mrs. Leathers, Treas., Life Memberships & Memorials (savings) .....	430.00
West & Withers—Premium on Bond for Treasurer .....	12.50
Mrs. Allan Gleason—Car expense, Board Meeting, Elon College .....	6.00
Mrs. W. J. Andes—Car expense Board Meeting, Elon College ..	2.50
Mrs. R. A. Whitten—Car expense, Board Meeting, Elon College ..	4.00
Mrs. W. E. Wisseman—Expense, Gen'l Council, Grinnell, Iowa ..	47.60
Mrs. W. E. Wisseman—Postage .....	10.00
W. T. Scott, Superintendent, S. C. C. ....	2,636.34
Mrs. John G. Truitt—Expense account, May, 1945-Sept., 1946 ..	13.65
Missions Council, 14 Beacon St.—Literature for packets .....	33.67
Missions Council, 287 4th Ave., N. Y.—Literature for packets ..	56.00
Pilgrim Press—50 copies Daily Devotions, Fall, for packets ...	2.00
Pilgrim Press—Devotional literature, Fall, for packets .....	5.50
Mayfair Cafeteria—Dinner, Committee Members, School of Missions .....	4.89
W. T. Scott, Superintendent .....	3,217.83
Gurley Press—Memorial Certificates .....	5.00
Mrs. Truitt—Car expense, Greensboro, Committee members ...	13.50
Mrs. W. J. Andes—Primer Union, \$1.80, Record, \$1.00 .....	2.80

Fisher Harrison Printing Co., Greensboro—Stationery .....	10.50
Harry's Flowers, Greensboro—Flowers for Mrs. Rowland .....	20.00
Mrs. W. E. Wisseman—Expense, Mid-Year Meeting, Cleveland .....	100.00
W. T. Scott, Superintendent .....	5,860.79
Mrs. W. E. Wisseman—Remainder expense to Cleveland .....	10.00
Mrs. Wisseman—Gift, S. C. C. Women for Mrs. McClintock ..	5.00
Mrs. Leathers, Treas., Life Memberships & Memorials (savings) ..	753.00
Mrs. Leathers, Treas., Life Memberships & Memorials (savings) ..	250.00
Mrs. W. E. Wisseman—Postage .....	10.00
American Coffee Shop—Dinner, Board Members, Henderson ...	9.00
Mrs. W. J. Andes—Car expense, Greensboro .....	1.98
Mrs. Wisseman—Car expense, Board Members for meeting at Henderson .....	6.00
Mrs. D. J. Bowden—Postage, Thank Offering letters & materials ..	8.00
Mrs. F. C. Lester—Car expense, Board Members, Henderson ..	6.00
Mrs. Wisseman—Supper, Board Members, Henderson meeting ..	1.95
Mrs. Lester—Grateful appreciation service, Year Book .....	25.00
W. T. Scott, Superintendent .....	3,095.42
Mrs. W. J. Andes—Expense, Suffolk, Recommendation Committee ..	10.00
Elon College—Pictures of Leaders for School of Missions ....	17.33
Mrs. Leathers, Treas., Life Membership & Memorials (savings) ..	341.00
Mrs. John G. Truitt—Postage .....	6.03
Mrs. J. S. Rollings—Expense to and from Greensbor, Chairman, Committee for Re-writing Constitution .....	11.99
Mrs. Leathers—Dinner, Committee Members for Re-writing Con- stitution .....	5.70
Mrs. Leathers—Expense, Greensboro, Committee for Re-writing Constitution .....	6.84
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	33,113.24

Balance in Bank June 9, 1947 ..... \$ 511.73

#### J. O. ATKINSON MEMORIAL FUND, LIFE MEMBERS & MEMORIALS.

Balance in Bank June 11, 1943 ..... \$ 121.99  
Accumulated Interest & Life Members & Memorials ..... 4,487.42

Balance in Bank June 9, 1947 ..... \$ 4,609.41  
Check previously sent to Harold Belcher, Treasurer, American Board .. 2,500.00

Total J. O. Atkinson Memorial Fund ..... \$ 7,109.41

This is to certify that on this the 9th day of June, 1947, there is on deposit in the American Bank & Trust Company, Suffolk, Va., to the credit of Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treasurer, the Woman's Board of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Church, \$511.73; Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treasurer, Atkinson Memorial Fund, \$4,609.41.

AMERICAN BANK AND TRUST COMPANY,  
By J. R. Vann, Cashier.

#### W. W. STALEY MEMORIAL FUND.

August 2, 1944, purchased United States Savings Bonds of Series "G" \$3,000  
leaving ..... \$ 34.09  
Gift of Woman's Missionary Convention ..... 750.00  
Interest on Bonds ..... 187.50  
Accumulated Interest ..... 10.31

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Elon College Scholarship Fund, 1945-46, Fleta Moffitt ..... \$ 75.00  
Elon College Scholarship Fund, 1946-47, Fleta Moffitt ..... 75.00

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150.00

Balance in Bank June 9, 1947 .....	\$ 831.90
United States Savings Bonds, Series "G" .....	3,000.00
Total Staley Memorial Fund to date .....	\$3,831.90

Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. W. V. LEATHERS, *Treasurer.*

We certify our records disclose a balance of \$831.90 to the credit of the W. W. Staley Memorial Fund as at close of business June 9, 1947.

THE FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND,  
By S. G. Howell, Ass't Cashier.

The Re-written Constitution and By-Laws was again read, several clarifying changes made, and adopted as follows:

# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONVENTION OF THE SOUTHERN CONVENTION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES.

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## ARTICLE I NAME

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Woman's Missionary Convention of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Incorporated, and shall be an auxiliary of that body.

## ARTICLE II AREA

Section 1. The area of the Convention shall be the same territory which is served by the Southern Convention.

Section 2. The constituent conferences shall be North Carolina Woman's Missionary Conference, Virginia Valley Central Woman's Conference, Eastern Virginia Woman's Conference, Easter Virginia Young People's Missionary Conference, and such other conferences as may properly be organized and approved by the Woman's Missionary Convention.

## ARTICLE III PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of this Convention shall be to promote and stimulate an interest in missions; to enlist its organizations in a fellowship of worship, education, service, and giving to undergird the general program of the Southern Convention as it serves the cause of Christ within its own bounds, and throughout the world.

## ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Officers, departmental superintendents, and members of standing committees shall be members of the Convention and entitled to vote.

Section 2. Officers of the constituent conferences shall be members *ex officio* of the Convention and entitled to vote.

Section 3. Holders of Life Membership Certificates shall be members of the Convention and entitled to vote.

Section 4. (a) Societies within the Convention are entitled to nominate delegates to the Convention.

(b) These delegates shall be elected by the Conferences.

(c) Each society is entitled to one delegate.

(d) Societies having more than twenty-five members shall be entitled to one delegate for each additional twenty-five members, or major fraction thereof, provided that no society shall have more than four delegates.

Section 5. Members of the Convention shall serve for the biennium for which they are elected, or until their successors are chosen.



## ARTICLE V MEETINGS

Meetings shall be held biennially alternating years with the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, at such time and place as may be designated by the By-Laws, or by vote of the Convention.

## ARTICLE VI OFFICERS, DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1. The officers of this Convention shall be a president, vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, historian, and editor.

Section 2. The departments of this Convention shall be Adult, Young People's Children's and Cradle Roll.

Section 3. The standing committees shall be Literature, Life Memberships and Memorials, Spiritual Life, Christian Family Life, Interdenominational Cooperation, Friendly Service, Visual Aids, and such others as the Convention or Executive Board may deem necessary to promote the purpose of the organization.

Section 4. (a) All officers, superintendents of departments, and chairmen of standing committees shall take office at the beginning of the biennium for which they are elected and shall serve for two years, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

(b) No officer, departmental superintendent, or chairmen of standing committees shall be eligible for election to the same office for more than two successive terms, with the exception of the treasurer and historian.

(c) Any vacancies in offices, departments and standing committees shall be filled by the Executive Board or the Convention President, to serve until the next session of the Convention.

(d) A nominating committee composed of five shall be appointed by the President at least three months before the regular sessions of the Convention. The committee shall make nominations for all officers, departmental superintendents, and chairmen of standing committees. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

## ARTICLE VII EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The Executive Board shall be composed of the Convention officers, departmental superintendents, chairmen of standing committees, and presidents of the constituent conferences.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the president, vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and treasurer.

## ARTICLE VIII FUNDS

All funds coming into the Convention shall be equally divided between home and foreign missions, after expenses are deducted, unless otherwise designated.

## ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the Convention on recommendation of the Executive Board.

## BY-LAWS

Section 1. *Time of Meeting.*—The Convention shall meet biennially, on Tuesday before the first Sunday in May, unless otherwise designated by the Executive Board.

Section 2. *Place of Meeting.*—The place of meeting shall be determined by vote of the Convention or the Executive Board, due regard being given to various areas of the Convention.

Section 3. *Convention Biennium.*—The fiscal year of the Convention shall be May 1 to April 30. Financial reports shall be of this date.

Section 4. *Duties of Officers and Departmental Superintendents:*

(a) *President.*—Shall have general supervision of the work of the Convention; preside at all sessions of the Convention, meetings of Executive Board and Executive Committee. She shall appoint all special committees and serve as an ex officio member

of all committees. She shall make reports to Woman's Board of proceedings of Executive Board and Mission Board of The Southern Convention.

(b) *Vice President*.—Shall perform the duties of the president in her absence and in case of her death or resignation shall become president for the unexpired term. She shall serve as Chairman of the School of Missions.

(c) *Recording Secretary*.—Shall keep minutes of all Convention sessions, meetings of the Executive Board and Executive Committee. She shall preserve in a permanent file all records and letters of value to the Convention, to be transferred to her successor at the close of her term of office.

(d) *Corresponding Secretary*.—Shall send notice of all Executive Board and Executive Committee meetings, and conduct the correspondence of the Convention and Executive Board. She shall deliver all files to her successor at the close of her term of office.

(e) *Treasurer*.—Shall receive all funds of the Convention and properly record same; pay all bills upon approval of the president; make quarterly and biennial reports. She shall make quarterly payments to the Mission Board of the Southern Convention of available funds for distribution, after deducting current expenses. The treasurer shall be bonded and her books shall be audited at the end of each biennium. At the end of her term of office all treasurer's records shall be turned over to the incoming treasurer.

(f) *Editor*.—Shall edit the Convention Year Book, and a page in *The Christian Sun*.

(g) *Historian*.—Shall compile a history of the Convention and shall keep it up to date by means of a scrapbook which will carry a copy of the minutes, clippings, letters sent out by the Convention, official Year Books, etc. She shall also urge the officers, departmental superintendents, and chairmen of standing committees to preserve a permanent file, to be passed on to their successors.

(h) *Young People's Superintendent*—

(1) Work through Conference Young People's Superintendents for promotion of missionary education with the young people (12 to 25) of each local church.

(2) Work with the Field Director in all phases of young people's work.

(3) Work with the Chairman of Young People's work of the Board of Christian Education.

(i) *Children's Superintendent*—

(1) Work with the Conference Children's Superintendents for the promotion of missionary education with the children (6 to 12) in each local church.

(2) Work with the Field Director in all phases of children's work.

(3) Work with the Chairman of Children's Work of the Board of Christian Education.

(j) *Cradle Roll Superintendent*—

(1) Work through the Conference Cradle Roll Superintendents in promotion of plans for cradle roll (pre-school children) in each local church.

(2) Stress the observance of Rally Day.

(3) Work with the Chairman of Children's Work of the Board of Christian Education.

Section 5. *Executive Board*.—(a) The Executive Board shall meet annually, and more often if needed. The time and place to be determined by the President.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to transact ad interim business, make effective the plans and programs of the Convention, and devise and execute measures for its growth and usefulness.

(c) At the written request of the President, a vote of the Executive Board may be taken by mail, which shall have the force and effect of a vote taken at a meeting.

Section 6. *Executive Committee*.—(a) The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President to transact ad interim business of the Executive Board.

(b) At the written request of the President, a vote of the Executive Committee may be taken by mail, which shall have the force and effect of a vote taken at a meeting.

Section 7. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting of the Convention. Also by a two-thirds vote the rules may be suspended temporarily.

A motion to amend the Constitution, changing the name of this organization to the Woman's Fellowship of Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, was lost.

Mrs. J. S. Rollings, Business Manager of the School of Missions and Pastors' School, reported enrollment at noon Wednesday as follows: Pastors, 23; Women, 126; Guests, 8. Total registration, 157.

Report of Finance Committee was presented by Miss Susie Allen, and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee Recommends:

*First*—That we accept with grateful appreciation the report of the Treasurer, as certified by Mr. J. R. Vann of the American Bank & Trust Company, and Mr. S. G. Howell of the Farmers Bank of Nansemond, Suffolk, Va.

*Second*—That the Treasurer be authorized to send to Mr. Harold Belcher, Treasurer of the American Board, a check in the amount of four thousand six hundred dollars (\$4,600.00) to be applied to the J. O. Atkinson Memorial Fund, thus making a total of \$7,100.00 in this fund. And that she be authorized, further, to notify Mr. Belcher that this fund is hereby paid in full.

*Third*—That the Goal for the next biennium be increased to thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00), divided as follows: Eastern Virginia Conference, \$16,500.00; North Carolina Conference, \$16,500.00; Virginia Valley Conference, \$2,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSIE ALLEN, *Chairman*,  
MRS. J. MONROE HARRIS,  
MRS. A. W. ANDES,

*Committee.*

Report of Committee on Resolutions concerning Colonel J. E. West was presented by Mrs. R. T. Bradford, as follows:

#### IN MEMORIAM. JUNIOUS EDGAR WEST.

On January 1, 1947, Colonel Junious Edgar West of Suffolk, Virginia, passed from this earth. It is good that the women of the Southern Convention pause for a few moments to pay tribute to the life and honor to the memory of this great and grand man. Colonel West was a man of strong character, determination and wide vision. He loved his church and through his faith, prayers and works, his great influence was realized in her various institutions; foremost in his heart and life was his love for missions, his devotion and loyalty to every cause of our missionary work have been unsurpassed.

In appreciation of the unselfish and magnanimous life that Colonel West lived we would pay our tribute of respect to this valiant leader with the realization that:

1. He was a Christian statesman. For many years keenly interested in things pertaining to State, as Lieutenant Governor, Colonel West was recognized as one of the leaders of the great Commonwealth of Virginia, at all times fearless and determined in his convictions for right and straightforward thinking. He was a legislator and a Christian gentleman.

2. He was a loyal and active church member. His influence and good works will live on in his own church, where for many years he was a member of the Board of Deacons and the beloved and honored teacher of the Philathea Bible Class. He was courageous in his thinking and loyal to his church at large. For many years he was a valuable member of the Board of Trustees of Elon College.

3. He was a great missionary leader. He was chairman of the Mission Board of the Southern Convention for forty years. His great vision, enthusiasm and interest were sources of great inspiration and help to those working with him. As chairman of the Committee that set up the Southern Christian Convention Home Mission Fund, he was an ardent supporter of the Christian Missionary Associ-



ation. Strong churches stand today as monuments to his faith and works. For a number of years he paid the entire salary of the pastor of the First Congregational Christian Church of Newport News, now one of our strongest churches. After the death of Doctor J. O. Atkinson, Executive Secretary of the Mission Board of the Southern Convention, Colonel West assumed an even greater responsibility and made a most valuable contribution to our mission work at a much needed time.

We, as a missionary group, are grateful for this great character, this servant of God. We miss his inspiration and enthusiasm, his good and wise judgment in our council, we reverence his memory and pray that his mantle will fall on others who may be worthy of such a noble heritage. May we strive to emulate the example of his life by carrying forward the great work to which he was so deeply devoted and to which he gave so much.

We recommend that this Convention send to his family an expression of appreciation and gratitude for his beautiful life of service.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. RUSSELL T. BRADFORD,  
MRS. LEON E. SMITH,  
MRS. CLAUD E. ELEY,  
*Committee.*

Mrs. Bradford moved that a copy of this report be sent to the family, a copy to *The Christian Sun* for publication, and incorporated in the records of the Convention. Motion carried and report adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions (Courtesy) was presented by Mrs. L. W. Stagg, and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Your Committee on Resolutions submits the following report:

1. That we express deep appreciation to the officers of this Convention for the advancement made in the work, and for the inspiring program of this session.
2. That we thank Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, our President, for her inspiring and challenging message, and to all others who contributed to the program of this Convention.
3. That we thank Elon's President for the use of the College buildings and grounds; Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Smith, Dr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Dollar and Dr. and Mrs. William T. Scott for their many courtesies.
4. That we thank the Woman's Missionary Society of the Elon Community Church for the reception and flowers.
5. That we ever hold in sacred memory the lovely and fitting tribute paid our first President, Mrs. C. H. Rowland.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. W. STAGG,  
MRS. C. C. FONVILLE,  
MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS,  
*Committee.*

The Recommendations of the Executive Board were again read by Mrs. John G. Truitt, Chairman of the Recommendations Committee, just as they were originally presented. Then she read them as recommended by the Executive Board to be changed, or substituted for the original. After much discussion, the report was voted on item by item, and adopted as follows:

*First*—That the funds received through the Life Memberships and Memorials Department for the next four years be turned over to the American Board, to help educate in the United States, a Chinese Seminary Student from Shaowu, recommended by Rev. Richard Jackson and approved by the Mission Board.

*Second*—That the Convention approve the addition of the following new Committees: Interdenominational Cooperation, Christian Family Life, and Visual Aids.

✓ *Third*—That the Staley Memorial Scholarship Fund be augmented by \$500.00 per year, instead of \$250.00, until it reaches \$7,100.00. This money is to come from the current funds of the Convention.



*Fourth*—That the Thank Offering this year, 1947-1948, be used to help the Southern Convention build a parsonage for the Superintendent.

*Fifth*—That the Standard of Excellence be changed to a set of goals and revised accordingly.

*Sixth*—That the Convention approve the plan of pooling the expenses of the Women State Presidents for the Mid-Winter Meeting.

*Seventh*—That the Convention elect a Historian.

*Eighth*—That the Convention sponsor an annual School of Missions.

*Ninth*—That our Friendly Service Gifts for 1947-1948 be sent to Franklinton Center and to Japan.

The report of Committee on Nominations was submitted by Mrs. S. C. Harrell, as follows:

*President*—Mrs. O. H. Paris, Greensboro, N. C.

*Vice-President*—Mrs. F. C. Lester, Asheboro, N. C.

*Recording Secretary*—Mrs. H. S. Smith, Durham, N. C.

*Corresponding Secretary*—Mrs. J. R. Darden, Holland, Va.

*Treasurer*—Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Suffolk, Va.

*Historian*—Mrs. L. W. Stagg, Norfolk, Va.

*Editor*—Mrs. W. J. Andes, Winston-Salem, N. C.

*Superintendent Young Young People*—Mrs. J. D. Strader, Burlington, N. C.

*Superintendent Children*—Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Greensboro, N. C.

*Superintendent Cradle Roll*—Mrs. Orva Brown, Asheboro, N. C.

*Chairman Life Memberships and Memorials*—Mrs. Wm. T. Harrell, Suffolk, Va.

*Chairman Spiritual Life*—Mrs. R. T. Bradford, Suffolk, Va. (Route 2).

*Chairman Literature*—Mrs. W. T. Scott, Elon College, N. C.

*Chairman Friendly Service*—Mrs. W. B. Williams, Newport News, Va.

*Chairman Christian Family Life*—Mrs. Robert Kimball, Franklin, Va.

*Chairman Interdenominational Cooperation*—Mrs. R. A. Whitten, Winchester, Va.

*Chairman Visual Aids*—Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, Elon College, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. O. H. PARIS,

MRS. H. S. HARDCASTLE,

MRS. S. C. HARRELL,

The report was unanimously adopted—the Secretary, upon request, cast the vote of the Convention for the Nominees—and the President declared them elected.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to all guests (faculty members and speakers) for their contributions to the success of the School of Missions and Pastors' School.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to our Retiring President, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, for her untiring efforts in carrying forward the work of the Convention, and promotion of the School of Missions and Pastors' School.

The new officers were installed by Rev. W. T. Scott, D.D., Superintendent of the Southern Convention, in an impressive service, the hymn, "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind," being used very effectively.

Closing prayer by Dr. Scott.

The Eighteenth Biennial Session of the Woman's Missionary Convention of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches was declared adjourned by Mrs. W. E. Missemman, Retiring President.

MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN, *President*.

MRS. J. S. ROLLINGS, *Secretary*.

# Minutes of the Twentieth Annual Session of the Virginia Valley Central Woman's Missionary Conference.

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ANTIOCH CHRISTIAN CHURCH,  
HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA,  
SEPTEMBER 2, 1947.

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Theme: "White Unto Harvest."

"Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."—John 4:35.

## MORNING SESSION.

The twentieth annual session of the Virginia Valley Central Woman's Missionary Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met at Antioch Church, Harrisonburg, Virginia, September 2, 1947, at 10:30 A. M. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Robert A. Whitten.

Hymn: "Christ for the World We Sing."

Prayer: Rev. S. E. Madren.

The devotional service was conducted by the Elkton group in charge of Mrs. S. E. Madren.

Miss Verdie Showalter welcomed the Conference and Mrs. Edgar Nelson responded.

The following ministers were present: R. A. Whitten, G. H. Veazey, R. E. Newton, S. E. Madren.

Visitors: Mrs. O. H. Paris, Greensboro, N. C., President of the Southern Convention Women; Mrs. C. A. Bolton and Mrs. John Croushorn, St. Stephens Evangelical and Reformed Church, Harrisonburg, Va.; Dr. W. T. Scott, Elon College, N. C., Southern Convention Superintendent, and Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Koon, Winchester, Va.

The following churches were represented: Antioch, 18; Bethel, 2; Leaksville, 4; Linville, 5; Mt. Olivet (R), 6; New Hope, 4; Newport, 2; Winchester, 19.

The reports of the District Superintendents were presented as follows:

### DISTRICT No. 1

There are four churches in this District, three of them having active missionary societies:

*Antioch*—Young People and Cradle Roll meet regularly, gave donations to War Relief, sent Kiddie Kits at Christmas, sent flowers, fruit and cards to the sick, observed World Day of Prayer and held a Thank Offering service, use the Packet and Study Books.

*Linville*—Women and Young People meet regularly, use the Packet and Study Books, collected clothing for War Relief, sent one Kiddie Kit, also sent cards and flowers to the sick, observed World Day of Prayer and held Thank Offering service.

*New Hope*—Women and Young People, Junior and Cradle Roll meet regularly, sent flowers and cards to shut-ins, observed World Day of Prayer.

The Spring Rally was held at Linville June 10 with Miss Pattie Lee Coghill as guest speaker.

MRS. S. E. MADREN, *Supt.*

#### DISTRICT No. 2

There are three societies in this District:

*Bethel*—Women's Society meets regularly with one public worship at the church, observed World Day of Prayer, twelve new subscribers to *Missionary Herald*, used study books.

*Mt. Olivet (R)*—Women's Society (new).

The Spring Rally was held in June with Miss Pattie Lee Coghill as speaker.

MINNIE D. HENSLEY, *Supt.*

#### DISTRICT No. 3

*Leaksville*—Women's Society, meet regularly, sent offering to Shaowu and War Victims and Reconstruction, sent one Kiddie Kit, one box to Orphanage.

*Mt. Lebanon*—Young People, meet regularly, contributed to War Victims and Reconstruction and Shaowu, also church building fund, eight *Christian Sun* subscribers.

*Newport*—Women and Cradle Roll, meet regularly, used *Missionary Herald*, sent one Kiddie Kit, sent cards to sick.

MRS. R. E. NEWTON, *Supt.*

#### DISTRICT No. 4

No report.

#### DISTRICT No. 5

This District embraces only the work in the two churches—Timber Ridge and Winchester. There are five societies—one Women's, two Young People, one Junior and one Cradle Roll. Reports are gratifying from these groups showing marked increase in enrollment. Regular meetings have been held during the year with interesting devotional programs. The study books were used. We had our district Rally which was well attended.

MRS. A. K. SIRBAUG, *Supt.*

Greetings from the Woman's Guild of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, Harrisonburg, Va., were brought by Mrs. John Croushorn.

Mrs. A. W. Andes explained the "Thank Offering for 1947." This year the money will go to the building fund for a parsonage for the Superintendent.

The following committees were appointed:

*Apportionment*—Miss Mabel Higgs, Mrs. B. F. Frank, Mrs. Helen S. Miller.

*Place*—Miss Amy Louderback, Mrs. Arthur Spaid, Mrs. E. M. Spitzer.

*Resolution*—Mrs. Harold Rhodes, Mrs. Warren Good, Mrs. Edna Stroble.

*Nominating*—Mrs. J. E. Bryant, Mrs. A. K. Sirbaugh, Mrs. Lena Rothgeb, Mrs. Minnie Hensley.

Miss Betty Sheetz, Winchester, sang a solo.

The address of the day was brought by Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of the Southern Convention. His message was very challenging.

The morning session was closed with prayer by Rev. G. H. Veazey.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:45 P. M. by the president.

Hymn: "Oh, Zion, Haste."

The Winchester young people conducted the devotional service.

Mrs. S. E. Madren had charge of a brief Memorial Service in memory of Mrs. G. H. Veazey. The beautiful basket of white flowers was in her honor.

Mrs. B. F. Frank presented the Recommendations as follows:

## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CONFERENCE BOARD.

1. That our Conference goal for the biennium be \$2,000.00.
2. That we stress Life Memberships and Memorials to go for the next four years to American Board to help educate in the United States a Chinese student from Shaowu, China, recommended by Rev. R. L. Jackson and approved by the Board of the Southern Convention.
3. That the Thank Offering for year 1947-48 be stressed. Is to help the Southern Convention build a parsonage for the Superintendent.
4. That Friendly Service for 1947-48 go to Franklinton Center, Franklinton, N. C., and to Japan to Miss Angie Crew.
5. That we keep the Shaowu Mission before our people, remembering them in prayer and offerings.

MRS. B. F. FRANK.

The recommendations were adopted as read.

The Work of Southern Convention Women was presented by Mrs. O. H. Paris, President of the Women's Convention.

The reports of the Departmental Superintendents were presented and adopted as follows:

## WOMEN.

There are nine Women's Societies in the Conference. One society is new, namely, Mt. Olivet (R).

MRS. JOSEPH FRAZIER, *Supt.*

## YOUNG PEOPLE.

When we think of our Savior and his work here on earth, we like to think of when He was in the Temple at the age of twelve; He was a young person. One of the most important and beautiful organizations in our Valley Missionary Conference is a Young People's Missionary Society. If our church women are looking for ways of helping young people of their church, they will find young people one lovely way to help the missionary cause. Surely we are looking forward to the building of His Kingdom when we encourage and support the young people in missions.

There are five Young People's Societies—Antioch, New Hope, Linville, Timber Ridge and Winchester.

MRS. J. E. BRYANT, *Supt.*

## JUNIORS.

*Winchester*—14 members, meet monthly, sent sick cards, raised \$5.00.

*New Hope*—11 members, meet monthly, give a program in Sunday School once a month, raised \$7.40, also a \$2.50 C. M. A. membership.

*Leaksville*—Now meet with the P. F., but expect to organize soon.

*Antioch*—12 members united with Y. P., raised \$10.00.

It is hoped that there will be a Junior Society in every church next year. More can be accomplished in every way if each group is organized separately.

MRS. G. W. DAUGHERTY, *Supt.*



## CRADLE ROLL.

"Train up a child in the way he should go and he will not depart from it." This statement is very true and should be carried on in every home of today.

The following have Cradle Roll Societies: Antioch, 4; Bethel; Linville; Leaksville; New Hope, 12; Newport, 15; Mt. Olivet (R), 13; Winchester.

I'd like to recommend the following to each Missionary Society and Sunday School:

1. To encourage each parent to have the proper kind of literature in their home for the children as they grow up.
2. For each Sunday School to start teaching missions in each class.
3. For each Sunday School to have an active Cradle roll.

MRS. CARROLL MONGER, *Supt.*

## SPIRITUAL LIFE.

There are no words of Jesus so dynamic and go so deeply into the soul of man as these, "Tarry ye in Jerusalem till ye be endowed with power from on high."

All life is futile till we not only see the meaning and purpose of life, but are also touched and lighted by the energy of God. Life is meaningless without the lure of God, carrying us on to the final goal. Christ creates in us the final pattern. He promises to be with us always, till his great purpose has been wrought out in human achievement, it is the guarantee that we are not going up a blind alley, but are on a highway to some glorious end. Let us then be ever in the spirit of prayer, that we may have a deeper understanding of God's will concerning us. And that he may create within us some compelling urge for a closer communion with him and for a larger fulfillment of his life in our souls. Through this seeking of God's will we will be faithful witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judae and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

MRS. MARY DAVIS, *Supt.*

## LITERATURE.

The Church is the only agency to proclaim and promote the Gospel of Missions. How seriously are we as a church and church member accepting our responsibility? How joyously are we using our opportunities to make Christ known to the world? What a wonderful opportunity we have to witness for Christ. At Christ's great command, "Go ye," we may surrender as never to the call to worship God, teach His Word, and win souls. If we would see the world reach its climax, read the Bible. For the Bible is God's message of love to men. And we never can know that Book unless we know its Author. We can plant our feet upon its promises and be safe. Christianity not only needs Sacred Scripture for its guidance but a continuous literature to embody the new and indispensable experience of religion. Therefore, we recommend:

1. That we read the Bible and pray the first thing in the morning.
2. That we place Christ in the center of our missions.
3. That we support, whenever possible, the teachings of the Bible in our Sunday School and in our public schools.
4. That each church endeavor to secure its quota of *Christian Sun* subscriptions.

MRS. O. J. SOURS, *Supt.*

## LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMORIALS.

*Winchester*—1 Memorial: Mrs. C. H. Rowland.

*Leaksville*—1 Life Membership: Mrs. R. E. Newton.

*Newport*—1 Life Membership: Miss Mabel Higgs.

*New Hope*—1 Memorial: Mr. J. E. Bryant.

MRS. E. M. SPITZER, *Supt.*

## INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION.

Since this Department is a recent creation—July, 1946—its functions and purposes have evolved slowly. Consequently, no great accomplishments are to be reported. It

has been concerned with three significant days on the church calendar. The World Day of Prayer was observed by ten of our twenty churches. In some of our churches this day has become a most meaningful one, with services lasting throughout the day. It marks a united effort on the part of Christian people of all denominations to participate in one of the most sacred and necessary rites of our religion. Our conference must not lose this opportunity to foster the spirit of universal kinship with our Creator. In observance of World Community Day, nine of our churches reported sending relief kits for overseas distribution. A number of bags of clothing had already been sent. Only a few churches reported a formal observance of May Fellowship Day.

MRS. A. W. ANDES, *Supt.*

#### FRIENDLY SERVICE.

Jesus said, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me." The Friendly Service department of our Woman's Work extends to each Missionary Society an opportunity to share with others in this great work, which is so needful, and probably more so now than ever before. This year we have aided, through our missionary work, war-torn countries. We have visited the sick, the disabled and have brought cheer and comfort wherever possible to the distressed and the bereaved in our own community. We have sent clothing to Elon Orphanage and to our work in Carroll County, Va. I am sure these deeds of love and mercy have deepened our devotions to Christ, and at the same time heightened our appreciation of what God has done for us. May we learn anew the meaning of "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Most societies have collected clothing for overseas relief. Several Kiddie Kits were sent to overseas children.

The Friendly Service projects for the coming year are Franklinton Center—bed linen, table linen, curtains, rugs and money—and the work in Japan—gifts are to be sent to Miss Angie Crew. Our new project for the next four years will be that all money from Life Memberships and Memorials be used to help educate Chinese ministerial students from Shaowu. We must show by our work during this year that we are conscious of the need of Friendly Service. May we hear again the words of Him who said, "The fields are white unto harvest, but the laborers are few." The need is great. The call is to us. We must answer.

MRS. S. E. MADREN, *Supt.*

The Treasurer's Report was made as follows:

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Brought forward .....	\$	4.71
July 25, 1946—Conference offering .....		31.50
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>36.21</b>
July 25, 1946—Paid to Mrs. Thelin .....	\$ 25.00	
July 25, 1946—Paid to Mrs. Miller .....	2.00	
July 25, 1946—Paid to Mrs. Whitten .....	3.50	
July 25, 1946—Paid to Treasurer .....	1.00	
		<u>31.50</u>
<b>Balance .....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4.71</b>

#### RECEIPTS.

##### *Women's Societies.*

Bethel .....	52.30
Bethlehem .....	10.00
Dry Run .....	10.00
Leaksville (Includes \$53.00 Cent-A-Meal boxes) .....	195.19
Special .....	15.21
Life Membership .....	10.00
War Victims .....	12.85
Linville .....	167.62
Special .....	7.11
Mt. Lebanon .....	5.00

Mt. Olivet (R) .....	8.75
New Hope .....	16.45
Memorial .....	10.00
Newport .....	73.90
Winchester .....	161.65
Special .....	15.00
Special (Mrs. Whitten's Class) .....	15.06
Memorial .....	10.00

*Young People.*

Antioch .....	225.44
Special for Jackson's .....	25.00
Linville .....	20.00
Mt. Lebanon .....	10.00
New Hope .....	10.00
Winchester .....	40.00

*Juniors.*

Antioch .....	10.00
New Hope .....	7.40
Winchester .....	5.00

*Cradle Roll.*

Antioch .....	2.50
Bethel .....	.90
New Hope .....	1.35
Winchester .....	2.50

*Special.*

Pattie Lee Coghill .....	15.00
Total .....	\$1,175.89

## DISBURSEMENTS.

October 1—Paid for Bond .....	\$ 5.00
October 5—Paid to Mrs. Leathers .....	92.00
January 6—Paid to Mrs. Leathers .....	92.00
January 6—Paid to Mrs. Leathers .....	230.00
April 5—Paid to Mrs. Leathers .....	257.93
Puly 9—Paid to Mrs. Leathers .....	246.35
June 9—Paid to Miss Coghill .....	25.00
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Balance in Treasury .....	\$ 319.61
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MRS. NOAH PAINTER, *Treasurer.*

The Treasurer's Report was adopted.

The offering received amounted to \$15.19.

The Committee on Place reported that it has received no invitation, and the place and date of the meeting for 1948 was left to the Executive Board.

The Apportionment Committee reported as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

We, your Committee on Apportionments, make the following report:

*Women.*

Bethel .....	\$35.00
Bethlehem .....	30.00
Dry Run .....	20.00
Leaksville .....	70.00

# AUXILIARY BODIES

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Linville .....	75.00
New Hope .....	30.00
New Port .....	40.00
Winchester .....	90.00
Mt. Olivet (R) .....	25.00

## *Young People.*

Antioch .....	90.00
Linville .....	25.00
New Hope .....	10.00
Timber Ridge .....	35.00
Winchester .....	20.00

## *Juniors.*

Leaksville .....	5.00
Winchester .....	5.00
New Hope .....	10.00

## *Cradle Roll.*

Antioch .....	2.50
Bethel .....	5.00
Linville .....	6.00
New Hope .....	3.00
Newport .....	3.00
Winchester .....	3.00

MABEL HIGGS,  
IVIE FRANK,  
HELEN S. MILLER,  
*Committee.*

The Resolutions Committee presented its report as follows:

## REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.

### RESOLVED—

1. That we express by a rising vote our grateful thanks to the members and friends of Antioch Church for their kindness and hospitality which has made our visit a most pleasant one.

2. That we thank the Conference officers for the splendid manner in which the Conference has been conducted.

3. That we thank Mrs. O. H. Paris, President of the Woman's Convention, Dr. Wm. T. Scott, Superintendent, and Mrs. John Croushorn of St. Stephens Evangelical and Reformed Church for their splendid contributions to the program.

4. That we express our appreciation to the faithful workers of the various churches for the work they have done in the past year.

EMMA RHODES,  
MRS. WARREN GOOD,  
MRS. EDNA STROBLE,  
*Committee.*

The Resolutions Committee's report was adopted as read.

The Nominating Committee's report was presented and adopted as follows:

*President*—Miss Verdie Showalter.

*Vice-President*—Mrs. Robert A. Whitten.

*Secretary*—Mrs. Clyde R. Miller.

*Treasurer*—Mrs. Noah Painter.

*Superintendent of Women's Work*—Mrs. S. E. Madren.

*Superintendent of Young People*—Mrs. J. E. Bryant.

*Superintendent of Juniors*—Mrs. Grover Daugherty.

*Superintendent of Cradle Roll*—Mrs. Carroll Monger.

*Superintendent of Interdenominational Cooperation*—Mrs. A. W. Andes.



*Superintendent of Spiritual Life*—Mrs. Mary Davis.

*Superintendent of Literature*—Mrs. O. J. Sours.

*Superintendent of Life Memberships and Memorials*—Mrs. E. M. Spitzer.

*Superintendent of Family Life*—Mrs. W. C. Voorhees.

MRS. J. E. BRYANT,  
MARTHA SIRBAUGH,  
E. LENA ROTHGEB,  
MINNIE D. HENSLEY,

*Committee.*

An Installation Service for the newly elected officers was conducted by Mrs. O. H. Paris.

Following the Prayer of Installation by Mrs. Paris, the Conference adjourned.

MRS. R. A. WHITTEN, *President.*

MRS. C. R. MILLER, *Secretary.*

# Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference.

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WAVERLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH,  
WAVERLY, VIRGINIA,  
OCTOBER 3, 1947.

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Theme: "Opening Doors, for God, for Others, for Ourselves."

## MORNING SESSION.

The thirty-fifth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Conference of the Eastern Virginia Congregational Christian Churches met with the Waverly Christian Church, Friday, October 3, 1947. The President, Mrs. John G. Truitt, called the meeting to order at 10:00 A. M.

Worship service was conducted by Mrs. Russell T. Bradford.

Roll Call of churches with response as follows:

Antioch, 8; Bay View, 6; Berea (Nans.), 18; Berea (Norfolk), 3; Bethlehem (Nans.), 24; Centerville, 1; Christian Temple, 22; Cypress Chapel, 15; Damascus, 5; Dendron, 9; Elm Avenue, 0; First, Norfolk, 4; First, Portsmouth, 10; Franklin, 13; Holland, 6; Holy Neck, 10; Isle of Wight, 3; Johnson's Grove, 4; Liberty Spring, 21; Little Creek, 7; Mt. Carmel, 10; Newport News, 11; Oak Grove, 0; Oakland, 15; Rosemont, 8; Second Church, Norfolk, 7; Shelton Memorial, 8; South Norfolk, 4; Spring Hill, 4; Suffolk, 32; Union (South.), 5; Union (Surry), 0; Wakefield, 9; Waverly, 4; Windsor, 9; Bethlehem (Disputanta), 0; Burton's Grove, 2; Eure, 0; First Church, Richmond, 2; Hopewell, 0; New Lebanon, 4. Total, 324.

Visitors were recognized as follows: Dr. L. E. Smith, President of Elon College; Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of the Southern Convention; Mrs. O. H. Paris, President of the Woman's Mission Board of the Southern Convention; Mrs. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of Literature of the Southern Convention Woman's Board; Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, Director of Young People's Work of the Southern Convention; Mrs. H. H. Monroe, Missionary to Japan.

Sixteen ministers were present.

Reports of District Superintendents were presented and approved as follows:

## NORFOLK DISTRICT.

We have 461 enrolled in our eleven societies with an average attendance of 201. All have used some of the literature, finding it very helpful. Nine societies have used the packet, seven the guidepost, eight the *Missionary Herald*, ten used the study books and all have had a well planned devotional meeting. Some held a public service with their pastor reviewing the book *Divine Fatherhood*.

The societies have met their apportionment, going over the top with \$1,501.25. Two hundred and fifty-two copies of *The Christian Sun* may be found in as many homes. The societies have given abundantly to friendly service at home, and overseas. The recipients were Franklinton, Fancy Gap, India, Milk Fund, Greek Relief, Buell, Va., Carroll County, Elon Orphanage, Christmas funds for the poor, and community drives. Six societies cooperated with other denominations in World's Day of Prayer. Spring Rally was well attended and all enjoyed Miss Patty Lee Coghill's splendid

address. The Norfolk District has been saddened by the death of five of our faithful workers; Mrs. Tuttle of Christian Temple, Mrs. Ella Harris and Mrs. Betty Hall of Berea (Norfolk), Mrs. J. R. Dealba and Mrs. J. E. Rountree of Newport News. Eight Life Memberships were taken and three Memorials.

Five societies used visual aid in meetings for all ages. Five societies were active in observing Family Life Week, in various ways. Our young people raised \$171.00 for missions last year. And also used the study book. The children also enjoyed the study books and raised \$92.02. Our Cradle Roll has 164 enrolled. All had parties for the little folks and their mothers. A real program was carried on, their gifts amounting to \$25.00. The total amount raised in the district—\$1,791.27.

MRS. F. H. LEWIS, *Supt.*

### SUFFOLK DISTRICT.

The women of the Suffolk District are organized one hundred per cent in missionary interest and giving. The nineteen Missionary Societies in the eighteen churches in the district report a membership of nine hundred and six, an increase of fifty-one members over last year.

Nineteen societies reported having held their Bible Study, *The Divine Fatherhood*. Nineteen societies reported having had a well-planned devotional service at each meeting. Nineteen observed the annual World Day of Prayer, all cooperating with other groups except two. Every society made a study of Race Relations and India.

Every society did friendly service work this year. Four encouraged Sunday school attendance; five sent gifts of money to buy shades and linens for Franklinton Center, Franklinton, N. C.; five sent gifts of money to help strengthen our Carroll County churches; seven sent money to be used in carrying the message of Christ by word and deed to India; five remembered Elon Orphanage with money and clothing; fifteen did community service; three sent clothing and money to aid the suffering and needy in war-torn countries. The Berea (Nansemond) Woman's Auxiliary paid the salary of a Bible teacher in India for one year. The Woman's Auxiliary of Holland Church sent daily devotional booklets to each shut-in of the church membership at Christmas time.

We have three hundred and ninety-three subscriptions to *The Christian Sun*, one hundred and thirty to the *Missionary Herald*, seventeen to *Advance*, eight to the *Church Woman*. Subscriptions to *The Christian Sun*, *Advance* and the *Church Woman* have increased since last year's report.

Fifteen societies gave Life Memberships and Memorials, making a total of thirty-two adults and one infant. The Woman's Missionary Societies of Bethlehem and Suffolk gave the largest number. They gave six each. The Woman's Auxiliary of Franklinton gave the second largest number which was four. Six of our societies honored the first president of the Southern Woman's Missionary Convention, the late Mrs. C. H. Rowland, with a memorial certificate.

There are fifteen Young People's Missionary Societies in the district reporting this year. Damascus and Isle of Wight have recently organized. So, we will expect to have seventeen reporting next year.

Fifteen societies used the mission study books; seven sent friendly service gifts; nine societies sent representatives to the Summer Conference at Camp Hanes and ten societies have subscriptions to the *Pilgrim Youth*, with the Oakland Young People having the largest number. A total of \$583.58 was contributed to missions on apportionments.

There are thirteen children's groups in the district and of these, eleven used the study books; five sent friendly service gifts; six have a total of twelve subscriptions to the *Children's Religion* and they contributed \$278.19 for missions. The Holy Neck and the Liberty Spring groups each reported a \$5.00 Thank Offering.

There are seventeen active Cradle Roll groups, with an enrollment of three hundred and eighty-four members. Nine held a program and twelve held a Cradle Roll party. Three sent friendly service gifts. They were Holland, Franklin and Liberty Spring.

Sixteen societies met all the requirements of the Standard of Excellence. We have thirteen churches in the district that sponsor missionary education and giving among all age groups. All the societies except two made a Thank Offering. The largest Thank Offering, which was \$125, made by the Woman's Auxiliary of Franklin, the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Suffolk and Liberty Spring tied for second place with \$100 from each group. The third largest, which was \$56.93, was given by the Holland Auxiliary and the fourth largest, which was \$54.30, was given by the Missionary Society of Isle of Wight Church.

The amount of money raised in the Suffolk District was distributed as follows:

Women's Apportionments .....	\$2,674.64
Thank Offering .....	806.80
Life Memberships and Memorials .....	321.00
Young People's Apportionments .....	583.58
Young People's Thank Offering .....	97.41
War Victims and Services .....	15.00
Children's Apportionments .....	278.19
Children's Thank Offering .....	10.00
Cradle Roll Contributions .....	238.95
Cradle Roll Thank Offering .....	5.00

Total (Does not include Friendly Service Gifts) ..... \$5,030.57

Our District Spring Rally was held in the Suffolk Christian Church on Wednesday, April 9, with 206 delegates present.

The District greatly enjoyed the inspiring message brought to us by Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Missions Council Education Secretary, and member of the deputation sent out by the American Board to visit our mission work in India and other countries. We were greatly honored by having Superintendent Scott and Miss Betty Chicoine, Field Director, from the Convention Office at Elon College; Mrs. William E. Wisseman, president of the Southern Woman's Missionary Convention, from Greensboro, N. C., and others.

I am grateful to all individuals and organizations for their cooperation in the various phases of the work of the district for the year now ending. Each of you deserve a special commendation for achievements.

MRS. WILLIAM T. HARRELL, *Supt.*

#### WAVERLY DISTRICT.

- Number of churches in Waverly District—11.
- Number of Woman's Societies in District—6.
- Number of women enrolled in Societies—94.
- Number using Packet—5.
- Number using Guide Post—4.
- Number using *Missionary Herald*—5.
- Number holding Bible Study—6.
- Number having planned Devotional Service at each meeting—7.
- Number holding Public Service—8.
- Number subscribing to *Christian Sun*—52.
- Number subscribing to *Missionary Herald*—26.
- Number subscribing to *Church Woman*—2.
- Societies helping in Friendly Service—6.
- Societies helping in Community Service—6.
- Number women in District attending Spring Rally—39.
- Number women in District attending Fall Conference—12.
- Number women in District attending World Day of Prayer—87.
- Number of Societies in District cooperating with other Denominations in observance of World Day of Prayer—6.
- Amount raised for Missions in District by women—\$430.13.
- There were two deaths in District.
- Number subscribing to *Pilgrim Highroad*—32.



One Life Membership was given in District by Spring Hill Woman's Society for Miss Adele Mathews.

Number of young people in District attending Youth's Conference this summer—2.

Amount of money given in District by young people—\$148.28.

#### *Children's Work—*

Amount of money given in District by children—\$12.15.

Number using Study Books in District—3.

Number subscriptions to *Children's Religion*—5.

Number Children's groups sending Friendly service gifts—1.

#### *Cradle Roll—*

Number churches in District having Cradle Roll—3.

Number children enrolled—18.

Number holding parties—2.

Amount of money given through Cradle Roll—\$10.18.

All societies met their apportionment in District.

New Lebanon young people and Begonia Congregational Church Woman's Society have not been given apportionment.

New Lebanon young people will take \$25.00 as their apportionment for next year.

Total raised in District for Missions by all groups—\$600.74.

MRS. W. C. SEELEY, *Supt.*

The Treasurer's report was approved as follows:

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

No. Women's Societies .....	41	Total amount paid .....	\$6,338.67
No. Young People's Societies .....	27	Total amount paid .....	991.07
No. Junior Societies .....	24	Total amount paid .....	464.72
No. Cradle Roll Societies .....	27	Total amount paid .....	399.87

#### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

##### *Receipts.*

Balance in Treasury October 1, 1946 .....	\$ 220.48
Offering—Young People's Conference, 1946 .....	38.25
Offering—Woman's Conference, 1946 .....	100.25
District Rally Offerings, 1947 .....	87.43
Women's Societies Apportionment .....	4,136.44
Young People's Societies Apportionment .....	816.56
Junior Societies Apportionment .....	436.87
Cradle Roll Contributions .....	394.87
Life Memberships .....	270.00
Memorials .....	221.00
Thank Offering .....	1,622.89
World Day of Prayer .....	18.90
War Victims and Reconstruction Committee .....	20.85
Friendly Service .....	309.05
May Fellowship Day .....	6.90
Total Receipts .....	\$8,700.74

##### *Disbursements.*

Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treasurer, Woman's Board, Southern Convention ....	\$8,254.33
Mrs. Howard Stone Anderson (Conference speaker) .....	20.00
Mrs. J. F. Morgan (Expenses) .....	3.00
West and Withers (Renew Treasurer's Bond) .....	5.00
Bank Service Charges .....	3.71
Mrs. E. H. Stephenson (Expenses) .....	3.25
Franklin Printing Co. ....	22.75
The Gurley Press .....	11.00
David C. Cook (Young People's Banner) .....	6.50
Expenses of Executive Board and Society President's Meeting .....	11.00

Flowers for funeral of Mrs. C. H. Rowland .....	10.29
Piland Printing Co. ....	11.00
Pilgrim Press (Christian Family Life Books) .....	8.38
Mrs. W. E. Wisseman (Family Life Literature) .....	10.50
Franklin Printing Co. ....	6.75
Mrs. A. C. Moore (Expenses) .....	3.46
Miss Pattie Lee Coghill (Speaker, District Meetings) .....	25.00
Gurley Press .....	4.50
Mrs. John G. Truitt (Expenses of District Meetings) .....	15.95
Total Disbursements .....	<u>\$8,436.37</u>
Balance in Treasury .....	\$ 264.37

MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS, *Treasurer*.

Address: "At the Door of Opportunity"—Mrs. John G. Truitt.

The 1947-48 literature was presented by Mrs. W. T. Scott.

Committees were appointed as follows:

*Nomination*—Mrs. R. E. Brittle, Mrs. W. C. Seeley, Mrs. L. B. Fleming.

*Courtesy*—Mrs. Ernest Waterfield, Mrs. Hayes Holland, Mrs. Annie Virden.

*Place of Meeting*—Mrs. Garland Spratley, Mrs. G. C. Mann, Mrs. M. E. Taylor.

*Recommendations*—Mrs. Shirley Holland, Mrs. C. L. Pope, Mrs. G. C. White.

Offering: \$78.60.

Trio: "Jesus Lover of My Soul"—Misses Iris Dewell, Catherine Thorpe, Mrs. Oliver Gay.

Address: "Christ Was With Me"—Mrs. H. H. Monroe.

Hymn: "Open My Eyes."

Adjourned for lunch.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun."

Prayer: Rev. C. Shannon Morgan.

Address: "The Field Is the World"—Dr. W. T. Scott.

On motion it was voted to give an offering of \$25.00 from our conference to the Virginia Council of Church Women.

Department reports were given and adopted as follows:

### SPIRITUAL LIFE.

In the greatest Book ever written, first chapter and first verse, the first four words, "In the beginning God" might well be taken for a daily motto, by every member of every Missionary Society in the Eastern Virginia Conference. As important as every part of a Missionary Society is, surely you will agree with me, that the Spiritual Life is the *most* important, as it has to do with not only this earthly life, but through-out Eternity, as our souls live on.

The aim of the Spiritual Life Department is four-fold:

1. Daily Bible reading. In John 5:39 we are commanded to "Search the Scriptures," and in Revelation 1:3, we find "Blessed is that readeth." Everyone has his, or her, own way of reading the Bible, but if you have never tried it this way, I am going to ask you to give it a trial for one year. Have your *own* Bible, with a sheet of paper in it, and a pencil. Read, *out loud*, three chapters each week-day, and five chapters on Sunday. In this way you will read your Bible through, consecutively, in a year.

As you read the Book of Genesis, and come to a verse that you think might be your favorite verse, for that Book, write it down, and when you have finished Genesis, read all the verses you have written down, and select the one you love best, and mark it in your Bible. Try this method for all the 66 Books, and you will have 66 verses marked that will attract your attention whenever you open your Bible.

2. Prayer by the whole family, *daily*, at the family altar, and

3. Private prayer, *daily*. Prayer is *so* important, that it is given to us twice. Family prayer together, and private prayer. Both are necessary. In I Thessalonians 5:17, Paul tells us to "Pray without ceasing."

Those of you whom God has blessed by lending you children, let them *hear* you pray for them, day by day. It will mean more to them now and in the future, than you realize. To *know* while their parents live, they pray for them, and to *remember* after their parents have passed away, that they prayed for them daily, makes an indelible impression, and a blessed memory. Christian parents are God's greatest gift to children.

For the past twelve months we have studied *The Divine Fatherhood*, and realized anew we are all of "one blood."

Mrs. F. H. Lewis, Superintendent of the Norfolk District, reported that Portsmouth, First, Shelton Memorial, Little Creek, Berea (Norfolk), Norfolk, Second, Bay View, Rosemont, Christian Temple, Berkeley, Newport News and South Norfolk, each had a well planned devotional service at each meeting, and each Society held their Bible study. Elm Avenue had no report.

Mrs. William T. Harrell, Superintendent of the Suffolk District, reported that Antioch, Berea (Nansemond), Bethlehem, Cypress Chapel, Damascus, Franklin, Eure, Holland, Holy Neck, Isle of Wight, Johnson's Grove, Liberty Spring Mt. Carmel, Oak Grove, Oakland, Suffolk (Woman's H. & F.), Suffolk (Staley), Union (South.), and Windsor, each had a well planned devotional service at each meeting, and each Society held their Bible study.

Mrs. W. C. Seely, Superintendent of the Waverly District, reported that Burton's Grove, Dendron, Richmond, Spring Hill, Waverly, Bethlehem (Disputanta), Hopewell and Wakefield, each had a well planned devotional service at each meeting, and Dendron, Richmond, Spring Hill, Waverly and Wakefield Societies, held their Bible study. Now we want to ask Burton's Grove, Hopewell, and Bethlehem (Disputanta), of the Waverly District, and Elm Avenue of the Norfolk District, to please study Matthew beginning in October, so we will be one hundred per cent next year, and so they can make the Standard of Excellence.

Beginning in October, we are to Study the Gospel of Matthew, and I am asking all of us to memorize Matthew 28:18-20, the Great Commission. These three verses are the words of Jesus, and they contain an urgent command, and a wonderful promise. I am glad, as I know you are, that we are asked to stress Evangelism, this coming year. Jesus, Himself, tells us clearly in Luke 19:10, that the reason He left His heavenly home, and came to earth, was "to seek and to save that which was lost." Then, at His ascension, He commanded His followers to witness for Him, "unto the uttermost part of the earth."

MRS. I. W. JOHNSON, *Supt.*

Mrs. Roy Richardson gave a verbal report on Family Life.

#### FRIENDLY SERVICE.

This year through our friendly service activities we have had the privilege of opening doors for others by making a definite effort to enroll all children in our respective communities in the Sunday school; by cheering the sick, helping the needy and comforting the bereaved ones; by giving gifts of money to strengthen the Franklinton Center, our Carroll County churches and our Mission Work in India.

The societies of Eastern Virginia participated in the projects as follows:

1. Every child in the community attending some Sunday School: Franklin, Isle of Wight, Suffolk, Union (South.).

2. Carroll County Work: Berea (Nansemond), Bethlehem (Nansemond), Christian Temple, Holland, Holy Neck, Oak Grove, Oakland, Norfolk, First, Rosemond, Shelton Memorial, Windsor and Newport News.

3. Franklinton Center: Bay View, Bethlehem (Nansemond), Christian Temple, Franklin, Liberty Spring, Little Creek, Mt. Carmel, Oak Grove, Oakland, Portsmouth, First, Shelton Memorial, South Norfolk, Waverly Spring Hill.

4. India: Antioch, Berea (Nansemond), Holland, Holy Neck, Isle of Wight, Little Creek, Suffolk, Union (Southampton).

5. Foreign Relief: Bay View, Berea (Nansemond), Cypress Chapel, Holland, Portsmouth, First, Dendron, Richmond, Wakefield, Begonia (Disputanta), Eure.

6. Christian Orphanage: Bay View, Berea (Nansemond), Bethlehem, Christian Temple, Cypress Chapel, Damascus, Burton's Grove, Liberty Spring, Norfolk, First, Portsmouth, First, Shelton Memorial, Windsor and Isle of Wight.

7. Others: Berea (Norfolk), Holland, Johnson's Grove, Shelton Memorial, Rosemont, Damascus, Bethlehem (Nansemond), Cypress Chapel, Holy Neck, Oakland, Richmond, and Begonia (Disputanta).

The projects for 1947-48 are:

1. Convention: Franklinton Center, Franklinton, N. C.

2. Foreign: Japan (a list of things has been compiled for your reference in the year book. Miss Angie Crew is in charge of collection and distribution of gifts for Japan).

3. Community: Every child in your community attending some Sunday school.

The Friendly Service Chairman of the Convention will mail you a letter soon giving you detailed information on these projects.

This year every society in the Conference did friendly service work except four. Will you do your part to make it one hundred per cent during the year 1947-48? For your splendid cooperation and interest, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for all friendly service deeds done "In His name and for their sake."

MRS. WILLIAM T. HARRELL, *Chairman*.

### LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMORIALS.

As you already know, for the past six years the money from Life Memberships and Memorials has gone into the Atkinson Memorial Scholarship fund at Bangalore, India. For the next two bienniums all money raised from this source will be used to educate in the United States a seminary student or students from Shaowu, China. Such student, or students, are to be recommended by Rev. Richard L. Jackson, and approved by the Southern Convention Mission Board and the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

The American Board has set aside \$1,000 to supplement any amount the women of the Southern Convention may raise for this project. If you desire to give a Life Membership or Memorial send the name of the person to be honored and the name of the organization with the required amount of money to your Conference Treasurer.

Number of Life Memberships given .....	27	\$ 270.00
Number of Adult Memorials given .....	22	220.00
Number of Infant Memorials given .....	1	1.00

Total Life Memberships and Memorials .....	50	\$ 491.00
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Seven of these Memorials were given in honor of Mrs. C. H. Rowland, our first Woman's Missionary Convention president.

MRS. WILLIAM T. HARRELL.  
(Serving for Mrs. C. O. Byrd.)

### INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION.

There is a door of opportunity which has been closed a long time but now it looms before you as never before. The door to the Interdenominational Cooperation department was given to the Women of Eastern Virginia last fall; it grants to you the opportunity to open the door of your hearts to serve with the women of other denomi-



nations in a brand new Fellowship. Last spring in *The Christian Sun* a key was printed which was a suggestion by your Superintendent to provide a way to open the door of service, to work together with the women of all denominations. Where there is a local Council of Church Women, participation in local projects in Unity, help to strengthen the Christian Way of Life in your community. Your subscription to the *Virginia Council News* will keep you posted on the activities of the church women in our state. One of the projects so many of our women have been interested in has been collecting supplies of clothing, food, and bedding for overseas relief channeling it through the Church World Service Center, New Windsor, Maryland. They will furnish any group a canvas bag which will contain about fifty pounds, after filling it all you have to do is draw the string, put the postage on it and mail or express it to the Center. Some of the women are sending their discarded purses or old pocket-books filled with needles, thread, soap, powder, pencil and a handkerchief, or other articles dear to the heart of women. You may put your name and address on the inside. It must be quite interesting to hear from the woman across the sea who has been the recipient of your generosity.

One of the things the Christian women of our state have been requested to do by the United Council of Church Women is to send letters of protest to editors of magazines and newspapers, and radio managers objecting to liquor advertising and illustrations with harmful sex appeal, have you been interested enough in your child or your neighbor's child to write such a letter?

When the Christian women voice their protest the publishers and radio managers will discontinue these harmful things. I was interested the other day when I saw that the National Broadcasting System has decided to discontinue their Crime Stories in the early hours of the evening, they will not be broadcast until most of the juvenile listeners have retired. We should commend them for this.

Your Superintendent requested the name of each president in this Conference be put on the mailing list of the United Council of Church Women, so that you may be informed of the projects of the Council. I hope you have been receiving this material.

The Door is open to every Christian women regardless of race, color, or creed to utter their prayers in unison with the women of all nations on the great World Day of Prayer, this is a mighty tie which binds the people around the world together, it is this mighty power which may change the world, and the women of thirty-three societies have opened this door. Draw a circle around the date, February 13, 1948, the theme is "The World at Prayer," and the motto is "Each One Reach One." Be sure to order your material early, no orders will be taken after January 31, 1948.

The May Fellowship Day gave an opportunity for solving problems *together* in your community. Eleven churches enjoyed this larger Fellowship. Next May 17 will be the the date to center your program on some Community need. The offering is equally divided between local, state and national councils.

The World Community Day is not far off—November 7. The opening of this door will direct you to your responsibility of adding your gift boxes and bundles for the children from six to twelve years old who are paying the price of the madness of war. We have chosen the United Nations Economic, Social and Cultural Organization as one of the objects of our work and prayers for the coming year, the theme being, "The World Is My Community." Nine societies reported having observed this day last year.

The *Church Woman* magazine will open a broader vista to you, and I hope this is being added to your list of subscriptions in your groups. Films can be secured for each of these special days or services recommended by the United Council of Church Women, these are listed in the 1947-48 Program of the Council, "We Give Ourselves," one can be had for the asking.

I earnestly hope you will resolve to open wide the door of this department in your societies and church; to the joyous fellowship of *all* the women in your community in the common cause of creating goodwill, working for world order, and sharing the goods of life.

"Behold, I have set before you an open door which no one is able to shut."

MRS. GARLAND SPRATLEY, *Chairman.*

## CRADLE ROLL.

There was a time when the Cradle Roll department of our churches consisted merely of a list of babies on a poster posted in some corner of a Sunday school room usually in the Beginners department, or perhaps there were several ribbons dangling from a cardboard cradle on which appeared the name of a Cradle Roll member. On these you have sometimes seen the names of children who had been promoted several years before, or the name of some long since moved away. More of a dust-catcher really than anything else—but the Cradle Roll was too often just that—a *roll*.

Now, we know it can be much more. We have seen it grow and develop until its possibilities are almost limitless. How gratifying it is to see how the church and the family are often drawn more closely together by the contacts made when the children of the home are of this age.

Just last night I read this statement from Edith Sanders Hook in her book, *The Church Nursery School*: "Give a person the job of nursery school superintendent in the church and then ask her to take no other job. It can be a full-time proposition and must be in order to have it done right." And then, too, it is such a friendly job. The Cradle Roll superintendent has the opportunity to represent the church as the Mother Heart of God—and in many instances she may be the only link between the young child and the church. May we move forward with Christ as we continue our work with little children.

MRS. A. J. HOLLAND, *Supt.*

## JUNIOR.

We have twenty-four Junior Societies—two new ones this year: Damascus and Dendron. Total offering, \$464.72.

The theme for the Juniors is "The Bible Goes Around the World," and combines both the home and foreign field. We strongly urge each society to use this study as it stimulates interest in the Bible, how it came into use, and its influence around the world.

MRS. E. H. STEPHENSON, *Chairman.*

## YOUNG PEOPLE.

Number of churches which sponsored missionary education among the young people—29.

Number societies which used the Mission Study books—22.

Total amount contributed by the young people to Missions through our conference treasurer—\$991.07.

Number of groups that gave Friendly Service gifts—13.

Number of subscriptions to the Pilgrim Youth—50.

Number of young people who attended Young People's Summer Conference—43.

Number of new societies—2 (Dendron and Isle of Wight). Damascus is planning to organize immediately.

The annual Young People's Missionary Conference was held at the Suffolk Christian Church, October 7, at 8:00 P. M., with over twenty churches represented and 275 young people present. Robert E. Houff, President of the United Christian Youth Council of Virginia was guest speaker and spoke on his recent experiences at the Oslo World Youth Conference in Oslo, Norway.

Three churches had 100 per cent attendance at the Conference—Mt. Carmel, Union (South.), and Liberty Spring.

There were eighteen Honor Roll Societies during the year.

Last February, Miss Betty Chicoine spent ten days traveling in Eastern Virginia, meeting with the young people of all our churches at centrally located places so she could help them with their needs and problems.

MRS. JAMES C. LYNCH, *Chairman.*

Mrs. O. H. Paris, President of the Southern Convention Woman's Missionary Board was introduced, and spoke briefly.

## Report of Committee on Recommendations was adopted as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS.

We, the Committee on Recommendation, submit the following:

1. That the financial goal for the year 1947-48 be \$7,000.00.
2. That the Thank Offering for the year 1947-48 be used to help the Convention build a convention parsonage at Elon College, N. C. The goal—\$3,000.00. (On motion by Mrs. Monroe Harris, and seconded by Mrs. Annie Staley Calhoun, it was voted to amend Section 2 to read: That the Women of the Eastern Virginia Conference be given the privilege of choosing either Shaowu, China, Mission, or the Convention Home as their Thank Offering Project.)
3. That we eliminate the Honor Roll of Churches, and retain the Honor Roll of Societies.
4. That a committee be appointed to study our Constitution and revise or rewrite it in keeping with the Convention Constitution adopted at the Woman's Convention in June.
5. That the measure of achievement drawn up by a committee from the Convention be approved by our Conference to take the place of the Standard of Excellence.

MRS. GLADYS J. HOLLAND,  
MRS. C. L. POPE,  
MRS. G. C. WHITE,  
*Committee.*

## Report of Committee on Courtesy was adopted as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COURTESY.

We, the Committee on Courtesy, wish to thank:

1. All those who had a part in making the program for the day a success.
2. Mrs. R. T. Bradford for her inspiring devotional, and the two ladies who sang.
3. Mrs. H. H. Monroe for her inspiring message.
4. The trio for their musical rendition.
5. The ladies of Waverly Christian Church for their hospitality and delightful lunch.

MRS. L. L. BOND,  
MRS. T. HAYES HOLLAND,  
MRS. ERNEST WATERFIELD,  
*Committee.*

## The Nominating Committee reported as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, submit the following:

*President*—Mrs. John G. Truitt.

*First Vice-President*—Mrs. William Harrell.

*Second Vice-President*—Mrs. Russell T. Bradford. R. 1

*Secretary*—Mrs. L. W. Stagg.

*Treasurer*—Mrs. W. B. Williams.

*Chairman of Spiritual Life Dept.*—Mrs. J. Rollye Gayle.

*Chairman of Literature Dept.*—Mrs. R. M. Kimball.

*Chairman of Life Membership and Memorial Dept.*—Mrs. C. O. Byrd.

*Chairman of Family Life Dept.*—Mrs. Roy Richardson.

*Chairman of Interdenominational Cooperation*—Mrs. Garland Spratley.

*Superintendent of Young People's Work*—Mrs. Melvin Brinkley. R 2 1347/725

*Superintendent of Children's Work*—Mrs. E. H. Beale.

*Superintendent of Cradle Roll*—Mrs. A. J. Holland.

MRS. R. E. BRITTLE,  
MRS. WALTER SEELY,  
MRS. L. B. FLEMMING,  
*Committee.*

Report of Committee on Place of Meeting was adopted as follows:

# REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE OF MEETING.

We, your Committee on Place of Meeting, report that Newport News invites the Conference for 1948.

MRS. GARLAND SPRATLEY,  
MRS. G. C. MANN,  
MRS. M. E. TAYLOR,  
*Committee.*

## MEMOIRS.

Mrs. A. B. Jarvis conducted a very impressive and reverent service in memory of those of our number who passed on during the conference year:

*Suffolk District*—Berea: Mrs. H. S. Hargroves; Bethlehem: Mrs. J. C. Pierce, Mrs. Isaac Piland, Mrs. Bettie Cullifer; Franklin: Mrs. E. L. Beale; Holy Neck: Mrs. Maria Worrell; Johnson's Grove: Mrs. Sallie Pulley; Isle of Wight: Mrs. Raleigh Whitley; Oakland: Mrs. R. B. Wood, Mrs. M. R. Pulley; Suffolk: Mrs. W. H. Jones, Miss Victoria Ellis.

*Norfolk District*—Berea: Mrs. Ella Harris, Mrs. Bettie O. Hall; Newport News: Mrs. J. R. Dealba, Mrs. J. S. Rountree; Christian Temple: Mrs. Mary Tuttle.

*Waverly District*—Spring Hill: Mrs. J. W. Cooper; Elberon: Mrs. Virgie James.

Installation of Officers by Rev. Peter Young.

Benediction by Rev. Peter Young.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN G. TRUITT, *President.*  
MRS. L. W. STAGG, *Secretary.*

*M. E. Taylor*  
*R. I. Suffolk*

*M. B. Williams*  
*1202 S. 24th St.*

*+ Arthur Young*



# Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth Annual Session of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Conference.

BURLINGTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH,  
BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA,  
OCTOBER 7, 1947.

## MORNING SESSION.

The thirty-fifth annual session of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met at the Burlington Christian Church in Burlington, N. C., on October 7, 1947, at 10:00 A. M. with Mrs. F. C. Lester, president, presiding.

Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, Field Director of the Southern Convention, conducted the devotional, using our theme for the year, "Opening Doors." Scripture was quoted from Revelation 3:8, "Behold, I have set before you an open door which no one is able to shut." Hymn used for the devotional was "Oh Jesus Thou Art Standing."

Rev. W. M. Stevens, host pastor, introduced the visiting ministers and their wives.

The following committees were appointed:

*Place Committee*—Miss Frankye Marshall.

*Nominating Committee*—Mrs. J. D. Strader, Mrs. Mattie Cox Parker, Mrs. L. L. Hooper.

*Recommendations Committee*—Miss Susie Allen, Mrs. Sam Foster, Mrs. G. D. Ellington.

*Findings Committee*—Mrs. W. J. Andes, Chairman; following District Superintendents: Mrs. W. W. Snyder, Mrs. Jack Campbell, Mrs. D. M. Estes, Miss Vera Gerringer, Mrs. T. W. Chandler, Mrs. Harry Stewart, Mrs. E. M. Carter.

Mrs. W. E. Wisseman presented our Thank Offering. Realizing the need of a home for our Convention Superintendent and his family, our Thank Offering this year will go towards starting a fund to build a home at Elon College to be used for this purpose. Mrs. Wisseman pointed out the fact that the Superintendent is to the Convention what a minister is to the local congregation. To provide a home for him would give the Superintendent an opportunity to use it to the best advantage and the best interest of our work in the Southern Convention. November 2, or near that date, was designated as the time for our Thank Offering program. It was suggested that our Thank Offering goal this year be \$5,000.00.

Mrs. B. M. Newman gave new objectives for Friendly Service, theme for the service being "Open Doors in Our Community." Goal—"Every Child in Sunday School." It was suggested that a survey be made in the community, with the cooperation of the schools and other churches, in order to reach those who are not attending Sunday School.

"Opening Doors for the New Year Through Literature" was presented by Mrs. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of Literature. Through this means

we should be able to open doors to the social realm, mission study, personal and church life. The supreme objective of our mission study this year is to give to everyone a new and compelling sense of missions.

Mrs. John T. Fesperman of Kannapolis, president of the Evangelical and Reformed Women of North Carolina, was the principal speaker. Her subject was "Opening Doors of Friendship," which was both inspirational and helpful. Mrs. Fesperman explained to us the work of "The Woman's Guild," which is the activities of the women of their church. The goal of the Woman's Guild is "a place for every woman, and every woman in her place." The purpose is to unite all women in the church in Christian fellowship, in divine guidance, and promote Christian service in the home, community, and the world.

Mrs. W. R. Sellars offered the prayer of dedication for the morning offering, which amounted to \$81.51.

A very impressive memorial service was conducted by Mrs. R. M. Cline, Superintendent of Life Memberships and Memorials, especially honoring the late Mrs. C. H. Rowland, first president of our Convention. Mrs. Robert Wentz of Burlington rendered a solo, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought." Mrs. Cline stated that our money from life memberships and memorials for the next four years would be used to educate in the United States a Chinese seminary student from Shaowu.

At 12:15 the meeting adjourned for lunch, which was served in the basement of the church.

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### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened with singing of hymn, "Father of Lights." Prayer was offered by Mrs. A. W. Andes, of the Valley Conference. A solo, "Teach Me to Pray," was rendered by Mrs. James L. Foster, Jr.

"Opening Doors for Others in Our Church." Mrs. K. D. Register, Superintendent of the Cradle Roll Department, gave a report on the work in this department. She stressed the importance of the Cradle Roll Party held once each year, at which time the mothers and children get together with the teachers. Mrs. Register suggested that the parents spend at least fifteen minutes each day reading or telling a story to their children.

Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Convention Superintendent of Children's Work, in reporting on that department, quoted the theme for the children during the year, which is, "The Bible Goes Around the World." Mrs. Wisseman suggested a few things the children might do in connection with this study, such as preparing a Bible exhibit, making a frieze showing how the Bible travels around the world or making a gift of the Bible printed in Chinese to the Jacksons in Shaowu.

Mrs. J. D. Strader, Superintendent of Young People of the Southern Convention, urged that material be secured for the young people as soon as possible. A recommendation was made and accepted that a young people's packet be assembled on the order of the woman's packet, only specifically for young people, and on that recommendation the Young People's Super-

intendent and the Superintendent of Literature will get together and compile a packet which will be available soon. This can be secured at the Southern Convention Office at Elon College.

The following Workshops were attended:

*Worship*—Mrs. W. W. Hall.

*Program Planning*—Mrs. W. T. Scott.

*Family Life*—Mrs. D. M. Estes.

*Visual Aids*—Miss Elizabeth Chicoine.

*Interdenominational Cooperation*—Mrs. B. W. Fields.

Rev. Frederick B. Eutsler of Raleigh, N. C., gave a forceful message on Relief and Reconstruction in the war-torn countries of Europe.

Dr. F. C. Lester, who attended a recent meeting of our Foreign Missions Board in Burlington, Vt., gave an interesting talk on "Open Doors Around the World."

The Findings Committee was composed of Mrs. W. J. Andes, chairmen, and the superintendents of the seven districts. Each superintendent gave an interesting report on the work in her district.

Miss Frankye Marshall stated that the Asheboro Church had extended an invitation for the Conference to be held there next year. This invitation was accepted.

The Recommendations Committee reported as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS.

We, your Committee on Recommendations, submit the following recommendations:

That we accept the recommendations of the Woman's Board of the Southern Convention concerning the projects of the Thank Offering, Friendly Service gifts and Life Memberships and Memorials.

That we accept the challenge of the Finance Committee to increase our goal for the next biennium to \$8,250.

We are deeply grateful to the women of the Burlington Church for the gracious hospitality extended to us today and for the sumptuous luncheon served. We want to thank Mrs. John T. Feserman for her inspiring message concerning the work of the women of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

We appreciate also the message of the other speakers who have contributed to the inspiration and information of the day. We want to thank Mrs. Brannock and Mrs. Wentz for the inspiring music of the morning and for the music furnished during the luncheon and the afternoon session.

We are grateful also for the number of ministers attending and for our visitors from other conferences.

SUSIE ALLEN,  
MRS. G. D. ELLINGTON,  
MRS. S. E. FOSTER,  
*Committee.*

Report of the Recommendations Committee was accepted.

Report of the Nominating Committee was as follows:

*President*—Mrs. F. C. Lester.

*Vice-President*—Mrs. R. M. Cline.

*Secretary*—Mrs. W. W. Tate.

*Treasurer*—Miss Susie Allen.

*Young People*—Miss Nellie Mae Holt.

*Children*—Mrs. D. M. Estes.

*Cradle Roll*—Mrs. K. D. Register.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

Women's Societies .....	\$7,667.58
Young People .....	240.33
Willing Workers .....	196.85
Cradle Roll .....	179.92
Conference Offering (Raleigh) .....	\$ 77.45
District Rally Offerings .....	97.35
Memorials—from Individuals .....	20.00
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	194.80
Total Receipts .....	\$8,479.48

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treasurer, Woman's Mission Board, Southern Convention for:	
Thank Offering .....	\$2,181.86
Life Memberships .....	280.00
Memorials .....	305.00
Carroll County Mission .....	50.56
Missions in India .....	145.92
Franklinton Center .....	20.65
World Day of Prayer .....	103.68
World Community Day .....	6.75
May Fellowship Day .....	8.00
Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction .....	42.88
Elon College (Thank Offering) .....	7.00
Elon Orphanage .....	5.00
Penny-A-Meal Offering .....	39.79
Subscription to <i>The Christian Sun</i> .....	2.00
Missions—General Fund .....	5,035.56
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	\$8,234.65
Conference Speaker .....	25.00
Speaker for Rallies .....	25.00
Woman's Department—N. C. Council of Churches .....	40.00
Frances Query, Religious Education Consultant, N. C. Council of Churches .....	50.00
Board Meeting—Transportation and luncheon .....	50.30
Pilgrim Press—Family Life Literature .....	13.87
Elon Orphanage (Thanksgiving Offering) .....	10.00
Flowers .....	18.03
Expense of Treasurer .....	12.63
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	\$ 244.83
Total Disbursements .....	\$8,479.48

SUSIE D. ALLEN, *Treasurer*.

The Treasurer's report was adopted as read.

The Conference closed with an impressive service for the installation of officers conducted by Mrs. O. H. Paris.

MRS. F. C. LESTER, *President*.

MRS. W. W. TATE, *Secretary*.



## MINUTES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S MISSION BOARD.

The North Carolina Woman's Board met in annual session at the Durham Christian Church, Durham, N. C., on October 28, 1947, with our president, Mrs. F. C. Lester, presiding.

The following were present: Mrs. F. C. Lester, Mrs. W. G. Davis, Mrs. D. M. Estes, Mrs. Harry Stewart, Mrs. E. M. Carter, Mrs. Orva Brown, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Miss Nellie May Holt, Mrs. Kenneth Register, Mrs. O. H. Paris, Mrs. W. W. Tate, Mrs. Jack Campbell.

Minutes of the Fall Conference were read, corrected and approved.

A motion was made and carried that a note of thanks be sent to Mrs. John T. Fesperman, our guest speaker at the Conference and also to Mrs. Ella Rae Trollinger of the Burlington Society for their entertainment.

Favorable comments were made on the report of the Findings Committee.

The new system of registration by card this year proved to be very satisfactory.

Good reports were given on the Workshops, but there was a feeling that more time should be given to them. It was requested that the Cradle Roll Department be included in the Workshops next year. In order to simplify matters it was suggested that we have the literature for the different departments in separate rooms.

Mrs. Lester called our attention to the new set of Achievement Goals which take the place of the old Standard of Excellence and which have been approved by the officers of the Conference. A motion was made and carried that these Achievement Goals be adopted. These goals are as follows:

*An Active Society—*

1. Uses the packet prepared by the Superintendent of Literature.
2. Uses designated books for mission and Bible study.
3. Uses *The Missionary Herald* and *The Christian Sun*.
4. Sends money to Woman's Board through the Conference Treasurer.
5. Makes an annual report to the Woman's Board through the District Superintendents.

*An Honor Roll Society (Besides the above):*

1. Presents missions in a public program.
2. Promotes missions through Sunday School and/or sponsors societies for the various age groups (cradle roll, children, young people).
3. Observes the World Day of Prayer, if possible in cooperation with other denominations.
4. Has representatives at Rally and Conference.
5. Contributes to the Thank Offering.
6. Gives a Life Membership or a Memorial.
7. Gives gifts to at least one Friendly Service project.
8. Makes quarterly reports to the Conference Treasurer.

*A Superior Society (Besides the above):*

1. Increases its gifts of money to the Woman's Board over the previous year.
2. Observes World Community and May Fellowship Days.
3. Promotes good reading in its church by securing subscriptions to such periodicals as *The Missionary Herald* and *The Christian Sun*.
4. Assists its church in developing good family life.
5. Uses visual aids as a means of presenting missionary ideals to its church.

Mrs. Wisseman stressed the importance of the Thank Offering program, suggesting that this be a public meeting in each local church on Sunday, November 2, if possible.

It is the opinion of the Board that boxes to Miss Angie Crew in Japan should be sent along through the year instead of July as suggested in the Plan Book.

Mrs. Lester urged that the churches make a special gift at Christmas for Relief and Reconstruction.

A motion was made and carried that our Conference pay for the printing of minutes in the ANNUAL.

It was announced that the Young People's packets are available and can be secured from Miss Betty Chicoine.

The Mission study book suggested this year for review is *Committed Unto Us*, by Willis Lamott. The following people will review the book upon request of the societies: Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, Elon College, N. C.; Rev. W. E. Wisseman, Greensboro, N. C.; Rev. F. B. Eutsler, Raleigh, N. C.; Mrs. Mark Andes, Virgilinga, Va.

The morning session was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. O. H. Paris.

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#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

In reporting on the Cradle Roll Department, Mrs. Register suggested that the Division Superintendent line up work for the District Superintendents. Special emphasis was given to the service for use in the home on Christmas Eve, which has been prepared by Mrs. Orva Brown, Convention Cradle Roll Chairman. These can be secured from the Cradle Roll Superintendent, Mrs. K. D. Register. This worship service is to help center the Christmas family celebration around the Christ Child.

Mrs. Lester stated that our women's groups are doing an excellent job, but this year we ought to try to put some emphasis on children and young people's work.

Mrs. Wisseman suggested that, in connection with the Children's Division, we concentrate on new work in four or five churches in our Conference, and that a news letter be sent to the leaders of the thirty-seven organized groups in the Conference from time to time giving information in regard to the work different groups are doing.

Leaders and material seem to be the problems in most churches with the Young People's organizations. In the rural churches where there is only the Sunday school for the young people, it was suggested that a group might be organized, using the missionary material and meeting once each month.

It was suggested that the retiring District Superintendent turn over to her successor all material she has pertaining to that particular job in order that the new officer may be more familiar with the work she is to do.

Mrs. O. H. Paris, Convention Chairman, asked that a correct mailing list of presidents of Missionary Societies be made.

In discussing financial goals it was suggested that the total amount we are asked to raise during the year be apportioned among the societies.

The Executive Committee of the Board was requested to apportion these amounts and submit to the societies for their approval.

A motion was made and carried that the Executive Committee of the Board revise the goals and make the total equal to what our state is supposed to give.

Announcement was made of the four North Carolina Rallies to be held on March 30, 31 and April 1 and 2.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by our president.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. F. C. LESTER, *President.*

MRS. W. W. TATE, *Secretary.*

# Minutes of the Annual Session of the Virginia Valley Central Christian Missionary Association

MT. OLIVET (R) CHRISTIAN CHURCH,  
AUGUST 6, 1947.

The Christian Missionary Association of the Virginia Valley Central Conference met on recess of Conference at Mt. Olivet (R) on the afternoon of August 6, 1947.

The roll of members was called and dues collected.

A period was devoted to securing new memberships.

Enrollment and dues paid as follows:

*Antioch*—Church, \$5; Sunday School, \$5; Bible Class, \$; O. W. Andes, \$5; Mrs. A. W. Andes, \$2.50; Mrs. J. M. Wright, \$2.50; Miss Verdine Showalter, \$2.50; Miss Olive Showalter, \$2.50; Ladies Aid, \$2.50. Total \$32.50.

*Bethel*—Sunday School, \$5; Missionary Society, \$2.50; Reliable Bible Class, \$5; Rev. S. E. Madren, \$5; Mrs. S. E. Madren, \$2.50. Total, \$20.

*Bethlehem*—Church, \$5; Young People's Bible Class, \$5; Adult Bible Class, \$5; Ladies Aid, \$5; Miss Mary Pickering, \$5; Miss Ella Pickering, \$2.50; Rev. G. H. Veazey, \$5; Mrs. G. H. Veazey, \$2.50; C. A. Phillips, \$5. Total, \$40.

*Beulah*—Sunday School, \$5; Mrs. Dottie E. Armentrout, \$2.60. Total, \$7.60.

*Concord*—Willing Workers, \$5. Total, \$5.

*Leaksville*—Willing Workers, \$2.50; Second Bible Class, \$5; Mrs. N. F. Painter, \$2.50; G. W. Rothgeb, \$5; B. F. McDaniel, \$5; Mrs. B. F. McDaniel, \$2.50; Mrs. O. J. Sours, \$2.50; Miss Lena Rothgeb, \$5; Rev. R. E. Newton, \$5; Mrs. R. E. Newton, \$2.50. Total, \$40.

*Linville*—Church, \$5; Woman's Missionary Society, \$2.50; Samuel Earman, \$5; Mrs. Eva Hosaflook, \$2.50. Total, \$15.00.

*New Hope*—Sunday School, \$5; Church, \$5; Mrs. J. E. Bryant, \$2.50; Junior Sunday School Class, \$2.50; Mrs. E. M. Spitzer, \$2.50. Total, \$17.50.

*Newport*—Sunday School, \$5; Mrs. C. W. Louderback, \$2.50; Miss Mabel Higgs, \$2.50; Leonard Higgs, \$5; Mrs. Lucy Higgs, \$2.50. Total, \$17.50.

*Mt. Olivet (G)*—Miss Thelma Morris, \$2.50; Miss Winona Morris, \$2.50. Total, \$5.

*Timber Ridge*—Ladies Aid, \$2.50; A. C. Oats, \$5; M. C. Garvin (Memorial), \$2.50. Total, \$10.

*Winchester*—Church, \$10; Special Offering, \$25; Rev. R. A. Whitten, \$5; Mrs. R. A. Whitten, \$2.50; Winona Bible Class, \$5; Ladies' Bible Class, \$35; Roy A. Larrick, \$5; Loy H. Hook, \$5; O. A. Bazzle, \$5. Total, \$97.50.

*Addition Memberships*—Virginia Valley Sunday School and Pilgrim Fellowship Convention, \$10; Rev. W. J. Andes, \$5.

Total Receipts, \$317.60.

It was voted that the money received be turned over to the Conference Treasurer to be used within the bounds of the Conference at the direction of the Executive and Home Mission Committees.

Rev. S. E. Madren was elected president; Mrs. Carrol Monger was elected secretary and treasurer.

Upon motion the Missionary Association was adjourned.

S. E. MADREN, *President.*

MISS ISABELL SHEETZ, *Sec'y-Treas.*



# Minutes of the Fifth Annual Session of the Western North Carolina Christian Missionary Association

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ALBEMARLE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH,  
NOVEMBER 5, 1947.

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The Christian Missionary Association met in the Albemarle Congregational Christian Church in connection with the annual session of Conference. At the afternoon session on November 5, 1947, immediately after the devotional period Rev. M. A. Pollard, the President, called the Association to order.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Dues were collected as follows:

Rev. Ben Joe Earp, \$5; Rev. T. J. Green, \$5; Dr. W. T. Scott, \$5; Rev. H. V. Cox, \$5; Rev. L. M. Pressnell, \$5; Rev. & Mrs. J. Q. Pugh, \$7.50; Rev. M. A. Pollard, \$5; Rev. W. T. Madren, \$10 (two years); Rev. Park Fisher, \$5; Rev. E. Carl Brady, \$5; Priscilla League, Albemarle, \$5; Mrs. H. V. Cox, \$2.50; Miss Ava Lee Brown, \$2.50; Pleasant Ridge Young People's Class, \$5; W. D. Murchison, \$5; Ladies Class, Asheboro, \$5; High Point Church, \$5; W. H. Freeman, \$5; C. F. Allred, \$5; Cyrus Shoffner, \$5; Mrs. Hallie W. Routh, \$2.50; Mrs. V. C. Webster, \$2.50; Mrs. S. H. Pell, \$2.50; Mrs. Howard Hall, \$2.50; W. Lanier, \$5.00; Mrs. M. A. Pollard, \$2.50; S. H. Pell, \$5.00. Total Collected, \$125.00.

Motion made and seconded and carried that old officers be elected to succeed themselves for ensuing year.

On motion all disbursing of the C. M. A. funds was left in hands of the officers of the Association working with the Home Mission Committee of the Western Conference.

A lengthy discussion of ways and means of making the C. M. A. more effective was held.

Motion was made and carried that the Association take the new church at Asheboro as its project for the coming year and that the Executive Committee be charged with the responsibility of securing new members and pushing the project.

Moved and carried that the C. M. A. hold its annual meeting at some other time than in connection with the annual Conference.

The Association adjourned to meet at such time and place as the Executive Committee may select.

M. A. POLLARD, *President.*

BEN JOE EARP, *Vice-President.*

E. CARL BRADY, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

W. T. MADREN, *Ass't Sec'y-Treas.*

# Minutes of Fifteenth Annual Session of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Missionary Association

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BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN CHURCH,  
ALTAMAHAW, NORTH CAROLINA,  
NOVEMBER 11, 1947.

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The meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. W. Millard Stevens in connection with the annual session of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference. The minutes of the 1946 meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read by Rev. W. Walstein Snyder and was accepted.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was adopted:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, have examined the books of the Treasurer and find them as reported to the C. M. A.

WM. J. ANDES,  
KEMP SMITH.

*Committee.*

The chairman gave an oral report, stating there is a possibility of a lot being presented to the C. M. A. as a gift by a citizen of Burlington on which to erect a church in an unchurched area of the city. This idea was discussed during the session of the Mission Board. The Board agreed to appropriate \$5,000 for building purposes and \$3,000 for leadership. It was recommended that the C. M. A. appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to assist in this new church organization prospect.

Upon motion it was voted that the officers of the C. M. A. be authorized to appropriate to the new project in Burlington, N. C., the sum of \$2,000 as soon as that amount can be raised.

Several persons made remarks encouraging further giving to the C. M. A. that it might undertake further expansion. Testimony was given as to the benefits derived from the organization in the past.

Upon report of the Nominating Committee, the following officers were elected to serve the next conference year (1947-48) :

*President*—Rev. W. Millard Stevens.  
*Vice-President*—Rev. Mack V. Welch.  
*Secretary*—Rev. Kenneth D. Register.  
*Treasurer*—Rev. W. Walstein Snyder.

New memberships were solicited and the following memberships were reported:

*Apple's Chapel*—The Church; Mrs. John Troutman.

*Asheville*—Rev. Earl D. Weed.

*Bethel*—Mrs. Ida P. Murray; Bethel Church; Bethel Sunday School.

*Bethlehem*—Rev. J. L. Neese; Mrs. J. L. Neese; Ladies' Aid Society; Mrs. Carl H. Gilliam; Church; Mrs. Martha Madren; Ida Simpson; H. J. Lee.

*Belew Creek*—The Church.

*Berea*—The Church; Sunday School; Junior Philathea Class.

*Burlington*—Edith Walker; Woman's Bible Class; Walter R. Sellars; Mrs. Walter R. Sellars; Harold Ingle; Mrs. Harold Ingle; Sarah Ingle; Garland F. Huffman.

*Carolina*—The Church (4).

*Concord*—The Church; Sunday School; Mrs. Sallie Tate.

*Durham*—The Church (5); Harrell Bible Class; Mrs. W. W. Boone; Dr. S. C. Harrell.

*Elon College*—George D. Colclough; Dr. L. E. Smith; Dr. W. W. Sloan; Mrs. J. B. Long; Miss Mary Walker.

*Graham, Providence Memorial*—Sunday School; The Church (2).

*Greensboro, First*—W. B. Truitt; Philathea Class; O'Kelly Bible Class; Woman's Missionary Society; Dr. W. E. Wisseman; Mrs. S. E. Foster.

*Greensboro, Palm Street*—The Church.

*Happy Home*—The Church; A. J. Powell.

*Hines Chapel*—The Church; Missionary Society; R. W. Iseley; Mrs. R. W. Iseley.

*Ingram*—Kent Bible Class; Mrs. L. E. Carlton.

*Lebanon*—The Church (2).

*Liberty*—The Church.

*Long's Chapel*—Adult Bible Class (2); Young People's Class; Sunday School.

*Lynchburg*—W. T. Dunn.

*Monticello*—The Church.

*Mt. Zion*—The Church; Sunday School; Mrs. Georgia Brady.

*Reidsville*—The Church; Sunday School; Baraca Class; Rev. Joe A. French; C. H. McKinney; George Pruitt; John Dockery; Carl DeGrotte; Woman's Society; Kemp L. Smith.

*Union (Va.)*—The Church (4).

*Union (N. C.)*—Missionary Society.

*Winston-Salem*—Mrs. A. O. Rudd; Rev. W. J. Andes; Woman's Missionary Society.

Upon motion, the C. M. A. adjourned to meet during the 1948 annual session of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference.

W. MILLARD STEVENS, *President*.  
KENNETH D. REGISTER, *Secretary*.

# Minutes of the Fifty-Sixth Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association

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SUFFOLK CHRISTIAN CHURCH,  
SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA,  
DECEMBER 9, 1947.

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## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The fifty-sixth annual session of the Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association was called to order by the President, Dr. John G. Truitt, Tuesday, December 9, 1947, 4:30 P. M., at the Suffolk Church.

The opening hymn, "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee," was led by Rev. J. F. Morgan, Second Church, Norfolk.

Prayer by the Rev. Stanley Carne, First Church, Portsmouth.

Hymn: "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord," led by Mr. Morgan.

The Rev. Stanley Carne, First Church, Portsmouth and the Rev. W. L. Wood, of the Sunbury Parish were presented to the Association.

Dr. John G. Truitt, President, addressed the Association using as his subject, "Value and Need of Lay Leadership."

The Financial Secretary, Rev. R. E. Brittle, enrolled members and collected the dues. The final enrollment was as follows:

*Antioch*—Church, 10. Total, \$10.

*Bay View*—Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Woman's Fellowship, \$10; Bartholomew Bible Class, \$10. Total, \$40.

*Berea (Nansemond)*—Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Men's Bible Class, \$10; Ladies' Bible Class, \$10; Mrs. H. P. Harrell, \$5; R. T. Bradford, \$10; Mrs. R. T. Bradford, \$5; J. C. Matthews, \$10; Mrs. J. C. Matthews, \$5; Mrs. C. P. Darden, \$5; L. A. Daniels, Jr., \$5; Mrs. H. F. Outlaw, \$5; Ladies' Aid Society, \$10. Total, \$100.

*Berea (Norfolk)*—Church, \$10; Men's Bible Class, \$10. Total, \$20.

*Bethlehem (Nansemond)*—Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Ladies' Star Class, \$10; Men's Bible Class, \$10; Ladies' Aid Circle No. 1, \$10; Mrs. C. F. Savage, \$10; Mrs. C. F. Savage, \$5. Total, \$65.

*Christian Temple*—Twiddy Bible Class, \$10; Dorcas Bible Class, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Sunday School Mission Treasurer, \$10; R. E. Brickhouse, \$10; Mrs. R. E. Brickhouse, \$5; T. E. Brickhouse, \$10; Mrs. T. E. Brickhouse, \$5; Mrs. J. R. Wilson, \$5; Church Mission Fund, \$20; Church Treasurer, \$20; Mrs. L. W. Stagg, \$5; Young Adult Class, \$10; Friendship Bible Class, \$10; Women's Council, \$20; Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Albright, \$10; Templemen's Bible Class, \$10; Mrs. F. M. Brewer, \$5; F. M. Brewer, \$10; Mr. Mrs. Peter Young, \$10; Mr. & Mrs. Frank W. Wilson, \$10. Total, \$215.

*Cypress Chapel*—Agnes Brittle Circle (W.M.S.), \$10; Young People's Missionary Society, \$10; Woman's Missionary Society, \$10; Men's Bible Class, \$10; Young Ladies' Bible Class, \$10. Total, \$50.

*Damascus*—Men's Bible Class, \$10; Ladies' Bible Class, \$10; Young Adult Class, \$10; Joseph Byrum, \$10. Total, \$40.

*Eure*—Ladies' Aid Society, \$10. Total, \$10.



*First, Portsmouth*—Woman's Missionary Society, \$10; Men's Bible Class, \$10; First Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$10. Total, \$40.

*Franklin*—L. R. Jones, \$10; J. A. Williams, \$10; Men's Bible Class, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Mrs. Robert M. Kimball, \$5. Total, \$45.

*Holland*—Mrs. R. H. Riedel, \$5; Mrs. J. D. Rawles, \$5; Men's Bible Class, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Church, \$10; E. L. Daughtrey, \$10; Ladies' Bible Class, \$10. Total, \$60.

*Holy Neck*—Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Men's Bible Class, \$10. Total, \$30.

*Isle of Wight*—Sunday School, \$10; Edgar J. Brock, Sr., \$10. Total, \$20.

*Liberty Spring*—Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; R. E. Rogers Class, \$10; A. H. Savage Class, \$10; Friendship Class, \$10; Bertie Johnson Class, \$10; Woman's Missionary Society, \$10; Young People's Missionary Society, \$10; I. T. Byrd, \$10; N. W. Byrd, \$10; Mrs. C. E. Byrd, \$5; Mrs. F. F. Brinkley, \$5; Parke C. Brinkley, \$10; Mrs. Parke C. Brinkley, \$5; Kaye Culver Brinkley, \$5; Richard Fairlee Brinkley, \$5; Mrs. B. L. Boisseau, \$5; Graham Copeland, \$5; Mrs. J. W. Duke, \$5; Mrs. W. E. Burke, \$5; Mrs. Ralph Duke, \$5; Joel E. Harrell, \$10; Mrs. Joel E. Harrell, \$5; Carolyn Sue Harrell, \$5; R. Wesley Harrell, \$10; Mrs. R. Wesley Harrell, \$5; Miss Lizzie Harrell, \$5; Mrs. Roscoe Harrell, \$5; Mrs. P. S. Harrell, \$5; Mrs. William T. Harrell, \$5; Mrs. M. E. Harcum, \$5; Mrs. James C. Lynch, \$5; I. W. Johnson, \$10; Mrs. I. W. Johnson, \$5; Mrs. J. Lewis Horton, \$5; G. O. O'Berry, \$10; Mrs. G. O. O'Berry, \$5; Walter O'Berry, \$5; E. F. O'Berry, \$10; Mrs. E. F. O'Berry, \$5; Mrs. Ralph O'Berry, \$5; Fermer Perry, \$10; Mrs. Fermer Perry, \$5; Frank Perry, \$5; Zach Perry, \$10; Mrs. Zach Perry, \$5; Starkey Perry, \$10; Mrs. Starkey Perry, \$5; Joe Perry, \$10; Mrs. Joe Perry, \$5; R. E. Rogers, \$10; Mrs. R. E. Rogers, \$5; Mrs. Howard Rhodes, \$5; Mrs. John L. Rawles, \$5; Miss Hontas Rawles, \$5; H. E. Savage, Sr., \$10; Mrs. H. E. Savage, Sr., \$5; Mrs. H. E. Savage, Jr., \$5; Eva Lee Savage, \$5; Mrs. E. C. Skinner, \$5; Mrs. W. L. Turner, \$5; Mrs. Luther Wilkins, \$5; Bettie Jean Oliver, \$5; G. R. Holland, \$10; Mrs. G. R. Holland, \$5; Thomas Stanley Harrell, \$5; Ralph O'Berry, \$10. Total, \$455.

*Little Creek*—Church, \$15; Woman's Missionary Society, \$10; Total, \$25.

*Mt. Carmel*—Sunday School, \$10; Miss Essie Johnson, \$5; Mrs. E. W. Beale, \$5. Total, \$20.

*Newport News*—Church, \$50; Woman's Auxiliary, \$40; Robert Lee House Class, \$20; Choir, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Newman Bible Class, \$10; Golden Rule Bible Class, \$10; Annie Smith Bible Class, \$10; Progressive Bible Class, \$10; Jesse H. Dollar Class, \$10; Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, \$10; R. L. Baker, \$10; C. D. West, \$10; W. B. Williams, \$10; Rufus Powell, \$10; R. J. Moberg, \$10; W. H. Baker, \$10; Carson Coats, \$10; Charles England, \$10; L. L. Taylor, \$10; C. E. Holland, \$10; R. C. Luke, \$10; Mrs. W. H. Baker, \$5; Mrs. R. L. Baker, \$5; Mrs. W. B. Baker, \$5; Mrs. J. T. Irby, \$5; Mrs. R. E. Pulley, \$5; Mrs. F. W. Vaughan, \$5; Mrs. G. G. Givens, \$5; Mrs. J. E. Rich, \$5; Miss Grace Spivey, \$5; Mrs. W. B. Williams, \$5; Mrs. C. L. Pope, \$5; Memorial to Mrs. Laura Butler (given by her daughter), \$5; Mrs. H. R. Byrd, \$5; Miss Ruby Pope, \$5; Miss Katherine Harrell, \$5; Mrs. H. D. Edwards, \$5; Mrs. R. C. Luke, \$5; Miss Jane Collins, \$5; Mrs. L. L. Taylor, \$5; Mrs. R. J. Moberg, \$5; Mrs. G. G. Hopkins, \$5; Mrs. O. H. Griggs, \$5; Mrs. A. G. Simmons, \$5; Mrs. J. H. Duling, \$5; Mrs. W. R. Cole, \$5; Mrs. S. E. Holland, \$5; Mrs. J. W. Holland, \$5; Mrs. R. L. Smith, \$5; Mrs. L. J. Brown, \$5; Mrs. H. B. Barnes, \$5; Mrs. I. W. Ashburn, \$5; Mrs. Edna R. Webb, \$5; Miss Rachel Watson, \$5; Miss Sandra Cutchins, \$5; Mrs. H. E. Corbitt, \$5; Mrs. F. F. Foster, \$5; Mrs. W. B. Stone, \$5; Mrs. C. L. Rountree, \$5; Miss Nancy Luke, \$5; Mrs. S. A. Morgan, \$5; Mrs. Molly Harward (given by the Molly Harward Circle), \$5; Mrs. Raymond Wheeler, \$5; Mrs. R. T. Desler, \$5; Mrs. Annie Holland, \$5; Mrs. R. L. Munford, \$5; Mrs. Frank Blake, \$5; Mrs. J. E. Rich, Jr., \$5; Mrs. D. H. Lawson, \$5. Total, \$540.

*Oak Grove*—Mrs. Thomas A. Greene, \$5; Mrs. Waverly Parker, \$5; Sunday School, \$10. Total, \$20.

*Oakland*—Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; F. M. Class, \$10; I. W. Johnson Class, \$10; Alton Wagner, \$10; W. K. Wagner, \$10; Mrs. E. E. Wagner, \$5; Mrs. P. D. Howell, \$5; Mrs. C. C. Johnson, \$5; Mrs. E. L. Pruden, \$5; Mrs. J. T. Brock, \$5; R. B. Wood, \$10; Dr. N. G. Newman, \$10; Ladies Auxiliary, \$10; M. E. Godwin, Jr., \$10; Mrs. Mildred G. Knight, \$5; Mrs. R. W. Bradshaw, \$5; Mrs. G. L. Gwaltney, Jr., \$5; Mrs. C. T. Pruden, \$5. Total \$145.

*Richmond*—J. H. Newman, \$10; Holmes Bible Class, \$10; Carlton Bible Class, \$10; Rev. R. L. House, \$10; Mrs. J. T. Kernodle (memorial to Mrs. P. J. Kernodle), \$5; Mrs. D. F. Cofer (memorial to Miss Tamar Savedge), \$5. Total, \$50.

*Rosemont*—Mrs. H. L. Bondurant, \$5; John Morrison Bible Class, \$10; Church, \$10; Mrs. Alice Gibson Mills, \$5. Total \$30.

*Second, Norfolk*—J. F. Morgan, \$10; Friendship Sunday School Class, \$10; Morning Star Bible Class, \$10; Men's Bible Class, \$10. Total, \$40.

*Shelton Memorial, Portsmouth*—Ladies' Guild, \$10; Church, \$10. Total, \$20.

*South Norfolk*—Church, \$10; Sunday Schools, \$10; Dorcas Class, \$10; Huber Class, \$10; L. L. Webb, \$10; Onward Class, \$10; Ladies' Bible Class, \$10; C. E. Society, \$5; Senior Department, \$5; Junior Department, \$10; Intermediate Department, \$10; Mrs. E. J. King, \$5; Mrs. Hugh Rawls, \$5; Mrs. Evans, \$5; Mrs. Pat White, \$5; O. D. Poythress, \$10. Total, \$130.

*Suffolk*—Mrs. A. T. Holland, \$5; Church, \$10; John G. Truitt, \$10; Philathea Class, \$20; Col. J. E. West (Memorial), \$10; Woman's Missionary Society, \$10; W. W. Staley Missionary Society, \$10; Mrs. J. M. Darden, \$5; Dr. D. L. Rawls, \$10; Dr. J. P. Cross, \$10; W. S. Beamon, \$10; H. H. Holland, \$10; Mrs. Annie Staley Calhoun, \$5; Ladies' Benevolent & Social Union, \$20; Junior Philathea Class, \$10; Mrs. C. B. Duke, \$5; Sunday School, \$20; Mrs. J. D. McClenny, \$5; Mrs. W. V. Leathers, \$5; Mrs. C. A. Shoop, \$10; Miss Jamie Felton, \$5; Young People's Society, \$10; Mrs. A. A. Turner, \$5; Miss Susie Holland, \$5; Baraca Class, \$10; Mrs. George W. Nurney, \$5; Miss Julia Brinkley, \$5; Floyd A. Turner, \$10. Total, \$255.

*Union, Southampton*—Church, \$10. Total, \$10.

*Wakefield*—Rev. M. W. Butler (Memorial), \$10. Total, \$10.

*Waverly*—Church, \$10; A. Paul Hartz (Membership for Mrs. A. B. Hartz), \$5; C. D. West (Memorial to Mrs. R. T. West), \$5; Sunday School, \$10; Garland Gray, \$20; Garland Gray (Memorial to Mrs. Ella V. Gray), \$5; Waverly Christian Sunday School (Memorial to Judge West), \$10; Sarah Johnson Class, \$10; Ladies Aid Society, \$10; Acorn Bible Class, \$10; Woman's Missionary Society, \$10. Total, \$105.

*Windsor*—Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Mrs. J. M. Raby, \$5. Total, \$25.

Dr. I. W. Johnson recognized and welcomed the new members into the Association.

The following Resolution was presented by Rev. J. F. Morgan and Dr. Frank H. Lewis:

#### RESOLUTION.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Christian Missionary Association of the Eastern Virginia Conference record its sincere appreciation for the life-long labors of Col. Junius Edgar West, who passed into his heavenly reward on January 1, 1947, who was for many years Chairman of the Plans Committee of the Association, and one of the most liberal and ardent supporters of the work of the Church. Sketches of his life and many others of his activities in the Church have already been recorded in the records of other organizations; hence we record here only our deepest appreciation of his work as a member of this Association.

J. F. MORGAN,  
FRANK H. LEWIS,  
Committee.

Resolution adopted.

The report of the Treasurer was presented and adopted as follows:

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

(For year ending December, 1947.)

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand December, 1946 .....	\$2,436.05
Received for membership dues .....	2,470.00
Total Receipts .....	\$4,906.05

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to Damascus Building Program, Sunbury, N. C. ....	\$1,000.00
Paid to Rev. M. E. Taylor for the year .....	900.00
Paid to Rev. J. Everette Neese for the year .....	300.00
Paid to Rev. J. Everette Neese, expense check .....	3.00
Paid to Dr. John G. Truitt, expense check .....	2.00
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Balance on hand .....	\$2,701.05
Amount allocated for Bay View Building Program .....	2,000.00
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Balance available .....	\$ 701.05

E. L. RAWLES, *Treasurer.*

The President appointed the following Committees:

*Nominations*—Rev. R. L. House, Dr. Will B. O'Neill, Rev. M. E. Taylor.

*Plans* (Standing Committee)—Dr. I. W. Johnson, Rev. O. D. Poythress, Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, Mrs. James Lynch, Rev. Peter Young, Mrs. W. V. Leathers.

*Place of Meeting*—Rev. Stanley Carne.

Benediction.

### EVENING SESSION.

The evening session was a supper meeting with Dr. John G. Truitt presiding.

Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of the Southern Convention, addressed the group using as his subject, "The Challenge of C. M. A."

The following report presented by the Nominating Committee was adopted:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Nominating Committee recommends the election of the following officers for the coming year:

*President*—Rev. Robert M. Kimball.

*Vice-President*—Rev. B. H. Watkins.

*Secretary*—Rev. J. Everette Neese.

*Financial Secretary*—Rev. R. E. Brittle.

*Treasurer*—Mr. E. L. Rawles.

Five-minute reports from the various churches assisted by the C.M.A. were presented as follows:

"Little Creek"—Rev. M. E. Taylor.

"Damascus"—Mr. Joe Byrum.

"Bay View"—Rev. J. Everette Neese.

"Union, Southampton"—Rev. O. D. Poythress.

Mr. Mills E. Godwin, Jr., spoke to the Association on "The Layman and His Church."

The report of the Plan Committee was presented and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLANS.

Your Committee on Plans submits the following report for the ensuing year:

We suggest that a list of the Standing Committees, required by the Constitution of the Association, be appointed before the close of each session and included in the minutes of this organization. We further suggest that the Committee on Plans be consulted when any commitments are considered *ad interim* relative to the use or distribution of funds for the following year; it being understood that no definite commitments of funds can be made in advance of the annual meeting of the Association.

For the ensuing year we recommend the following appropriations of funds to be paid by the Treasurer:

1. Eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) to be applied on pastor's salary to the Sunbury or Gates County Parish, to be paid in monthly installments.
2. Seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) to be applied on pastor's salary for the Little Creek Church, to be paid monthly.
3. Three hundred dollars (\$300.00) on pastor's salary at Bay View, to be paid monthly.
4. Eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) on pastor's salary of the Union (Southampton) Church, to be paid monthly.

The appropriations are made for this year without any intimation that such appropriations will be continued, or withheld, in succeeding years, since the Association, some time ago, declined to make commitments for future years.

It is the opinion of your Committee that plans should be made for the establishment of a new church within the bounds of the Eastern Virginia Conference. We recommend that the Executive Committee and the Committee on Plans carefully consider the possibility of establishing a new church in the vicinity of the location of the old Providence Church near South Norfolk and report their findings to the next session of the Association.

We also recommend that the Superintendent of the Southern Convention be designated to assist in the promotion of a campaign to increase the membership of the Association before the next session in 1948.

I. W. JOHNSON,  
H. S. HARCASTLE,  
MRS. W. V. LEATHERS,  
O. D. POYTHRESS,  
*Committee.*

The Committee on Place of Next Meeting reported as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

An invitation has been extended for the next session of the C. M. A. to be held at the First Church, Portsmouth.

MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS,  
*Committee.*

Report adopted.

Motion made and carried that the Treasurer pay the expense account presented by the Secretary.



Rev. Robert M. Kimball, President-elect, was presented. Mr. Kimball appointed the following Committees for the coming year:

*Nominating*—Rev. R. E. Brittle, Rev. J. F. Morgan, Rev. H. G. Council.

*Resolutions*—Dr. Frank H. Lewis, Rev. Peter Young, Mrs. E. P. Jones.

*Place of Meeting*—Mrs. W. B. Williams.

*Press*—Rev. Robert Lee House, Rev. Stanley Carne, Mrs. William Harrell.

*Plans*—Dr. John G. Truitt, Dr. Will B. O'Neill, Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, Rev. O. D. Poythress, Mr. Caleb West, Mr. Wesley Harrell.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at First Church, Portsmouth, December 7, 1948.

Benediction.

J. EVERETTE NEESE, *Secretary*.

# Convention and Conference Officials

Office	Name	Address
THE SOUTHERN CONVENTION		
President.....	Rev. William E. Wiseman.....	315 N. Edgeworth St., Greensboro, N. C.
Vice-President.....	Rev. Jesse H. Dollar.....	Elon College, N. C.
Secretary.....	Rev. W. Millard Stevens.....	401 Church St., Burlington, N. C.
Assistant Secretary.....	Rev. Wm. J. Andes.....	637 S. Sunset Drive, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Treasurer.....	Mr. George D. Colclough.....	Chamber of Commerce, Burlington, N. C.
Receiving Treasury (for all Convention causes).....	The Convention Office.....	Elon College, N. C.
Superintendent.....	Rev. Wm. T. Scott.....	Elon College, N. C.
Field Director for Christian Ed. & Y. P.'s Organizations.....	Miss Elizabeth Chicoine.....	Elon College, N. C.
VIRGINIA VALLEY CENTRAL CONFERENCE		
President.....	Mr. Roy A. Larrick.....	367 E. Piccadilly St., Winchester, Va.
Vice-President.....	Rev. Robert A. Whitten.....	12 West Clifford St., Winchester, Va.
Secretary.....	Rev. Silas E. Madren.....	Elkton, Va.
Assistant Secretary.....	Mr. Clarence A. Phillips.....	Route 1, Broadway, Va.
Treasurer.....	Mr. Clarence A. Phillips.....	Route 1, Broadway, Va.
EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE		
President.....	Rev. Frank H. Lewis.....	1057 Leckie St., Portsmouth, Va.
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Vice-President.....	Rev. C. Carl Dollar.....	6 Third St., Sanford, N. C.
Secretary.....	Rev. Emory M. Carter.....	Youngsville, N. C.
Treasurer.....	Mr. W. J. Ballentine.....	Fuquay Springs, N. C.

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Vice-President.....	Rev. Ben Joe Earp.....	911 Tryon St., High Point, N. C.
Secretary.....	Mrs. F. C. Lester.....	840 Sunset Drive, Asheboro, N. C.
Assistant Secretary.....	Rev. M. A. Pollard.....	Route 2, Liberty, N. C.
Treasurer.....	Mr. Cyrus Shoffner.....	Liberty, N. C.
NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE		
President.....	Rev. Kenneth D. Register.....	Route 2, Burlington, N. C.
Vice-President.....	Rev. W. Millard Stevens.....	401 Church St., Burlington, N. C.
Secretary.....	Rev. Wm. J. Andes.....	637 S. Sunset Drive, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Treasurer.....	Mr. Russell V. Powell.....	411 Woodlawn Ave., Greensboro, N. C.
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President.....	Mrs. O. H. Paris.....	747 Park Ave., Greensboro, N. C.
Vice-President.....	Mrs. F. C. Lester.....	540 Sunset Ave., Asheboro, N. C.
Recording Secretary.....	Mrs. H. Shelton Smith.....	1523 Hermitage Court, Durham, N. C.
Corresponding Secretary.....	Mrs. J. Ryland Darden.....	Holland, Va.
Treasurer.....	Mrs. W. V. Leathers.....	512 W. Washington St., Suffolk, Va.
EASTERN VIRGINIA WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE		
President.....	Mrs. John G. Truitt.....	Suffolk, Va.
First Vice-President.....	Mrs. Wm. T. Harrell.....	Route 1, Suffolk, Va.
Second Vice-President.....	Mrs. R. T. Bradford.....	Route 2, Suffolk, Va.
Secretary.....	Mrs. L. W. Staggs.....	400 W. 34th St., Norfolk 8, Va.
Treasurer.....	Mrs. W. B. Williams.....	1233 24th St., Newport News, Va.
NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE		
President.....	Mrs. F. C. Lester.....	840 Sunset Ave., Asheboro, N. C.
Vice-President.....	Mrs. R. M. Cline.....	Route 5, Sanford, N. C.
Secretary.....	Mrs. W. W. Tate.....	402 N. Cedar St., Greensboro, N. C.
Treasurer.....	Miss Susie Allen.....	612 W. Lane St., Raleigh, N. C.

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Vice-President.....	Mrs. R. A. Whitten.....	12 W. Clifford St., Winchester, Va.
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Mrs. Noah F. Painter.....	Route 3, Luray, Va.
PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP COUNCIL		
President.....	Mr. C. Baxter Twiddy.....	Elon College, N. C.
Vice-President.....	Mrs. Mark Andes.....	Virgilina, Va.
Secretary.....	Mrs. R. T. Johnson.....	Holland, Va.
Treasurer.....	Miss Helen Jackson.....	1414 Horace Mann St., Winston-Salem 5, N. C.
LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP		
Chairman.....	Mr. George D. Colclough.....	Chamber of Commerce, Burlington, N. C.
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Mr. Harry W. Lee.....	1708 Matthews Terrace, Portsmouth, Va.



# Ministerial Directory.

Name	Address	Conference	
		Membership	Churches served 1947-48 or other status
MINISTERS IN FULL STANDING			
Allan, James B.,	1509 McKinney Ave., Lynchburg, Va.	NCVA	Lynchburg, First.
Andes, William J.,	637 S. Sunset Drive, Winston-Salem, N. C.	NCVA	Winston-Salem, United, Pfafftown, Salem Chapel.
Andes, Mark W.,	Virgilina, Va.	NCVA	Hebron, Lebanon, Liberty, Union (Va.).
Apple, J. Frank,	427 Rowland St., Henderson, N. C.	ENC	Henderson, Mt. Carmel, Antioch.
*Beale, Carroll H.,	Wakefield, Va.	EVA	
Bowden, Daniel J.,	Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Dean, Elon College.
Bowers, Thurman F.,	Route 4, Box 132, Greensboro, N. C.	NCVA	Happy Home, Calvary Christian (Ind.).
Brady, E. Carl,	Box 26, Robbins, N. C.	WNC	Flint Hill (M), Teacher.
Brittle, R. E.,	Route 1, Suffolk, Va.	EVA	Bethlehem (N), Cypress Chapel.
*Brooks, Arthur C.,	Asheville Boys School, Asheville, N. C.	NCVA	Teacher and Chaplain.
*Carden, John S.,	906 Shepherd St., Durham, N. C.	NCVA	Retired.
Carne, W. Stanley,	117 Greenway Drive, Portsmouth, Va.	EVA	Portsmouth, First.
Carter, Emory M.,	Youngsville, N. C.	ENC	Fuller's Chapel, Good Hope, Mt. Hermon, Youngsville.
Clark, Ellis N.,	Route 3, Hickory, Va.	NCVA	Berea (Norfolk).
*Clem, H. Russell,	208 Maple Ave., Burlington, N. C.	NCVA	Retired.
Coulter, Roy D.,	High View, W. Va.	VVA	Timber Ridge.
Council, Herbert G., Jr.,	3507 Bainbridge Blvd., Norfolk 6, Va.	EVA	Rosemont.
Cox, H. Vance,	Ramseur, N. C.	WNC	Ether, Shady Grove; Business.
Crutchfield, Gaither C.,	Route 4, Burlington, N. C.	NCVA	Damascus; Business.
Crutchfield, Henry E.,	Holland, Va.	EVA	Holy Neck.
Denton, James A.,	Route 3, Apex, N. C.	ENC	Ebenezer, Grace's Chapel, Ramseur.
Dollar, C. Carl,	6 Third St., Sanford, N. C.	ENC	Sanford.
Dollar, Jesse H.,	Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Elon Community Church.
Earp, Ben Joe,	911 Tryon St., High Point, N. C.	WNC	High Point.
Eutslar, Frederick B.,	The United Church, Raleigh, N. C.	ENC	Raleigh.
Farrell, Earl,	Haw River, N. C.	NCVA	Haw River.
Fisher, Park W.,	Box 183, Sanford, N. C.	WNC	Providence Chapel, Mount Pleasant; Business.
Fogleman, James U.,	Route 6, Burlington, N. C.	WNC	Pleasant Cross; Business.
*Franks, Jesse E.,	Route 1, Apex, N. C.	ENC	Business.

French, Joe A., 43 Montgomery St., Reidsville, N. C. ....	NCVA	Reidsville.
*Fuller, Walter B., 225 W. Market St., Harrisonburg, Va. ....	VVA	Business.
*Graham, James G., 5240 Reno Rd., N.W., Washington, D. C. ....	EVA	Retired.
*Green, Edward F., Box 576, Southern Pines, N. C. ....	ENC	Retired.
*Green, Thomas J., Route 1, Ramseur, N. C. ....	WNC	Retired.
*Griffon, Johnson L., Duke Divinity School, Durham, N. C. ....	EVA	Student, Duke University.
*Grissom, William A., Warrenton, N. C. ....	ENC	Business.
Grissom, Raymond T., Jonesboro, N. C. ....	ENC	Shallow Well, Turner's Chapel, Lee's Chapel.
Gwin, John L., 129 Hardy Ave., Norfolk 6, Va. ....	EVA	First Church, Norfolk.
Hall, W. Walter, 338 Concord Road, Albemarle, N. C. ....	WNC	Albemarle.
Hardcastle, Howard S., 2308 Roanoke Ave., Newport News, Va. ....	EVA	Newport News.
Harrell, Stanley C., 1010 W. Markham Ave., Durham, N. C. ....	NCVA	Durham.
*Howard, Brittain J., 230 McCauley St., Chapel Hill, N. C. ....	ENC	State Parole Board.
House, Robert Lee, 3206 Grove Ave., Richmond 21, Va. ....	EVA	Richmond, Editor of <i>The Christian Sun</i> .
Humphries, Tucker G., 6 South Bennett St., Southern Pines, N. C. ..	ENC	Southern Pines, Niagara, Hope Mills.
*Hurdle, Allen L., Yale Divinity School, New Haven 11, Conn. ....	NCVA	Student, Yale University.
*Jackson, Richard L., American Board Mission, Shaowu, Fukien, China	EVA	Missionary at Shaowu.
*Jackson, William P., Coburn Apartments, Asheville, N. C. ....	NCVA	Retired.
Johnson, I. W., 201 Linden Ave., Suffolk, Va. ....	EVA	Berea (Nansemond), Liberty Spring, Oakland.
Johnson, J. Lee, Fuquay Springs, N. C. ....	ENC	Catawba Springs, Bethel, Pincey Plain, Pleasant Union.
*Johnson, Samuel M., Swannanoa, N. C. ....	NCVA	Retired.
*Jones, Elwood W., Homewood Apts., Baltimore 18, Md. ....	EVA	Retired.
Kimball, Robert M., 414 N. High St., Franklin, Va. ....	EVA	Franklin, Johnson's Grove.
*Lankford, G. Otis, Elon College, N. C. ....	WNC	Retired.
*Lassiter, Lucius L., Suffolk, Va. ....	EVA	Retired.
Lester, Fletcher C., 840 Sunset Ave., Asheboro, N. C. ....	WNC	Asheboro, Big Oak.
Lewis, Frank H., 1057 Leckie St., Portsmouth, Va. ....	EVA	Portsmouth, Shelton Memorial.
Lowdermilk, Benjamin H., Randleman, N. C. ....	WNC	Bailey's Grove, Pleasant Union, Randleman, Union Grove.
*Lucas, A. L., Route 3, Asheboro, N. C. ....	WNC	Beacon Community; Business.
McCauley, Joseph E., Waverly, Va. ....	EVA	Waverly, Centerville, Spring Hill; Teacher.
Madren, Silas E., Elkton, Va. ....	VVA	Bethel, Mt. Olivet (G.), Mt. Olivet (R.).
Madren, Weidon T., Route 4, Burlington, N. C. ....	WNC	Pleasant Ridge (R.), Flint Hill (R.), Sophia.

# MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY—Continued

Office	Name	Address
THE SOUTHERN CONVENTION		
*Marr, S. Wade, Security Bank Bldg., Raleigh, N. C. ....	ENC	Business.
*Moffitt, D. Rufus, Coleridge, N. C. ....	WNC	Business.
*Moody, C. LeGrand, Whitmire, S. C. ....	NCVA	Methodist Church.
Moore, Wilson C., 326 N. Bradford St., Dover, Del. ....	EVA	Dover, Del., Epworth Mission.
Morgan, J. Frank, 1042 W. 35th St., Norfolk 8, Va. ....	EVA	Norfolk, Second.
*Morgan, C. Shannon, Melbourne, Iowa ....	EVA	Melbourne, Iowa.
*Mueller, Robert C. H., American Bd., Marathi Mission Ahmednagar, West India .....	NCVA	Missionary to India.
Munger, Bernard V., 232 McCauley St., Chapel Hill, N. C. ....	ENC	Chapel Hill.
*Murchison, J. Victor, Winston-Salem, N. C. ....	EVA	Friends Church.
Murfeldt, Frank W., Tryon, N. C. ....	NCVA	Tryon, Erskine Memorial.
Neese, J. L., 1612 Buffalo St., Greensboro, N. C. ....	NCVA	Greensboro, Palm Street.
Neese, J. Everette, 1041 Bay View Blvd., Norfolk 3, Va. ....	EVA	Bay View (Norfolk).
*Newman, Charles E., Virginia, Va. ....	NCVA	Retired.
*Newman, Nathaniel G., Windsor, Va. ....	EVA	Retired.
Newton, R. Esten, Route 3, Luray, Va. ....	VVA	Dry Run, Joppa, Leaksville, Mt. Lebanon, Newport.
*Olejar, George R., 2927 Liberty Parkway, Baltimore 22, Md. ....	EVA	Retired.
O'Neill, William B., Holland, Va. ....	EVA	Holland.
*Pearce, George A., Route 1, Franklin, Va. ....	EVA	Business.
*Phillips, Slade W. (no address) ....	EVA	Business.
Pollard, Marvin A., Route 2, Liberty, N. C. ....	WNC	Pleasant Hill, Liberty, Smithwood.
Poythress, Olive D., 1214 Guerriere St., So. Norfolk 6, Va. ....	EVA	South Norfolk.
Pressnell, Lacy M., Bennett, N. C. ....	WNC	Pleasant Grove; Seagrove, Spoon's Chapel; Business.
Pugh, John Q., Route 1, Asheboro, N. C. ....	WNC	Brown's Chapel, New Center; Business.
Register, Fred P., 200 Carver Ave., Durham, N. C. ....	WNC	Amelia, Plymouth, Wake Chapel; Student at Duke University.
Register, Kenneth D., Route 2, Burlington, N. C. ....	NCVA	Union (N. C.).
Reynolds, Ferris E., Elon College, N. C. ....	NCVA	Graham (Providence Mem.), Elon College Faculty.
Roberts, Jesse M., Windsor, Va. ....	EVA	Dendron, Union (Surry); Business.
*Robinson, Allyn P., Jr., c/o N. C. Conference of Christian & Jews, Charlotte, N. C. ....	ENC	N. C. Secretary of National Conference of Christians & Jews.

*Scott, William T., Elon College, N. C. ....	EVA	Superintendent of The Southern Convention.
*Searl, Elmer W., Delevan, Wisc. ....	ENC	Retired.
*Sholz, Herbert, Macon, N. C. ....	ENC	Retired.
Sloan, W. W., Elon College, N. C. ....	NCVA	Shallow Ford, Elon Faculty.
*Smith, H. Shelton, Duke University, Durham, N. C. ....	NCVA	Duke University Faculty.
*Smith, J. Howard, 409 Prospect St., New Haven 11, Conn. ....	NCVA	Student, Yale University.
*Smith, Leon Edgar, Elon College, N. C. ....	EVA	President, Elon College.
Snyder, Walstein W., Route 3, Burlington, N. C. ....	NCVA	Bethel, Concord, Mt. Zion; Student at Duke University.
Sorrell, Matthew T., 162 Third Ave., Danville, Va. ....	ENC	Danville, Kallam Grove, New Lebanon, Supt., Faith Home.
Stevens, W. Millard, 401 Church St., Burlington, N. C. ....	NCVA	Burlington.
Truitt, John G., Box 364, Suffolk, Va. ....	EVA	Suffolk.
Veazey, Guy H., Route 5, Burlington, N. C. ....	NCVA	Long's Chapel, Belew Creek.
Weed, Earl D., 41 Larchmont Rd., Asheville, N. C. ....	NCVA	Asheville.
*Warren, John H., 9016½ Cottage Toll Rd., Norfolk, Va. ....	EVA	Retired.
Watkins, B. H., RFD, Franklin, Va. ....	EVA	Union (Southampton).
*Weekley, Martin L., Route 6, Harrisonburg, Va. ....	VVA	Retired.
*Wehrenberg, E. L., Woodsdale, N. C. ....	NCVA	Faculty, Indian School.
Welch, Mack V., Route 2, Elon College, N. C. ....	NCVA	Hines Chapel, Monticello, Needham's Grove, Student at Duke.
Whitten, Robert A., 12 W. Clifford St., Winchester, Va. ....	VVA	Winchester.
*Williamson, Robert L., 2316 Fontaine Ave., Charlottesville, Va. ....	VVA	Retired.
*Wise, Francis H., First Congregational Church, Los Angeles, Cal. ...	EVA	Religious Education.
Wiseman, William E., 315 N. Edgeworth St., Greensboro, N. C. ....	NCVA	Greensboro, First.
Wood, William L., Sunbury, N. C. ....	EVA	Damascus, Eure, Oak Grove.
Wright, T. Fred, Route 1, Henderson, N. C. ....	ENC	Liberty Vance, Mt. Gilead, Bethlehem.
Young, Peter, 272 E. 39th St., Norfolk 8, Va. ....	EVA	Christian Temple.

#### MINISTERS WITH LOCAL OR CONFERENCE ORDINATION STANDING

Nash, Durant D., Box 791, Hopewell, Va. ....	EVA	Hopewell.
Sutton, Thomas D., Franklinton, N. C. ....	ENC	Beulah, New Hope, Oak Level, Pope's Chapel.
Taylor, Morris E., 3200 Short Drive, Norfolk 3, Va. ....	EVA	Little Creek (Norfolk).



# MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY—Continued

Name	Address	Conference Membership	Churches served 1947-48 or other status
LICENTIATES			
*Brill, Walton E., Lehigh, W. Va.	VVA	Business.	
Fields, Clyde L., 54 Wentworth St., Reidsville, N. C.	NCVA	Berea, Ingram, Student at Elon College.	
Gallo, John, Route 2, Disputanta, Va.	NCVA	Bethlehem (Disputanta).	
*Gleason, H. Allan, Jr., 55 Elizabeth St., Hartford 5, Conn.	NCVA	Faculty, Hartford Seminary.	
*Harrell, Vivian B., Suffolk, Va.	EVA	Business.	
*Rippy, Leonard P., Route 4, Reidsville, N. C.	NCVA	Business.	
*Underwood, I. T., Yanceyville, N. C.	NCVA	Business.	

## MEMBERS OF THE BIBLICAL CLASS

*Allred, Fred, Ramseur, N. C.	WNC	Student, Elon College.	
*Carson, M. A., 1016 Holladay St., Portsmouth, Va.	EVA	Business.	
*Cook, Richard C., Route 4, Danville, Va.	NCVA	Student, High School.	
Fogleman, Martin L., Route 2, Liberty, N. C.	WNC	Student, Elon, Martha's Chapel, Morrisville, Okelly's Chapel.	
*Harper, Roy, Albemarle, N. C.	WNC	Business.	
Leebrick, Bland, Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Student, Elon College.	
*Madren, James Woodrow, Elon College, N. C.	VVA	Student, Elon College.	
*Madren, Willie, Elon College, N. C.	VVA	Student, Elon College.	
*Scott, William T., Jr., Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Student, Elon College.	
*Sorrell, W. Staley, 162 Third Ave., Danville, Va.	NCVA	Student, High School.	
Twiddy, Baxter, Elon College, N. C.	EVA	Student, Elon College, Mebane.	

## MINISTERS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS SERVING CHURCHES IN THE SOUTHERN CONVENTION

Farrell, W. Clay, Sanford, N. C.	INDPT	Antioch (C), Auburn, Bethel, Shiloh, Wentworth.
Koon, Clyde O., New Market, Va.	SwArmy	Bethlehem, Concord, Palmyra, Wissler's Chapel, Wood's Chapel.
Loman, Harold, Box 212, Denim Station, Greensboro, N. C.	PIL. H.	Gibsonville, Hopedale.
Tally, George M., Route 3, Sanford, N. C.	INDPT	Antioch (R), Biscoe, Christian Chapel, Christian Light, Moore Union, Pleasant Hill.
Tally R. Eugene, 303 McIver St., Sanford, N. C.	INDPT	Hanks' Chapel, Lebanon, New Elam, Zion.
Taylor, J. S., 1508 Elm Ave., Portsmouth, Va.	BAPT	Portsmouth, Elm Ave.

# CHURCH ASSISTANTS—LAY WORKERS

*Chicoine, Miss Elizabeth, Elon College, N. C. ....	Director, Young People's Organizations of Southern Convention
*Graves, John, Burlington, N. C. ....	Director, Young People's Work, Burlington.
*Ricketts, Percy H., 2075 Rocklawn Ave., Danville, Va. ....	Assistant Pastor, Danville.
*Walker, Miss Mary, Elon College, N. C. ....	Director, Religious Education, Elon Community Church.

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STATISTICAL TABLE No. 1—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—VIRGINIA VALLEY CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations	Christian Sun Goal	Christian Sun Subscribers
Antioch.....			E. A. Showalter, R4, Harrisonburg.....	100.....	.....	.....	.....	2	93	13	52	20	20	14
Bethel.....	S. E. Madren.....	S. H. T. Hensley, R2, Elkton.....	K. B. Dofflemeyer, R2, Elkton.....	181.....	4	1	4	1	184	13	127	30	10	9
Bethlehem.....		Miss Ella Pickering, R1, Broadway.....	C. A. Phillips, R1, Broadway.....	92.....	9	14	1	4	102	15	155	35	10	8
Beulah.....		Mrs. Joe Tibbins, Keesletown.....	Mrs. D. E. Armentrout, R3, H'sbg.....	21.....	.....	.....	.....	1	20	7	33	.....	5	3
Concord.....		Mrs. R. L. Smith, Timberville.....	Mrs. R. L. Smith, Timberville.....	57.....	5	9	.....	6	60	8	36	.....	5	2
Dry Run.....	R. E. Newton.....	W. B. Burke, Seven Fountains.....	W. B. Burke, Seven Fountains.....	94.....	.....	.....	.....	10	84	5	29	.....	.....	2
Joppa.....	R. E. Newton.....	Mrs. Ezytean Nicholson, Edinburg.....	(No Sunday School)	35.....	.....	.....	.....	9	26	.....	.....	.....	5	.....
Leaksville.....	R. E. Newton.....	R. O. Rothgeb, R3, Luray.....	K. T. Rothgeb, R3, Luray.....	190.....	2	4	4	.....	186	17	85	25	20	17
Linville.....		Mrs. Harold Rhodes, Linville.....	Robt. Miller, R2, Harrisonburg.....	199.....	.....	.....	.....	1	198	13	75	12	15	8
Mayland.....		Mr. L. C. Litten, New Market.....	R. D. Crider, Broadway.....	92.....	3	6	.....	.....	98	8	45	25	8	3
Mt. Lebanon.....	R. E. Newton.....	Mrs. Allene Kite, Shenandoah.....	Mrs. E. E. May, Shenandoah.....	127.....	.....	1	.....	1	126	10	111	25	8	8
Mt. Olivet (G).....	S. E. Madren.....	Miss Thelma Morris, Dyke.....	Norman W. Morris, Dyke.....	132.....	1	6	3	5	133	10	60	20	10	7
Mt. Olivet (B).....	S. E. Madren.....	Miss Laura E. Lam, R2, Elkton.....	Warren Good, R2, Elkton.....	145.....	13	13	.....	2	156	13	110	35	12	8
New Hope.....		H. E. Liskey, R3, Harrisonburg.....	Claude Suter, R3, Harrisonburg.....	69.....	.....	.....	1	5	58	7	40	.....	8	6
Newport.....	R. E. Newton.....	C. W. Louderback, R1, Shenandoah.....	Miss Mabel Higgs, R1, Shenandoah.....	175.....	4	5	.....	.....	150	14	129	25	10	6
Palmyra.....		Mrs. Shirley Oliphant, Edinburg.....	Clarence Rush, Edinburg.....	98.....	1	1	.....	1	98	7	37	.....	5	5
Timber Ridge.....	Roy D. Coulter.....	Walton E. Brill, Lewhew, W. Va.....	E. O. Seldon, R1, Gore.....	229.....	7	7	3	3	233	14	96	20	15	8
Winchester.....	R. A. Whitten.....	Roy A. Larrick, 367 E. Piccadilly.....	O. A. Bazzle, 316 Farview Ave.....	299.....	6	9	.....	.....	304	27	168	36	20	18
Wissler's Chapel.....		John C. Dean, Quicksburg.....	John C. Dean, Quicksburg.....	52.....	.....	1	1	1	51	.....	.....	.....	5	.....
Wood's Chapel.....		Mrs. Austin Kipps, Quicksburg.....	Mrs. D. Gouchevour, New Market.....	94.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	94	.....	.....	.....	5	2
Totals.....				2,475	51	78	21	69	2,484	201	1,388	308	219	134

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 2—FINANCE—VIRGINIA VALLEY CONFERENCE

CHURCH	CHURCH																						
	Paid on Conference Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Paid on Convention Fund	Paid on Convention Home Missions	Paid on Convention Foreign Missions	Raised for Elion College	Raised for Supernannation	Raised for Christian Education	Raised for Orphanage	Total Paid on Apportionment	Raised for Shaowu Mission	Raised for Church Extension	Paid to Woman's Missionary Conf.†	Raised for Christian Mission Y Association	Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Paid on Misc. Current Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Bldg. Improvement	Total Amount Raised on Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property	
Antioch.....	\$ 71	\$ 8	\$ 41	\$ 73	\$ 73	\$ 57	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 159	\$ 516	\$ 101	.....	.....	\$ 264	\$ 32	\$ 124	\$1,037	\$ 225	\$ 466	.....	\$ 691	\$ 1,728	\$ 3,800
Bethel.....	45	15	25	21	21	34	11	11	36	219	40	40	53	20	25	397	481	245	.....	1,078	1,475	9,000	
Bethlehem.....	60	7	26	21	21	51	18	10	42	256	14	9	10	42	159	490	438	289	.....	697	1,187	4,500	
Beulah.....	3	2	3	23	16	3	1	3	35	89	8	.....	.....	8	75	105	75	84	.....	159	264	2,000	
Concord.....	27	5	10	9	9	13	4	4	21	102	25	25	.....	5	232	232	176	114	.....	290	522	3,000	
Dry Run.....	.....	2	15	.....	13	13	7	7	20	77	8	.....	10	.....	9	104	193	116	530	839	943	5,000	
Joppa.....	9	3	5	4	4	6	2	2	6	41	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	82	.....	.....	82	123	700	
Leaksville.....	105	15	36	36	31	50	16	16	103	408	121	41	233	40	87	930	568	676	.....	1,244	2,174	8,000	
Linville.....	105	15	52	67	62	69	22	22	183	597	34	34	195	15	157	1,032	252	363	.....	615	1,647	7,900	
Mayland.....	65	7	26	22	22	34	11	11	34	232	.....	.....	.....	7	239	239	366	133	465	964	1,203	2,500	
Mt. Lebanon.....	17	9	9	8	8	11	4	4	11	81	11	11	15	.....	.....	118	453	146	.....	599	717	1,100	
Mt. Olivet (G).....	69	10	21	18	29	28	8	5	53	244	18	18	.....	5	142	427	510	276	352	1,138	1,565	6,000	
Mt. Olivet (R).....	60	10	12	9	9	13	5	5	30	155	6	6	9	.....	.....	176	486	450	808	1,744	1,920	8,400	
New Hope.....	35	5	20	24	24	28	10	9	57	212	30	6	45	18	27	338	217	109	112	438	776	3,800	
Newport.....	69	14	34	74	74	46	15	14	193	533	36	.....	74	18	21	682	594	361	400	1,355	2,037	3,200	
Palmyra.....	18	8	9	7	7	18	3	3	14	87	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	100	240	160	.....	400	500	2,500	
Timber Ridge*.....	69	19	31	33	33	42	13	13	46	299	75	.....	.....	10	384	810	539	94	.....	1,443	1,827	1,800	
Winchester.....	110	23	65	133	78	86	38	53	176	762	600	.....	249	97	591	2,299	2,250	3,740	.....	5,990	8,289	50,500	
Wissler's Chapel.....	18	4	10	8	8	13	3	3	13	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	84	150	.....	.....	180	264	500	
Wood's Chapel.....	20	7	8	8	8	12	13	3	12	91	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	106	180	39	.....	219	325	800	
Totals.....	\$975	\$188	\$488	\$698	\$550	\$629	\$221	\$218	\$1,244	\$5,081	\$1,127	\$ 190	\$1,157	\$ 310	\$1,456	\$9,321	\$8,776	\$8,276	\$3,113	\$ 20,165	\$ 29,486	\$141,200	

\*Reports indebtedness on church property of \$5,600.

†Figures taken from 1947-48 Woman's Yearbook.



STATISTICAL TABLE No. 3—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations	Christian Sun Goal	Christian Sun Subscribers
Amelia.....	F. P. Register.....	Mrs. Leon Stevens, R2, Clayton.....	Leon Stevens, R2, Clayton.....	131	1	2		13	120	16	88		6	6
Antioch.....	J. F. Apple.....	H. L. Wall, Elans.....	S. B. Spragin, Gasburg, Va.....	85	15	15			100	6	46		5	5
Auburn.....	W. C. Farrell.....	Mrs. Gladys Allen, R2, Raleigh.....	Herbert Langston, R2, Clayton.....	145	6	7	2	4	148	20	87	37	6	6
Bethel.....	W. C. Farrell.....	Calvin Spragin, R3, Littleton.....	Luther Walker, R3, Littleton.....	22					22	9	44		3	3
Bethlehem.....	T. Fred Wright.....			78				28	50	9			3	
Beulah.....	T. D. Sutton.....	A. W. Watkins, R4, Zebulon.....	W. C. Barham, R2, Wake Forest.....	306	16	21	1	2	325	8	188		9	9
Catawba Springs.....	J. Lee Johnson.....			224					244				14	14
Chapel Hill.....	B. V. Munger.....	Mrs. Reid Suggs, 232 McCauley St.....	Albert Lovejoy, 127 Daniel Rd.....	80	2	1	22	1	60	8	48	10	5	5
Christian Chapel.....	*G. M. Tally.....			148					148				9	9
Christian Light.....	*G. M. Tally.....			173					173		104		8	8
Clayton.....	G. C. Crutchfield.....	Mrs. P. N. Long, R3, Chapel Hill.....	Mrs. P. N. Long, R3, Chapel Hill.....	41					41				4	4
Damascus.....	J. A. Denton.....	Mrs. O. J. Smith, R6, Raleigh.....	Junius Dillard, R1, Cary.....	74	2		2		74	6	36		4	4
Ebenezer.....	E. M. Carter.....	Miss Margaret Edwards, Henderson.....	T. T. Coghill, R4, Henderson.....	200	21	4	4		217	7	87		10	10
Fuller's Chapel.....	E. M. Carter.....	Miss Valda Davis, Youngsville.....	Miss Vivian Davis, Youngsville.....	121	5	5	1	5	121	8	100	18	11	11
Good Hope.....				107	3	3	1	1	109	10	40	12	5	5
Hayes Chapel.....	*W. C. Farrell.....	Mrs. John Hall, 713 Montgomery.....	J. A. Hall, 713 Montgomery St.....	66					66		32		4	4
Henderson.....	J. F. Apple.....	Mrs. Joe Johnson, Hope Mills.....	D. E. Culbreth, Hope Mills.....	280	8	17	1	4	293	13	181	40	14	14
Hope Mills.....	T. G. Humphries.....	Mrs. R. P. Stevens, R2, Sanford.....	Emory Buchanan, Moncure.....	38					38	7	45	10	5	5
Lebanon.....	*R. E. Tally.....			46					45	6			2	2
Lee's Chapel.....	R. T. Grisson.....			57	8	8	2	2	63	6	48		3	3
Liberty (Vance).....	T. F. Wright.....	Margaret Alston, R1, Henderson.....	F. B. Fuller, R1, Henderson.....	377	24	27	2	14	390	25	254	63	28	28
Martha's Chapel.....	*M. L. Foglieman.....	Mrs. Ada Council, R3, Durham.....	Percy Churchill, R3, Apex.....	73	2	2		1	74	4	39		4	4
Moore Union.....	*G. M. Tally.....	Mrs. J. U. Lett, R2, Jonesboro.....	N. G. Burns, R2, Sanford.....	102	1	1		1	102	6	46		6	6
Morrisville.....	*M. L. Foglieman.....	Mrs. G. J. Green, Morrisville.....	C. C. Nutt, 415 Dixie Tr., Raleigh.....	45					45	1	34		3	3
Mt. Auburn.....	E. M. Carter.....	W. H. Moss, RFD, Manson.....	J. Allen Kimball, RFD, Manson.....	123	1	1	2	5	119	12	82	15	10	10

Mt. Carmel.....	J. F. Apple.....	R. L. Pearce, R1, Franklinton.....	117	5	6	3	8	115	7	46	6
Mt. Gilead.....	T. Fred Wright.....	Esther Wester, R2, Louisville.....	164	4	7	7	7	164	9	56	8
Mt. Hermon.....	E. M. Carter.....	Mrs. Guy Smith, RFD, Garner.....	87	2	2	1	1	88	10	70	4
New Elam.....	*R. E. Tally.....	B. T. Bunn, R1, Louisville.....	270	1	6	4	16	279	9	91	12
New Hope.....	T. D. Sutton.....	Odell Arnold, R1, Louisville.....	271	1	6	4	16	261	9	166	10
Niagara.....	T. G. Humphries.....	Miss Gladys Snipes, Niagara.....	23	2	3	1	2	21	2	46	2
Oak Level.....	T. D. Sutton.....	J. W. Hudson, Youngsville.....	127	2	3	1	1	129	7	86	10
O'Kelley's Chapel.....	M. L. Fogleman.....	Mrs. M. E. Darnell, R3, Durham.....	18	6	11	1	1	29	10	42	6
Piney Plain.....	J. Lee Johnson.....	D. O. Neighbors, Benson.....	75	6	6	1	1	475	35	35	7
Pleasant Hill.....	*G. M. Tally.....	Sidney Barbour, Benson.....	88	6	6	1	1	93	5	56	5
Pleasant Union.....	J. Lee Johnson.....	B. G. Partin, R3, Raleigh.....	139	9	10	2	4	139	140	140	7
Plymouth.....	F. P. Register.....	Ethel Holmes, R1, Franklinton.....	152	9	10	1	4	158	10	100	6
Pope's Chapel.....	T. D. Sutton.....	Med Bragg, R1, Franklinton.....	116	3	9	1	16	112	4	51	9
Raleigh.....	F. B. Eutsler.....	Edwin Massengill, 2117 Fairview Rd.	349	2	4	1	9	342	17	100	15
Sanford.....	C. Carl Dollar.....	Mrs. Joe Watson, 107 McIver St.....	206	2	4	1	9	201	16	236	18
Shallow Well.....	R. T. Grissom.....	Mrs. Jack Campbell, R2, Jonesboro.....	214	20	27	2	3	238	10	180	25
Six Forks.....	T. G. Humphries.....	Phillip J. Weaver, Southern Pines.....	23	12	48	1	16	227	12	175	8
Southern Pines.....	R. T. Grissom.....	Mrs. D. V. Wicker, R5, Sanford.....	99	3	4	1	13	275	12	175	8
Turner's Chapel.....	F. P. Register.....	H. W. Johnson, Fuquay Springs.....	235	12	14	2	13	87	9	116	12
Wake Chapel.....	*W. C. Farrell.....	Mrs. Clyde Brown, R2, Raleigh.....	111	4	5	1	4	236	10	110	15
Wentworth.....	E. M. Carter.....	Mrs. E. M. Carter, Youngsville.....	43	1	1	1	1	112	7	74	7
Youngsville.....								42	8	40	5
Totals.....			6,305	179	297	35	216	6,386	333	3,645	270
											357

\*Not affiliated with Congregational Christian Church.

†Member of Biblical Class.

‡1946 Membership.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 4—FINANCE—EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	CHURCH																	Value of Church Property				
	Paid on Conference Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Paid on Convention Fund	Paid on Home Missions	Paid on Conventions Foreign Missions	Raised for Elton College	Raised for Supernannation	Raised for Christian Education	Raised for Christian Orphanage	Scholarships	Total Paid on Apportionment	Raised for Shaowu Mission	Raised for Church Extension	Raised by Woman's Missionary Conf. *	For Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Paid on Pastor's Salary		Paid on Misc. Current Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Bldg. Improvement	Total Raised on Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes
Amelia.....	\$ 7	8	15	\$ 12	\$ 12	18	5	8	18	3½	106½				\$ 39	145½	675	154	1,069	\$ 1,898	\$ 2,043½	\$ 2,000
Antioch.....	7	8	10	6	6	14	5	5	14	3½	78½					78½	116	36	125	277	355½	2,000
Auburn.....				48	48	18	18	118	118		232					232	374	190	308	872	1,104	5,000
Bethel.....											134					134					134	600
Bethlehem.....	3	6	9	5	5	5	2	2	5	1½	43½					43½	100	12		112	155½	1,000
Beulah.....	5	22	15	12	14	15	5	5	80	2	175			\$ 36	325	536	500	245	585	1,330	1,866	5,000
Catawba Springs.....							25	201			226					226					226	20,000
Chapel Hill.....	11	4	7	14	14	23	7	8	33		121	\$ 11	\$ 11	42	8	193	1,000	1,760	100	2,860	2,063	29,000
Christian Chapel.....																						3,000
Christian Light.....																						1,000
Clayton.....	7	7	18	14	14	24	7	7	24													5,000
Danascus.....										2	124					124	214	61		275	399	5,000
Ebenezer.....									32		32				232	265	500	729	88	1,317	1,582	3,000
Fuller's Chapel.....	9	9	20	15	15	30	17	8	65	4	192	43	13	47	105	400	200	229	1,448	1,877	2,277	3,500
Good Hope.....	5	8	13	10	10	15	5	5	30	2½	103½	15				113½	252	98		350	468½	2,500
Hayes Chapel.....											19					19					19	2,800
Henderson.....	15	19	30	25	25	80	25	15	80	8½	322½	54		177	204	757½	2,200	1,514	1,394	5,108	5,865½	26,000
Hope Mills.....	5	3	13	13	13	23	7	7	53	2	139	9	9	74	7	238	530	146		676	914	1,000
Lebanon.....							15			15	15	15				15	80			80	95	2,000
Lee's Chapel.....	5								16	2	23					23	88	59		147	170	2,000
Liberty (Vance).....	37	28	70	76	76	178	49	33	362	10½	928½	50		217	118	1,313½	1,500	600	1,966	4,066	5,379½	27,000
Martha's Chapel.....	5			8					10		23				2	25	88	58	109	255	280	1,500
Moore Union.....	3	5	8	9	9	10	7	5	19		75					75	200	98		298	373	5,000
Morrisville.....	9	4	9	33	33	42	27	7	85		249	11			5	271	225	123		348	619	3,000
Mt. Auburn.....	13	8	32	30	30	78	22	22	104	7½	346½	67		192		605½	500	211	350	1,061	1,666½	7,500

Mt. Carmel.....	5	8	12	12	12	17	8	5	17	3	99	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	102	230	37	.....	267	369	3,000
Mt. Gilead.....	11	14	25	22	22	28	12	6	28	6	180	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	182	600	.....	600	782	2,000	
Mt. Hermon.....	5	.....	.....	7	11	11	5	5	28	14	694	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	694	231	65	575	871	940	3,000
New Elam.....	.....	16	27	33	33	36	47	9	182	.....	383	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	383	.....	.....	.....	383	3,500	
New Hope.....	9	18	18	15	15	25	8	17	76	44	2054	1	1	26	111	.....	.....	3444	433	249	302	984	1,3284	4,000
Niagara.....	13	2	8	5	5	8	9	3	8	64	674	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	674	180	162	.....	342	4004	1,500
Oak Level.....	9	8	18	18	21	26	8	8	38	44	1584	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	215	3834	250	130	462	842	1,2254	6,000
O'Kelley's Chapel.....	.....	2	16	6	6	8	2	2	10	.....	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	180	50	300	530	582	3,000
Piney Plain.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	.....	67	.....	81	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	81	.....	.....	.....	81	4,500	
Pleasant Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	.....	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	164	20	.....	184	216	1,500
Pleasant Union.....	.....	.....	.....	36	36	.....	40	.....	148	.....	260	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	260	.....	.....	.....	260	6,200	
Plymouth.....	7	11	15	12	12	32	7	7	41	34	1474	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	2564	500	588	.....	1,088	1,3444	3,000
Pope's Chapel.....	9	8	18	15	15	30	7	7	32	44	1454	10	10	.....	.....	.....	19	1844	317	65	.....	382	5664	4,000
Raleigh.....	.....	.....	.....	40	40	.....	17	5	.....	.....	102	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	340	3,300	4,145	.....	7,445	7,785	125,000
Sanford.....	13	16	27	25	25	68	10	10	75	64	2754	75	75	217	352	.....	.....	9944	2,100	480	1,500	4,080	5,0744	19,000
Shallow Well.....	11	14	25	22	22	45	10	10	60	54	2244	41	17	143	.....	.....	.....	4254	1,000	566	46	1,612	2,0374	7,000
Six Forks.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,500	
Southern Pines.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49,000	
Turner's Chapel.....	7	6	15	12	12	35	7	7	74	.....	22	75	.....	.....	.....	108	205	3,424	840	1,458	5,722	5,927	49,000	
Wake Chapel.....	25	18	47	91	91	182	15	15	419	.....	903	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	953	1,000	539	910	2,449	3,402	15,000	
Wentworth.....	5	8	15	12	12	.....	10	10	172	24	2464	.....	.....	.....	.....	141	3874	300	183	500	983	1,3704	1,500	
Youngsville.....	5	4	12	8	8	15	7	7	15	3	84	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	137	300	56	.....	356	493	5,000	
Totals.....	\$280	\$292	\$567	\$721	\$722	\$1,117	\$494	\$276	\$3,043	\$ 110	\$ 7,622	\$479	\$149	\$1,458	\$2,308	\$12,017	.....	\$ 24,351	\$ 14,794	\$ 13,842	\$ 52,987	\$65,004	\$439,600	

\*Figures taken from 1947-48 Woman's Year Book.



STATISTICAL TABLE No. 5—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations	Christian Sun	Goal	Subscribers
Antioch.....	C. S. Morgan.....	C. E. Tomlin, Zuni.....	J. T. Godwin, Windsor.....	139.....	2.....	2.....	2.....	24.....	117.....	10.....	75.....	18.....	15.....	15.....	18.....
Barrett's.....	C. H. Beale.....	P. B. Barrett, Sedley.....	John Simms, Jr., Sedley.....	63.....	.....	1.....	3.....	1.....	60.....	6.....	25.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Berea, Nansemond.....	I. W. Johnson.....	Mrs. Herbert P. Harrell, Driver.....	R. T. Bradford, R2, Suffolk.....	130.....	5.....	5.....	1.....	1.....	134.....	10.....	173.....	90.....	15.....	15.....	15.....
Berea, Norfolk.....	Ellis N. Clark.....	Mrs. Bertha McLain, R3, Norfolk.....	Ernest Waterfield, R1, Hickory.....	188.....	10.....	18.....	2.....	3.....	203.....	21.....	249.....	80.....	.....	.....	15.....
Bethlehem, Disp.....	.....	John C. Tomko, Prince George.....	A. H. Sykora, Prince George.....	130.....	.....	.....	2.....	2.....	128.....	9.....	60.....	20.....	.....	.....	6.....
Bethlehem, Nans.....	R. E. Brittle.....	W. E. White, 108 Chestnut, Suffolk.....	Edward Johnson, R1, Suffolk.....	500.....	24.....	54.....	9.....	14.....	540.....	18.....	293.....	75.....	35.....	37.....	37.....
Burton's Grove.....	.....	Mrs. G. C. Brittle, Wakefield.....	P. N. Gay, Wakefield.....	40.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40.....	7.....	34.....	16.....	.....	.....	6.....
Centerville.....	J. E. McCauley.....	J. C. Morris, Disputanta.....	G. W. Bain, Disputanta.....	65.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65.....	8.....	37.....	9.....	.....	.....	3.....
Cypress.....	R. E. Brittle.....	Mrs. G. C. Mann, Cypress Chapel.....	F. F. Harrell, R1, Suffolk.....	378.....	11.....	18.....	1.....	10.....	386.....	30.....	168.....	64.....	35.....	25.....	25.....
Dendron.....	J. M. Roberts.....	Waverly S. Barrett, Dendron.....	E. T. Atkinson, Dendron.....	42.....	1.....	1.....	.....	.....	43.....	40.....	44.....	12.....	.....	.....	7.....
Dover, Del., Epworth.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eure.....	W. L. Wood.....	J. H. Lilley, Eure, N. C.....	T. A. Eure, Eure, N. C.....	319.....	7.....	7.....	4.....	16.....	310.....	7.....	75.....	.....	.....	.....	4.....
Franklin.....	R. M. Kimball.....	Samuel Bradshaw, 303 Lee St.....	N. T. Barron, 212 South St.....	415.....	7.....	26.....	3.....	7.....	434.....	24.....	214.....	40.....	.....	.....	7.....
Holland.....	Will B. O'Neill.....	Miss Frances Holland.....	A. J. Holland, Holland.....	428.....	.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	428.....	12.....	144.....	12.....	35.....	35.....	35.....
Holy Neck.....	H. E. Crutchfield.....	E. H. Harrell, R2, Holland.....	H. L. Weaver, RFD, Holland.....	298.....	16.....	32.....	2.....	6.....	324.....	18.....	198.....	40.....	.....	.....	48.....
Hopewell.....	D. D. Nash.....	Mrs. F. Sodomka, 104 City Pt. Rd.....	F. W. Lowe, 213 N. 15th Ave.....	211.....	2.....	6.....	1.....	3.....	214.....	10.....	70.....	34.....	25.....	10.....	10.....
Isle of Wight.....	C. S. Morgan.....	Mrs. W. E. Wills, Isle of Wight.....	J. J. Barlow, 400 Orchard, Suffolk.....	81.....	2.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	82.....	13.....	64.....	15.....	.....	11.....	11.....
Johnson's Grove.....	R. M. Kimball.....	Mrs. B. F. Hancock, Sedley.....	R. Wesley Harrell, R1, Suffolk.....	61.....	.....	3.....	3.....	6.....	55.....	.....	.....	.....	3.....	7.....	7.....
Liberty Spring.....	I. W. Johnson.....	E. B. Rawles, Box 398, Suffolk.....	Z. T. Holland, Walters.....	410.....	3.....	3.....	4.....	10.....	403.....	30.....	209.....	.....	.....	50.....	50.....
Mt. Carmel.....	C. S. Morgan.....	Mrs. F. H. Johnson, Zuni.....	.....	222.....	.....	3.....	2.....	4.....	221.....	22.....	225.....	.....	22.....	30.....	30.....
Mt. Zion.....	B. H. Watkins.....	Mrs. Geo. W. Dixon, Eclipse.....	G. B. Martin, Eclipse.....	36.....	2.....	.....	.....	.....	38.....	19.....	46.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Lebanon.....	.....	Ollie V. Cokes, Elberon.....	Ollie V. Cokes, Elberon.....	59.....	.....	.....	1.....	1.....	38.....	6.....	34.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newport News.....	H. S. Hardcastle.....	Mrs. R. J. Moberg, 15 Elm Ave.....	W. B. Williams, 1253 24th St.....	519.....	10.....	18.....	5.....	17.....	520.....	31.....	348.....	85.....	.....	61.....	61.....
Norfolk, Bay View.....	J. Everette Neese.....	Mrs. B. C. Haskett, 2533 Chesapeake.....	L. D. Albert, 2205 Chesapeake.....	126.....	3.....	12.....	.....	1.....	137.....	11.....	120.....	23.....	8.....	8.....	8.....
Christian Temple.....	Peter Young.....	Mrs. E. G. Downing, 525 W. 34th.....	A. C. Godfrey, 602 W. 34th St.....	808.....	28.....	44.....	5.....	15.....	837.....	35.....	404.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

First.	W. V. Warrington, 613 Westmoreland	Mrs. J. M. Harris, 201 Poplar St.	315	8	8	173	150	12	75	12	12
Little Creek.	Mrs. W. B. Bowden, 3200 Shore Dr.	A. J. Scarborough, 3200 Shore Dr.	31	16	20	7	44	14	103	17	12
Rosemont.	Mrs. A. C. Dyer, 3605 Bainbridge.	W. H. Farrow, 911 Crowell.	526	3	9	2	521	39	395	52	37
Second.	C. C. Etheridge, 529 Burleigh Ave.	W. W. Starnes, 6818 Granby St.	213	9	1	1	221	14	130	12	25
Oak Grove.	W. K. Parker, Sunbury, N. C.	W. K. Parker, Sunbury, N. C.	92	...	...	4	88	...	...	...	...
Oakland.	Mrs. J. Rollie Gayle, Carrollton.	C. W. Darden, R4, Suffolk.	412	...	2	3	4	410	12	254	35
Portsmouth.	J. A. Branch, 602 Bradley Lane.	B. P. Deans, 107 Baldwin Ave.	123	...	...	...	123	91	...	...	...
Elm Avenue.	F. M. Story, 421 King St.	Harry H. Harcum, 1910 Richmond	203	2	7	...	203	15	145	38	...
First.	W. F. Lawrence, 1724 Matthews Tr.	M. A. Carson, 1016 Holladay St.	121	3	10	3	7	124	10	51	24
Shelton Memorial.	Miss Ruth Burgess, 3220 Floyd Ave.	E. B. Gatten, 2825 W. Grace St.	173	2	5	7	171	15	95	...	...
Richmond.	C. E. Hollowell, 1231 Chesapeake.	R. D. Holland, 1541 Chesapeake.	687	32	32	10	700	60	553	103	35
South Norfolk.	E. B. Richardson, Jr., Waverly.	G. C. White, Waverly.	74	5	9	2	3	80	7	45	12
Spring Hill.	J. D. McClenny, 211 S. Broad St.	W. S. Beamon, 228 N. Main St.	1,473	17	38	12	22	1,479	62	670	130
Suffolk.	L. E. McCoy, Sunbury, N. C.	G. E. Rountree, Sunbury, N. C.	169	13	26	3	4	191	9	131	15
Sunbury.	Miss Frances Blythe, Franklin.	S. M. Joyner, R2, Franklin.	173	...	3	1	8	168	7	103	35
Union, Southampton.	Frederick F. Huber, Dendron.	G. O. Huber, Wakefield.	29	...	...	1	1	28	...	24	...
Union, Surry.	Wallace F. Brittle, Wakefield.	F. E. Branch, Wakefield.	125	...	1	1	1	125	13	72	...
Wakefield.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Waverly.	R. H. Clarke, Waverly.	198	4	5	2	4	199	15	141	28
Waverly.	Miss M. V. Griffin, Windsor.	Dr. F. I. Steele, Windsor.	143	...	13	3	6	150	11	121	26
Windsor.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals.	...	...	10,948	238	451	94	447	10,952	690	6,508	1220
										743	746

\*Not a member of Congregational Christian Church  
†1946 Membership.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 6—FINANCE—EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	Paid on Conference Fund	Paid on Conference Missions	Raised for Foreign Missions	Raised for Elton College	Raised for Supernatantion	Raised for Christian Education	Raised for Christian Orphanage	Virginia Council of Churches	Total Paid on Apportionment	Raised for Shaowu Mission	Church Extension	Raised by Woman's Missionary Conf.*	Raised by Christian Miss. Association	For Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Paid on Pastors' Salary	Paid on Misc. Current Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Bldg. Improvement	Total Raised on Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property
Antioch.....	\$ 10	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 37	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 5	\$ 165	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 83	.....	.....	\$	\$ 288	\$ 525	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,311	\$ 2,509	\$ 5,000
Barrett's.....	10	5	5	15	5	5	9	2	71	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	300	55	355	430	2,000
Berea, Nansemond..	30	25	35	50	25	20	100	4	369	65	65	277	100	250	1,061	600	600	7,000	8,200	9,261	20,000
Berea, Norfolk....	30	35	55	30	25	25	50	5	365	210	.....	137	.....	113	825	2,340	993	1,752	5,085	5,910	30,000
Bethlehem, Disp....	10	5	10	5	5	5	10	4	84	26	.....	.....	.....	38	148	1,200	329	1,939	3,468	3,616	15,000
Bethlehem, Nans....	30	69	69	100	60	30	228	15	736	100	.....	490	65	.....	1,391	1,200	682	1,565	3,447	4,838	15,000
Burton's Grove....	10	5	5	6	5	5	10	1	64	23	2	40	.....	29	158	300	22	135	457	615	7,500
Centerville.....	10	5	5	9	4	4	34	2	87	35	.....	.....	.....	35	157	168	123	135	291	448	2,500
Cypress Chapel....	30	54	55	95	35	23	144	11	564	80	6	308	50	189	1,191	1,200	852	24	2,076	3,267	25,000
Dendron.....	6	2	6	12	9	.....	86	1	128	24	6	128	.....	47	333	200	1,038	342	1,580	1,913	4,500
Dover.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eure.....	10	30	17	50	7	7	26	10	192	26	26	72	.....	.....	316	200	287	.....	487	803	2,500
Franklin.....	30	100	110	200	60	20	200	12	929	112	.....	534	35	547	2,157	2,750	2,332	11,127	16,209	18,366	70,000
Holland.....	20	75	90	225	58	37	260	12	1,035	50	100	322	50	256	1,813	2,500	1,775	1,511	5,786	7,599	50,000
Holy Neck.....	20	10	35	96	30	20	149	9	487	100	.....	352	30	682	1,651	2,000	1,197	2,061	5,258	6,909	17,000
Hopewell.....	10	4	10	10	5	5	10	6	85	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	101	1,000	201	658	1,859	1,960	7,000
Isle of Wight.....	20	10	12	62	5	5	30	2	186	21	11	145	10	.....	373	525	446	.....	971	1,344	3,000
Johnson's Grove..	10	3	5	5	5	5	14	2	63	24	.....	45	.....	.....	132	150	17	167	299	2,000	
Liberty Spring....	40	40	40	120	48	15	137	12	549	65	15	521	420	10	1,580	600	2,727	4,493	7,820	9,400	40,000
Mt. Carmel.....	30	35	86	108	20	28	229	7	694	.....	.....	147	.....	42	883	800	771	81	1,652	2,535	8,000
Mt. Zion.....	10	5	5	10	5	5	5	2	61	10	.....	.....	.....	5	76	687	504	243	1,434	1,510	8,000
New Lebanon.....	20	15	15	25	10	5	25	2	147	.....	.....	27	.....	.....	174	.....	135	75	210	384	5,500
Newport News.....	50	298	297	412	220	86	472	15	2,171	310	34	366	450	1,392	4,753	3,600	6,908	4,497	15,005	19,758	125,000
Norfolk, Bay View..	20	5	15	30	8	11	32	4	166	.....	.....	122	45	45	378	2,650	1,047	431	3,528	3,908	11,000
Christian Temple..	70	350	350	750	175	60	449	31	2,790	.....	.....	566	200	852	4,408	4,200	13,327	.....	17,827	21,955	310,000

First.....	20	35	20	65	60	125	39	20	141	9	594	.....	8	.....	130	25	.....	749	1,985	1,344	1,184	4,513	5,262	40,000
Little Creek.....	4	4	5	11	11	4	4	4	33	1	85	.....	8	.....	32	25	.....	225	300	360	1,000	2,260	2,485	9,000
Rosemont.....	50	80	30	140	485	480	156	40	1,227	14	3,187	190	64	.....	394	90	696	4,621	2,961	3,994	1,863	8,818	13,439	62,000
Second.....	20	30	14	55	45	125	30	10	169	3	546	185	.....	103	40	225	.....	1,099	2,600	1,182	.....	3,792	4,891	20,000
Oak Grove.....	10	10	7	25	20	50	5	5	28	.....	180	.....	.....	56	.....	.....	.....	236	200	100	.....	300	536	3,000
Oakland.....	20	35	25	40	45	100	20	15	147	10	502	175	.....	223	130	.....	1,030	600	1,016	1,504	3,120	4,150	15,000	
Portsmouth.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Elm Avenue.....	.....	.....	.....	25	40	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	90	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	20,000
First.....	20	35	10	70	76	150	55	20	234	6	752	23	.....	183	45	500	.....	1,503	2,150	2,114	5,593	9,857	11,360	73,000
Shelton Memorial.....	20	5	5	20	17	10	10	10	57	3	174	10	.....	98	20	.....	302	1,565	1,495	65	3,427	3,427	26,000	
Richmond.....	30	35	10	50	50	150	20	10	141	5	551	16	.....	86	50	.....	703	2,700	3,087	1,898	7,685	8,388	120,500	
South Norfolk.....	30	60	42	85	85	230	25	20	133	20	815	50	.....	144	140	540	.....	1,689	3,640	4,474	1,661	9,775	11,464	125,000
Spring Hill.....	15	10	5	20	17	25	11	5	26	2	153	.....	.....	54	.....	.....	207	180	69	.....	249	456	3,500	
Suffolk.....	40	300	100	395	375	875	150	75	650	43	3,378	178	6	.....	1,200	280	5,304	10,346	4,500	16,027	.....	20,527	30,873	177,000
Sunbury, Damascus.....	20	15	12	30	25	60	10	5	52	5	254	10	.....	104	.....	.....	368	400	600	30,268	31,268	31,636	30,000	
Union, Southampton.....	40	15	10	25	40	65	10	8	125	5	383	23	10	133	.....	.....	549	438	260	.....	698	1,247	4,000	
Union, Surry.....	.....	.....	.....	3	5	22	15	10	5	66	148	36	11	.....	.....	10	205	120	59	.....	179	384	2,750	
Wakefield.....	10	10	5	10	12	28	5	5	68	4	169	31	31	.....	80	20	.....	331	1,000	733	.....	1,733	2,064	14,000
Waverly.....	20	25	15	80	60	150	26	10	79	5	530	.....	.....	104	85	51	.....	770	1,800	1,126	1,664	4,590	5,360	35,000
Windsor.....	30	30	9	40	45	116	38	10	158	4	525	66	34	241	20	60	.....	946	574	575	159	1,308	2,254	9,000
Totals.....	\$925	\$1,398	\$699	\$2,433	\$2,875	\$2,885	\$5,220	\$1,463	\$713	\$315	\$25,204	\$2,304	\$380	\$8,163	\$2,425	\$11,925	\$50,401	\$57,408	\$75,279	\$86,293	\$218,980	\$269,381	\$1,572,750	

\*Figures taken from 1947-48 Woman's Year Book.

NOTE.—The following churches reported indebtedness on church property: Berea, Norfolk, \$1,800; Bethlehem, Disputanta, \$1,500; Mt. Zion, \$364; Newport News, \$23,400; Little Creek, \$1,800; Portsmouth, First, \$9,200; Damascus, Sunbury, N. C., \$4,600; total, \$42,664.



STATISTICAL TABLE No. 7.—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations	Christian Sun Goal	Christian Sun Subscribers
Albemarle.....	W. W. Hall.....	Alfred G. Plyler, 160 N. Depot St.....	Roy Harper, 731 Watt St.....	251	5	8	1	5	254	17	178	.....	20	8
Antioch (C).....	*W. C. Farrell.....	Mrs. G. Lassiter, B. 43, Pittsboro.....	Raymond Elkins, R2, Pittsboro.....	99	.....	.....	2	4	95	8	84	.....	.....	.....
Antioch (R).....	*G. M. Tally.....	.....	.....	103	.....	.....	.....	.....	103	.....	136	.....	.....	.....
Asheboro.....	F. C. Lester.....	Mrs. Orva Brown, 907 Straight St.....	Leo T. Brown, 833 Dixon Ave.....	62	4	7	2	7	62	15	117	39	5	12
Bailey's Grove.....	B. H. Lowdermilk.....	Mrs. Pearl Alfred, R1, Asheboro.....	Dewey Alfred, Asheboro.....	38	1	2	.....	1	39	5	75	.....	.....	.....
Bennett.....	H. V. Cox.....	L. M. Murray, Bennett.....	R. Sheldon Murray, Bennett.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	6	45	.....	.....	.....
Big Oak.....	John Q. Pugh.....	Miss Maurine Morrison, Fuquay Sp.....	.....	68	.....	.....	.....	.....	68	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Biscoe.....	*G. M. Tally.....	Mrs. Iola S. McDuffie, Spies.....	J. W. H. Moore, R1, Robbins.....	53	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	.....	35	.....	.....	.....
Brown's Chapel.....	John Q. Pugh.....	Miss Nellie Moore, Ether.....	Homer J. Cochrane, Ether.....	209	1	3	4	5	207	7	90	24	.....	5
Ether.....	H. V. Cox.....	.....	.....	102	.....	.....	1	2	100	7	38	.....	.....	.....
Flint Hill (M).....	E. Carl Brady.....	Quentin Britt, R1, Biscoe.....	Jason Britt, R1, Biscoe.....	51	.....	.....	.....	2	49	5	70	.....	4	3
Flint Hill (R).....	W. T. Madren.....	Miss Lola Farlow, R1, Sophia.....	W. R. Lanier, R3, Asheboro.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	10	40	.....	.....	.....
Glendon.....	Jas. A. Denton.....	J. M. Cheshire, R1, Sanford.....	A. L. Craig, Sanford, N. C.....	164	25	26	2	8	182	14	208	.....	.....	.....
Grace's Chapel.....	*R. E. Tally.....	Mrs. C. E. Sears, Box 44, Pittsboro.....	Clifford Blaylock, Pittsboro.....	208	.....	.....	1	2	206	12	157	35	.....	3
Hank's Chapel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
High Point.....	B. J. Earp.....	Mrs. B. P. Moffitt, R5, Box 243.....	W. R. Jones, 1228 Redding St.....	91	2	4	.....	1	94	11	143	.....	.....	4
Liberty.....	M. A. Pollard.....	Mrs. H. K. Routh, Liberty.....	Lester York, R2, Liberty.....	71	.....	.....	.....	.....	71	7	101	23	.....	4
Mt. Pleasant.....	Park W. Fisher.....	Z. V. Brooks, R2, Cameron.....	E. M. Marks, R2, Cameron.....	109	4	4	1	1	112	7	91	.....	.....	.....
Needham's Grove.....	M. V. Welch.....	Miss Henrietta Moore, R1, Steeds.....	W. W. Ritter, R1, Steeds.....	136	8	11	2	6	141	10	114	.....	.....	.....
New Center.....	John Q. Pugh.....	A. L. Davis, R1, Seagrave.....	David Chriscio, R4, Asheboro.....	86	.....	.....	1	3	83	10	76	.....	.....	.....
Parks Cross Roads.....	*G. M. Tally.....	.....	.....	212	.....	.....	.....	.....	212	.....	102	.....	.....	.....
Patterson's Grove.....	*G. M. Tally.....	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Cross.....	J. U. Fogleman.....	Mrs. J. Q. Pugh, Sr., R1, Asheboro.....	Mrs. Tobitha Keeling, R1, Asheboro.....	43	1	1	.....	.....	44	8	30	.....	.....	3
Pleasant Grove.....	L. M. Presnell.....	Miss Catherine Browne, R1, Bennett.....	M. E. Jones, R1, Bennett.....	322	3	7	3	6	323	8	165	.....	.....	8
Pleasant Hill.....	M. A. Pollard.....	.....	W. D. Hunsaw, R2, Liberty.....	229	11	16	2	4	241	11	246	60	.....	8

Pleasant Ridge.....	W. T. Madren.....	Mrs. H. R. Stewart, B. 84, Ramseur.....	145	4	9	2	7	147	12	130	16	15
Pleasant Union.....	B. H. Lowdermilk.....	Mrs. I. L. McDowell, R2, Asheboro.....	34	3	4	...	...	38	6	136	4	4
Providence Chapel.....	Park W. Fisher.....	H. B. J. Moore, R2, B27, Robbins.....	20	1	1	...	1	20	...	...	...	1
Ramseur.....	J. A. Denton.....	Roy L. Smith, Ramseur.....	125	1	1	2	3	123	17	...	...	...
Randleman.....	B. H. Lowdermilk.....	W. G. Lamb, Randleman.....	47	2	2	1	1	48	8	75	12	2
Seagrove.....	Lucy M. Presnell.....	Miss Imogene King, Seagrove.....	75	...	...	2	5	70	7	42	...	...
Shady Grove.....	H. V. Cox.....	Mrs. Charlie Singleton, Troy.....	68	...	...	...	1	67	7	50	...	1
Shiloh.....	*W. C. Farrell.....	F. P. Stout, R1, Ramseur.....	112	1	4	...	3	113	7	89	12	1
Smithwood.....	M. A. Pollard.....	Thos. B. Lowe, R1, Liberty.....	184	3	3	4	6	181	9	109	...	...
Sophia.....	W. T. Madren.....	Mrs. Howard Hall, Sophia.....	62	2	2	...	...	64	12	...	...	...
Spoon's Chapel.....	E. Carl Brady.....	Miss Edith Stout, R1, Asheboro.....	30	...	...	...	...	30	8	46	...	...
Union Grove.....	E. Carl Brady.....	Wade Brown, R2, Randleman.....	100	...	...	1	1	99	14	98	...	...
Zion.....	*R. E. Tally.....	J. A. Ferrell, R4, Asheboro.....	142	...	...	...	...	†142	...	...	...	...
Totals.....			3,954	81	115	34	85	3,984	285	3,006	73	74

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†1946 Membership.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 8—FINANCE—WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	Paid on Conference Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Paid on Convention Fund	Paid on Conventions Home Missions	Raised for Foreign Missions	Raised for Elton College	Raised for Christian Supperannation	Raised for Christian Education	Raised for Christian Orphanage	Total Paid on Apportionment	Raised for Shaowu Mission	Raised for Church Extension	Raised by Woman's Missionary Com.*	For Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Paid on Misc. Current Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Bldg. Improvement	Total Raised on Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property
All emale.....	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 44	\$ 48	\$ 48	\$ 60	\$ 36	\$ 32	\$ 96	\$ 404	\$ 255	\$ 25	\$ 70	\$ 37	\$ 791	\$ 1,767	\$ 1,011	\$ 1,947	\$ 4,725	\$ 5,516	\$ 20,250
Antioch (C).....	4	4	2	15	2	2	3	2	59	79					79	207	50	324	581	660	1,500
Antioch (R).....																					1,500
Asheboro.....	20	10	20	30	30	30	15	15	46	216	25	15	102	137	495	1,330	630	2,843	4,203	4,698	14,820
Bailey's Grove.....	10									10					10	125	149	567	841	851	3,000
Bennett.....									11	35					35	82	64			181	2,500
Big Oak.....	10	1	6	20	20	6	8	2	26	99	18	18		6	141	108	50		158	299	5,000
Biscoe.....																					4,500
Brown's Chapel.....		4	15	26	26	20	13	6	24	134	47	29			210	124	50	190	364	574	3,500
Ether.....	10		10	22	22	24	12	5	65	170	7				177	264	150	150	564	741	3,500
Flint Hill (M).....	12	3	12	10	10	14	6	4	20	91			4		95	99	22	18	139	234	1,000
Flint Hill (R).....	11	3	12	11	11	18	6	4	20	96	13		51	101	12	150	42	31	223	484	2,500
Glendon.....									12	12										12	1,000
Grace's Chapel.....																				600	8,000
Hank's Chapel.....	60	5	50	66	80	60	33	16	214	584				400	984	600	1,061	339	2,000	2,984	10,000
High Point.....	20	4	25	20	20	20	10	18	45	182	15				197	1,715	268	1,679	3,662	3,859	9,000
Liberty.....	15	4	20	25	25	30	13	8	27	167	12	4		118	301	233	192	50	475	776	4,500
Mt. Pleasant.....	14	3	15	34	31	20	10	6	27	160	20				180	175	147	267	589	769	3,000
Needham's Grove.....	14	4	14	14	14	20	29	13	28	150	20	20			190	960	50	332	1,342	1,532	2,000
New Center.....	14	3	14	14	14	9	17	6	28	119	17	17			153	200	156	261	617	770	2,000
Parks Cross Roads.....									28	28					28					28	4,000
Patterson's Grove.....	20	5	21	20	20	30	10	10	29	165	8	8			262	339	400		739	1,001	1,000
Pleasant Cross.....	20	5	25	25	25	30	17	14	30	191	11				202		96	2,500	2,880	3,082	3,000
Pleasant Grove.....	20	5	25	25	25	30	17	14	30	191	11				202		96	2,500	2,880	3,082	5,000
Pleasant Hill.....	65	9	45	60	60	65	20	20	219	563	65	3	72		703	1,194	506	4,039	5,739	6,442	9,000

Pleasant Ridge.....	65	12	45	71	70	66	41	20	120	510	157	36	91	248	1,042	1,040	489	373	1,902	2,944	5,000
Pleasant Union.....	5	...	3	3	3	6	2	2	135	159	...	...	...	...	159	600	677	1,168	2,445	2,604	2,500
Providence Chapel...	7	2	6	5	5	10	5	5	7	52	...	...	...	30	82	188	81	50	319	4,401	1,500
Ramseur.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	257	257	...	...	28	547	832	400	174	2,885	3,459	4,291	10,000
Randleman.....	15	3	15	20	20	20	16	14	20	143	17	17	14	32	223	874	164	857	1,895	2,118	8,000
Seagrove.....	30	3	35	30	30	30	10	10	65	243	17	...	...	22	282	488	176	...	664	946	7,000
Shady Grove.....	7	1	8	6	6	7	6	6	14	61	...	...	...	...	61	190	75	160	425	486	1,000
Shiloh.....	5	1	5	5	5	6	9	2	173	211	...	...	...	65	276	392	94	349	835	1,111	1,000
Smithwood.....	20	2	22	20	20	25	25	17	30	181	...	...	15	...	196	692	133	282	1,107	1,303	6,500
Sophia.....	13	2	15	10	10	25	8	4	15	102	10	10	...	...	122	418	311	...	729	851	3,000
Spoon's Chapel.....	15	2	25	13	13	25	5	5	49	152	...	...	...	...	152	215	54	118	387	559	1,500
Union Grove.....	20	3	20	10	10	30	5	5	25	128	...	...	...	...	128	187	304	497	988	1,116	2,000
Zion.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	295	295	...	...	...	...	295	...	...	...	295	...	1,500
Miscellaneous, CMA..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	125	...	...	...	...	125	...
Totals.....	\$565	\$114	\$549	\$641	\$650	\$708	\$390	\$271	\$2,259	\$6,149	\$734	\$202	\$447	\$1,824	\$9,481	\$16,140	\$7,326	\$22,276	\$45,742	\$55,223	\$174,370

\*Figures taken from 1947-48 Woman's Yearbook.

†Includes \$2 paid for Conference Missions.

NOTE.—The following reported indebtedness on church property: High Point, \$4,545; Liberty, \$225; Pleasant Hill, \$600; Shady Grove, \$140; total, \$5,510.





Kallem Grove.	M. T. Sorrell	Mrs. R. McCollum, R2, Reidsville.	57	1	2	59	5	65	9
Lebanon.	Mark W. Andes	T. J. Eap, RFD, Milton.	126	8	10	130	7	37	16
Liberty.	Mark W. Andes	C. S. Wilkins, Lenning, Va.	209	2	2	208	12	88	22
Long's Chapel.	G. H. Veazey	W. Fonville, R5, Burlington.	151	1	1	151	13	115	30
Lynchburg.	J. B. Allan.	Miss Ettie Harvey, R1, Lynchburg.	127	1	1	124	17	98	21
								24	8
Mebane.	*Baxter Twiddy	Miss Lillie D. Fowler, Mebane.	24						
Monticello.	M. V. Welch	Mrs. J. W. Kernodle, Brown Summit.	94	2	2	20	8	40	6
Mt. Bethel.		Mrs. C. B. Haynes, R1, Summerfield.	73	5	5	95	10	85	10
Mt. Zion.	W. W. Snyder	Samuel D. George, Mebane.	152	7	11	159	6	51	16
New Lebanon.	M. T. Sorrell	Miss Carrie Sharpe, 818 Crescent Dr.	203	7	9	206	9	125	12
									6
Pfafftown.	W. J. Andes	Mrs. Ruth Hill, Pfafftown.	27	3	3	29	8	35	5
Pleasant Grove.		Mrs. D. J. Sipe, News Ferry, Va.	272			1272		101	6
Pleasant Ridge.	W. E. Wiseman	Miss Dorothy Walker, R7, G'sboro.	73	9	10	83	6	57	20
Reidsville.	Joe A. French	Mrs. E. H. Abell, 231 Lawsonville.	581	35	45	608	34	465	12
Rocky Ford.		Clarence Edwards, Cana, Va.	49	5	5	43			62
									9
Salem Chapel.	W. J. Andes	Selma Marshall, R2, Walnut Cove.	133		1	128	14	76	16
Shallow Ford.	W. W. Sloan	Ethel Barber, R2, Elon College.	225		7	230	20	225	20
Tryon, Erskin Mem.	F. W. Murtfieldt.	Mrs. Olive Ashworth, RFD, Saluda.	186	3	17	197	13	74	36
Union (N. C.).	K. D. Register	Mrs. A. H. Blalock, R2, Burlington.	332	6	15	338	20	194	10
Union (Va.)	Mark W. Andes	R. A. Dunkley, Virginia, Va.	436	5	6	435	9	96	30
Winston-Salem.	W. J. Andes	Miss Ruth Willis, 1180 N. Sunset Dr.	43		5	46	7	52	44
								10	7
Totals			9,831	240	428	9,733	574	968	1099
									409

\*Indicates Licentiate.  
 †Member of Biblical Class.

11946 Membership.  
 ‡Not affiliated with Congregational Christian Church.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 10—FINANCE—NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	Paid on Conference Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Paid on Convention Fund	Paid on Convention Home Missions	Paid on Convention Foreign Missions	Raised for Elion College	Raised for Supernannuation	Raised for Christian Education	Raised for Christian Orphanage	Total Paid on Apportionment	Raised for Shaowu Mission	Raised for Church Extension	Raised by Woman's Missionary Conf.*	Raised by Christian Miss. Association	For Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Bldg. Improvement	Total Raised on Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property
Apple's Chapel.....	\$ 39	\$ 34	\$ 70	\$ 49	\$ 42	\$ 111	\$ 32	\$ 32	\$ 114	\$ 523	\$ 68	\$ 68	\$ 75	\$ 25	\$ 290	\$ 1,049	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,315	\$ 21	\$ 2,536	\$ 3,555	\$ 14,000
Asheville.....	8	9	11	11	17	22	6	6	21	102	102	118	118	45	45	265	2,092	2,092	.....	2,092	2,357	26,500
Belew Creek.....	22	9	36	19	13	38	16	13	24	190	190	190	190	126	126	522	550	151	.....	701	2,891	5,000
Berea.....	22	10	36	19	13	38	26	14	59	237	100	100	59	59	5	343	752	692	674	2,166	2,638	3,000
Bethel.....	12	14	20	18	18	50	17	10	117	276	5	5	42	15	5	322	752	160	1,275	2,187	2,530	3,000
Bethlehem.....	27	67	67	50	42	116	45	46	341	734	62	62	10	35	460	1,363	1,200	1,330	20,803	23,333	24,696	6,000
Burlington.....	135	64	215	146	524	504	429	115	2,971	5,103	129	112	1,548	100	304	7,296	4,200	11,937	9,201	25,338	32,634	163,000
Carolina.....	6	31	31	13	6	22	19	10	18	125	2	2	80	10	304	207	970	352	764	2,086	2,293	5,650
Concord.....	23	9	31	21	15	45	10	25	36	215	15	15	34	10	11,527	289	826	93	7,217	8,136	8,425	5,000
Danville.....	31	46	46	46	55	55	55	20	50	202	100	100	11,527	11,527	11,527	11,829	3,600	11,925	15,525	27,354	130,000	130,000
Durham.....	108	35	605	403	392	1,109	193	92	489	3,426	305	305	526	40	751	5,048	3,280	3,303	3,021	9,604	14,652	65,000
Elk Spur.....	12	2	15	7	3	9	2	5	10	65	10	10	526	40	751	5,048	3,280	3,303	3,021	9,604	14,652	65,000
Elion College.....	77	35	160	148	139	360	112	85	207	1,323	122	122	556	15	135	2,273	3,600	4,473	201	8,274	10,547	6,750
Gibsonville.....	16	17	16	17	10	19	5	10	41	118	26	26	25	15	24	234	948	467	500	1,915	2,149	4,000
Graham, Prov. Mem.	86	36	200	236	235	445	239	75	749	2,301	354	354	656	25	1,014	4,350	3,640	3,708	10,075	17,423	21,773	77,500
Greensboro, First.....	23	21	37	37	36	95	37	20	100	406	31	31	6	96	86	637	2,203	1,389	3,492	4,219	4,719	17,700
Haw River.....	34	22	56	46	46	90	28	30	159	511	28	14	179	5	25	762	2,015	569	1,731	4,305	5,067	12,350
Hebron.....	33	13	46	39	30	88	19	20	78	366	30	30	65	238	238	699	1,650	1,043	8,472	11,165	11,864	13,000
Hopedale.....	22	9	21	20	13	40	11	10	28	174	7	7	181	10	181	181	400	125	209	734	915	1,500
Hines Chapel.....	32	17	56	44	37	95	28	30	149	488	54	54	215	25	35	871	907	377	3,000	4,284	5,155	6,000
Howard's Chapel.....	46	17	67	59	59	136	28	32	125	569	34	34	132	10	41	820	600	321	15	936	1,756	1,000
Ingram.....	46	17	67	59	59	136	28	32	125	569	34	34	132	10	41	820	600	321	15	936	1,756	1,000
Ivy Hill.....	46	17	67	59	59	136	28	32	125	569	34	34	132	10	41	820	600	321	15	936	1,756	1,000





STATISTICAL TABLE No. 11—FINANCIAL SUMMARY

CONFERENCE	Paid on Conference Fund	Paid on Conference Missions	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Paid on Convention Fund	Paid on Convention Home Missions	Paid on Convention Foreign Missions	Raised for Pylon College	Raised for Supernunnation	Raised for Christian Education*	Raised for Christian Orphanage	Virginia Council of Churches	Scholarships	Total Paid on Apportionment
Virginia Valley Central	\$ 975	\$ 1,398	\$ 188	\$ 458	\$ 598	\$ 550	\$ 629	\$ 221	\$ 218	\$ 1,244	\$ 315	\$ 110	\$ 5,081
Eastern Virginia	925	1,398	699	2,433	2,875	2,885	5,220	1,463	713	6,278			25,204
Eastern North Carolina	280			567	721	722	1,117	494	218	3,043			7,622
Western North Carolina	565	2	114	549	641	650	708	390	271	2,259			6,149
North Carolina and Virginia	1,239		658	2,531	2,050	2,183	4,536	1,802	1,070	7,609			23,728
Totals	\$ 3,984	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,951	\$ 6,588	\$ 6,885	\$ 6,990	\$ 12,210	\$ 4,370	\$ 2,548	\$ 20,433	\$ 315	\$ 110	\$ 67,784

CONFERENCE	Raised for Shaowu Mission	Raised for Church Extension*	Raised by Woman's Missionary Com.†	Raised by Christian Miss. Association	For Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Paid on Misc. Current Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Bldg. Improvement	Total Raised on Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness on Church Property
Virginia Valley Central	\$ 1,127	\$ 190	\$ 1,157	\$ 310	\$ 1,456	\$ 9,321	\$ 8,776	\$ 8,276	\$ 3,113	\$ 20,165	\$ 29,486	\$ 141,200	\$ 5,600
Eastern Virginia	2,304	380	8,163	2,425	11,925	50,401	57,408	75,279	86,293	218,980	269,381	1,572,750	42,664
Eastern North Carolina	479	149	1,458		2,309	12,017	24,351	14,794	13,842	52,987	65,004	439,600	
Western North Carolina	734	202	447	125	1,824	9,481	16,140	7,326	22,276	45,742	55,223	174,370	5,310
North Carolina and Virginia	2,118	906	6,101	462	19,630	52,945	54,779	58,841	98,874	212,404	265,439	880,250	3,000
Totals	\$ 6,762	\$ 1,827	\$ 17,326	\$ 3,322	\$ 37,144	\$ 134,165	\$ 161,454	\$ 164,516	\$ 224,398	\$ 550,368	\$ 684,533	\$ 3,208,170	\$ 56,574

\*In addition to total contributed by churches to Christian Education, Board of Christian Education received \$1,528 from Sunday School Conventions, as follows: Virginia Valley, \$133; Eastern Virginia, \$700; Eastern North Carolina, \$265; Western North Carolina, \$142; North Carolina and Virginia, \$288.

†Figures taken from 1947-48 Woman's Yearbook.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 12—SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP

CONFERENCE	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations	Christian Sun Goal	Christian Sun Subscribers*
Virginia Valley Central.....	2,475	51	78	21	69	2,484	201	1,388	308	219	134
Eastern Virginia.....	10,948	238	451	94	447	10,952	690	6,508	1,220	743	746
Western North Carolina.....	6,305	179	297	35	216	6,386	333	3,645	270	357	74
Western North Carolina.....	3,954	81	115	34	85	3,984	285	3,006	181	73	74
North Carolina and Virginia....	9,831	240	428	68	526	9,733	574	6,361	988	1,069	409
Totals.....	33,513	789	1,369	252	1,343	33,539	2,083	20,808	2,947	2,491	*1,363

\*Incomplete. There are approximately 2,000 subscribers to The Christian Sun.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 13—THE CONVENTION FUNDS

NAME OF FUND	CONFERENCE	Appt'd by Con- vention	Appt'd by Con- ference	Paid by Churches
Home Missions—	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 500	\$ 386	\$ 598
	Eastern Virginia.....	2,300	2,302	2,875
	Eastern North Carolina.....	800	792	721
	Western North Carolina.....	600	765	641
	North Carolina and Virginia...	1,800	1,804	2,050
	Total.....	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,049	\$ 6,885
Foreign Missions	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 500	\$ 386	\$ 550
	Eastern Virginia.....	2,300	2,296	2,885
	Eastern North Carolina.....	800	792	722
	Western North Carolina.....	600	765	650
	North Carolina and Virginia...	1,800	1,805	2,183
	Total.....	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,044	\$ 6,990
Elon Orphanage	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 800	\$ 607	\$ 1,244
	Eastern Virginia.....	4,000	3,975	6,278
	Eastern North Carolina.....	1,750	1,735	3,043
	Western North Carolina.....	950	1,128	2,259
	North Carolina and Virginia...	5,000	5,083	7,609
	Total.....	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,528	\$ 20,433
Elon College	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 800	\$ 607	\$ 629
	Eastern Virginia.....	5,000	4,865	5,220
	Eastern North Carolina.....	1,750	1,735	1,117
	Western North Carolina.....	950	977	708
	North Carolina and Virginia...	4,000	4,000	4,536
	Total.....	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,284	\$ 12,210
Christian Education—	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 250	\$ 191	\$ 218
	Eastern Virginia.....	1,100	1,216	713
	Eastern North Carolina.....	400	395	276
	Western North Carolina.....	250	295	271
	North Carolina and Virginia...	1,000	1,000	1,070
	Total.....	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,099	\$ 2,548
Superannuation	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 250	\$ 191	\$ 221
	Eastern Virginia.....	1,100	1,099	1,463
	Eastern North Carolina.....	400	395	494
	Western North Carolina.....	250	332	390
	North Carolina and Virginia...	1,000	1,000	1,802
	Total.....	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,017	\$ 4,370
Convention Fund	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 600	\$ 457	\$ 458
	Eastern Virginia.....	2,500	2,487	2,433
	Eastern North Carolina.....	950	936	567
	Western North Carolina.....	700	743	549
	North Carolina and Virginia...	2,250	2,248	2,581
	Total.....	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,871	\$ 6,588
Per Capita Dues for The General Council— 8 Cents per Member	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 191	\$ 193	\$ 188
	Eastern Virginia.....	862	720	699
	Eastern North Carolina.....	430	464	292
	Western North Carolina.....	293	151	114
	North Carolina and Virginia...	765	763	658
	Total.....	\$ 2,541	\$ 2,291	\$ 1,951
Grand Total.....		\$ 52,541	\$ 52,183	\$ 61,975

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 14—TOTAL CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION APPORTIONMENTS

NAME OF CONFERENCE	Apportioned by Convention	Apportioned by Conference for Convention Enterprises	Raised for Convention Apportion- ment	Apportioned by Conference for Conference Causes	Paid on Ap- portionment for Conference ence Causes	Total Appor- tionment for Conference and Convention	Total Paid on Conference and Convention Apportion- ments
Virginia Valley Central.....	\$ 3,891	\$ 3,018	\$ 4,106	\$ 1,013	\$ 975	\$ 4,904	\$ 5,081
Eastern North Carolina.....	7,280	7,244	7,232	1,673	390	7,953	7,622
Eastern Virginia.....	19,162	19,060	22,566	2,769	2,638	21,931	25,204
Western North Carolina.....	4,593	5,158	5,582	721	6,567	5,314	6,149
North Carolina and Virginia.....	17,615	17,703	22,489	1,447	1,239	19,062	23,728
Totals.....	\$ 52,541	\$ 52,183	\$ 61,975	\$ 6,623	\$ 5,809	\$ 59,164	\$ 67,784



STATISTICAL TABLE No. 15—RECEIPTS FOR MISSIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BENEVOLENCES

SOURCE	HOME MISSIONS				FOREIGN MISSIONS			Other Convention Enterprises	Co. for War Victims and Reconstruction	Miscellaneous Benevolences	Grand Total
	Conference	Convention	Church Extension	Total	Regular	Shaowu	Total				
Conference Apportionment.....	\$ 1,400	\$ 6,885	.....	\$ 8,285	\$ 6,990	.....	\$ 6,990	\$48,100*	.....	\$33,307	\$ 96,682
Special "Over and Above".....	.....	.....	\$ 1,827	1,827	.....	\$ 6,762	6,762	1,528	\$ 3,837†	.....	13,954
Woman's Missionary Convention.....	.....	5,405	31	5,436	5,456	4,249	9,705	.....	174	121	15,436†
Christian Missionary Association.....	3,778	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,778
Totals.....	\$ 5,178	\$12,290	\$ 1,858	\$19,326	\$12,446	\$11,011	\$23,457	\$49,628	\$ 4,011	\$33,428	\$129,850

\*Includes: Orphanage, \$20,433; Elon College, \$12,210; Christian Education, from Churches, \$2,548, from Sunday School Convention, \$1,528; Superannuation, \$4,370; Convention Fund, \$6,538; Per Capita Dues for General Council, \$1,951.

†Does not include amount sent direct to Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction, but only that sent through Convention Office.

‡Convention Office receipts. Total giving reported in 1947-48 Woman's Yearbook, \$18,303.11.

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## TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The thirty-eighth regular biennial session of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches was called to order by the president, Rev. W. E. Wisseman, at 2:00 P. M., April 27, 1948, at Liberty (Vance) Christian Church, Epsom, North Carolina.

The worship service was conducted by Rev. Tucker G. Humphries of Southern Pines, N. C.

Roll call showed that eighty-five regular delegates were present. This included forty-two ministers and forty-three lay delegates. A quorum was declared present. The following visitors were introduced to the Convention: Rev. Fred S. Buschmeyer of the Mount Pleasant Congregational Church, Washington, D. C., Rev. John A. T. Kingsbury from Raleigh, N. C., who is a member of the Iowa Conference and Rev. William R. Steininger also of Raleigh, N. C., and a member of the Northern California Conference.

The secretary presented the printed program as the report of the Program Committee. This program on motion was made the order of business, subject to such changes as may from time to time be necessary.

President Wisseman announced the appointment of the following committees:

### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

*Business*—H. S. Hardcastle, Kenneth Register, R. E. Newton.

*Resolutions*—Mrs. W. B. Williams, R. A. Whitten, W. J. Andes.

*Credentials*—W. B. O'Neill, C. E. Newman, S. E. Madren.

*Press*—J. F. Apple, R. L. House, Peter Young, John G. Truitt.

Mimeographed reports of the boards and committees were distributed to the delegates.

Dr. C. E. Newman gave the report of the historian and on motion the report was received and made a part of the Convention record. The report follows:

### REPORT OF HISTORIAN

A member of this local congregation said recently, "We feel honored to entertain the Southern Convention." Speaking for the Convention, "We are delighted to be your guests." This church has a very interesting history. It has made a valuable contribution both to the community, and to the church at large.

Eighty-nine years ago there was no church organization within a radius of six miles of this place. Mr. Charles E. Ayscue, a leading citizen of the community, was converted about the middle of the last century and joined Fuller's Christian Church. He realized the need of a church in his own community. In 1859 he invited Elder Bragg to visit this community and a church was organized at Liberty Hill schoolhouse, one mile from this place. In 1880, when Rev. D. F. Jones was pastor, land was donated and a frame building was constructed. In 1904, Dr. W. T. Herndon, pastor,



this house of worship was built. Several additions have been made. The present value of the property is \$30,000. There is a membership of nearly 400, a full-time pastor and a modern parsonage.

Within the bounds of this Conference important history has been made for the church. The Southern Christian Association was organized at Good Hope Church in the adjoining county of Granville in 1847. The first contribution to Foreign Missions was made in 1886. Within scarcely more than an hour's drive across the State line in Virginia, Rev. James O'Kelly finished his work as Presiding Elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church. It is thought by some that he was born near Boydton, Virginia, and near this place he owned a home. After the Christian Church began its work Rev. O'Kelly settled in the bounds of what is now the Eastern North Carolina Conference, built O'Kelly's Chapel near which he owned a farm and there he was buried. Near here is Mt. Auburn Church where the Southern Christian Convention met in 1866, reorganized or completed the organization begun at Union, North Carolina, in 1856.

About twelve miles distant is the old historical town of Williamsboro, situated in a community that has exerted an early influence on the state and nation surpassed by no other section of North Carolina. Here Judge John Williams had the first law school in the state. Williamsboro was considered both for the state capital and for the seat of the state university. Alexander, son of Judge Williams, was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. He was a man of wealth as he advanced \$50,000 to assist in paying the soldiers in the American Revolution.

After Daniel Boone had returned from his first visit to the Northwest Territory some of the men of Williamsboro heard him give such a glowing account of the country that they hired him to explore that region. In 1775 they met the Cherokees on the banks of the Watauga River and purchased from them 26,000,000 acres of land for 12,000 pounds in cash and merchandise. Judge Richard Henderson of Williamsboro was the first governor of the territory named Transylvania. He and Judge Williamson went before the United States Congress and asked that Transylvania be admitted as the fourteenth state. Both North Carolina and Virginia objected as they claimed all lands went of them to the Mississippi. However, Congress voted them a tract of 200,000 acres in appreciation of the service they had rendered to their country. In Warren County a few miles east of here, Annie Bell Lee, daughter of General Robert E. Lee, was buried. The Historical Society of North Carolina in recent years has placed a marker at her grave.

As a church we hear the charge that we have not grown as other religious bodies. For encouragement I have made a comparison of the present and 1890, and find the following facts:

In the fall of 1890 the doors of our first owned and controlled college were opened. Two buildings were on the campus. The value of the institution's property was about \$50,000. We had no orphanage. Our first missionaries to the foreign field were scarcely more than beginning a work in Japan. Statistics for that year reveal the following facts: Churches 145, members about 9,000, raised for Foreign Missions \$164, raised for Home Missions \$155. But the vision and sacrificial loyalty which the leaders of the church had in the days prior to this time to establish a church paper, to build and support an institution of higher learning, to organize both for Home and Foreign Missions, are needed today to carry on the work for which they gave us a safe foundation.

The ANNUAL of 1946 reveals the following facts: churches 195, members 32,000, ministers 116, licentiates and members of the Biblical Class 17, value of church property \$2,752,855. Total raised for all purposes \$575,240. Of this \$139,567 for pastors' salaries, \$6,558 Home Missions, \$7,944 Foreign Missions. The amounts raised by Conference Missionary Associations and the women's organizations are in addition to the above statistics. To meet the budget for 1946 more than \$93,000 was needed.

The forward movements that are making history since the 1946 session of this Convention are the following: The going out to Shaowu of three missionaries, and meeting the obligations assumed to raise \$10,000 annually to care for the work in a territory of a million souls in China. The progress made, with President Smith as leader, in the stabilization and advancement of our college, which will add \$1,000,000 in value to the property. One new building is completed at a cost of more than

\$150,000, and ground broken for another. The much needed improvements on the orphanage property—there are now three buildings for children, a farmer's home, superintendent's home, the dairy barn, all necessary farm buildings, and two hundred and seventy-five acres of valuable land. The total value of the orphanage plant is \$239,887.70. The progress made towards building the superintendent's home, and last but not least, the fine progress that has been made towards the merger of our church with the Evangelical and Reformed Church which will give us a constituency of 1,800,000. The recent Evangelistic Crusade added several hundred members to our churches.

Other matters of importance which have happened during the biennium are:

1. Organization of the Laymen's Fellowship, under the leadership of Mr. George D. Colclough, chairman. The men of the Convention are organizing in local churches, districts, conferences and Convention. They are to have an important place in the program of their Convention.
2. We have added a field worker, Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, whose major responsibility is the direction of our young people's work.
3. Damascus Church has been moved from a nearby location and a new church building completed at Sunbury, North Carolina. The Asheboro Church is building a new church edifice. The Mission Board is taking preliminary steps toward starting new churches in North Carolina and Virginia.
4. Sixteen new parsonages have been built or purchased in the Convention during the past two years.

C. E. NEWMAN.

The report of the Executive Board was read by W. Millard Stevens, secretary, as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The following persons constituted the Executive Board of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches during the biennium:

1. Nominated by Convention and Conferences and elected by the Convention at Waverly: W. E. Wisseman, president; Jesse H. Dollar, vice-president; W. Millard Stevens, secretary; W. B. O'Neill (E. Va.); L. L. Vaughn (E. N. C.); R. A. Whitten (V. Va.); S. C. Harrell (N. C & Va.); B. J. Earp (W. N. C.).

2. Nominated by the respective boards and institutions and elected by the Executive Board: H. S. Hardcastle (Mission Board); D. R. Fonville (Superannuation); L. E. Smith (Christian Education); G. D. Colclough (Publications); Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, succeeded by Mrs. O. H. Paris (Women); W. H. Boone, M. D. (Elon College); V. R. Holt (Orphanage).

3. Nominated by Executive Committees of Conferences and elected by the Executive Board to conform to the provisions of the constitution: J. G. Truitt (E. Va.); S. E. Madren, succeeded by R. E. Newton (V. Va.); G. T. Gunter and H. V. Cox (W. N. C.); J. A. French (N. C & Va.); J. F. Apple (E. N. C.).

The Executive Board constituted as the Executive Committee of the Board: W. E. Wisseman, W. M. Stevens, S. C. Harrell, G. D. Colclough, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman (succeeded by Mrs. O. H. Paris).

During the biennium the Executive Board of the Convention has had five meetings, all at Elon College, North Carolina. The first meeting was held July 8 and 9, 1946, with 16 members of the board and four visitors present.

At this meeting the board approved a plan whereby the Convention Office was designated as the receiving treasury for the funds from the churches for the Convention and for the various enterprises of the Convention. It was provided that the office send receipts for money received, bank the money, and distribute the funds as they were designated to the treasurers of the boards, institutions and other enterprises. Money was to be disbursed to Elon College and to the Orphanage each week and to the other enterprises monthly. Mr. George D. Colclough of Elon College, North Carolina, was elected to serve as treasurer of the Convention. Money set up in the budget for the operation of the Convention Office was to be administered by the superintendent from funds received from the treasurer.

In accordance with the action of the Convention relative to the employment of a field worker and recorded in the minutes of the Waverly session of the Convention, in

THE ANNUAL, Vol. 75, page 34, the board provided for the election of a field worker, and Miss Elizabeth Chicoine was elected to this position and began her work on September 1, 1946.

The board also approved a plan whereby the Convention would bear the expenses for one meeting each year of the Strategy Committee and the committees on Spiritual Life, Evangelism and Stewardship out of Convention funds.

With reference to the matter of the Superintendent's Home as referred to the Executive Board by the last session of the Convention, page 56, THE ANNUAL for 1946, the Committee on Superintendent's Home reported to the Executive Board and requested that they be released. The Executive Board granted their request. It then authorized the appointment of a new Committee on Superintendent's Home to replace the old committee and to explore the possibilities of buying or building a superintendent's home.

The second meeting of the Executive Board was held on January 6 and 7, 1947, with 20 members present. At this meeting, Superintendent Johnston of the Christian Orphanage called attention to the fact that in the death of Mr. J. H. McEwen of Burlington, that a vacancy existed in the Board of Trusées of the institution, and brought to the Executive Board a request that Mrs. J. H. McEwen of Burlington, North Carolina, be elected to complete the term of Mr. McEwen. The board voted to elect Mrs. J. H. McEwen as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Christian Orphanage to complete the term of Mr. J. H. McEwen.

The board voted that 30 days from the date of the closing session of each conference be designated as a deadline for the receiving of minutes and reports for publication in THE ANNUAL. Also the board voted that all funds received from the churches after the close of the conference session be credited on funds for the succeeding year unless the funds are designated for the preceding year..

Pursuant to the request and action of the Convention in its last session, as recorded on pages 41 and 42 of THE ANNUAL for 1946, the Board of Superannuation presented to the Executive Board a plan whereby the Board of Superannuation activities of the Southern Convention would be merged with the activities of the Ministerial Relief Division of the Board of Home Missions of Congregational Christian Churches, and the Executive Board voted to approve the plan of merger. The plan of merger will be presented by the Board of Superannuation to this session of the Convention.

The board received the report of the death of Colonel J. E. West, and a committee composed of W. M. Stevens and Stanley C. Harrell, drew up for the board suitable resolutions with reference to the passing of Colonel West.

The third meeting of the board was held on May 26, 1947, with 13 members and three visitors present. At this meeting of the board Miss Elizabeth Chicoine was employed for another year as field worker of the Convention at a salary of \$2,000.00 per year. Circumstances were presented to the board which made it seem necessary that an additional appropriation be made from the Convention Fund for secretarial help in the Convention Office. In the light of this, the board authorized that \$800.00 additional money be appropriated from the Convention Fund for the securing of additional help in the Convention Office.

The board authorized the appointment of a committee on reorganization of the Convention and at a subsequent meeting the board authorized that this committee on reorganization be designated as a *Committee on Reorganization and Revision*. The board went on record as approving the idea of grouping our churches into logical geographical parishes for ministerial service and authorized that the superintendent work with the various Conference committees in this matter.

Upon the request on the Committee on Superintendent's Home, the board went on record as committing itself to the building of a superintendent's home and authorized the committee to continue its work in making plans for the construction of a house and for financing the construction and the securing of a possible lot for the construction of the superintendent's home.

During the absence of Superintendent Scott from the Executive Board meeting, Mr. George D. Colclough presented to the board the fact that because of changing economic conditions the board was faced with a real problem in relationship to the superintendent's salary, and after discussing the matter the board felt that it was necessary to increase the superintendents salary. By unanimous vote of the board,



the superintendent's salary was increased from \$3,000.00 per year to \$3,600.00 per year as of July 1, 1947.

The Executive Board referred to the Executive Committee of the board the matter of the meeting place for the 1948 Convention session, and at a subsequent meeting of the Board accepted the recommendation of the Executive Committee that we accept the invitation of the Liberty (Vance) Church, near Henderson, North Carolina to hold the 1948 session of the Convention at that church.

The fourth meeting of the board was held on October 23, 24, 1947, with 15 members present. At this meeting, Mr. V. R. Holt, chairman of the Orphanage Board of Trustees, reported the death of Mr. Henry Simpson, a member of that board, and requested that Dr. J. P. Cross of Suffolk, Virginia, be elected to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Simpson. The Executive Board voted that Dr. Cross be so elected.

The board authorized the Committee on Superintendent's Home to obtain a site for the house and to proceed with plans and the raising of funds to finance the purchase of the site and the erection of the house.

The board voted that we call to the attention of the pastors the provision in the *Manual* relative to "Duties of a Pastor," chapter 2, section 2, part 2, "It is his (pastor) duty to be a member of some Congregational Christian church and of the conference in which he labors."

The board appointed the following to serve as a Nominating Committee for the forthcoming session of the Convention: J. F. Apple, chairman, J. E. McCauley, S. C. Harrell, F. C. Lester and Mrs. R. A. Whitten. It also voted that the president, secretary and host pastor constitute the Program Committee for the Convention session, with power to add any others as desired.

The board went on record as commending the Mission Board for its courageous and far-reaching budget for the next year and urges that our churches support the Mission Board in achieving this budget. The board also voted approval for the plan of radio broadcast of a Congregational Christian program in the South and authorized the appointment of a committee to devise means of financing our participation in these broadcasts and to arrange for the program. The president, secretary and the superintendent were authorized to write a letter to the churches and to individuals pressing the urgency of raising the balance of the Staley-Atkinson-Newman Foundation as soon as possible, and that Mrs. Paris send such a letter to the women of our churches.

The fifth and final meeting of the board was held on April 15, 1948, with 16 members and four visitors present. The board voted to recommend to the Finance Committee of the Convention that said committee recommend to the Convention that 25% of our net receipts for Home Missions be sent annually to the National Board of Home Missions of our Church. It was voted by the board that the president, superintendent, president of the Woman's Board, field secretary and president of the Mission Board constitute a committee to present to the meeting of The Southern Convention at Liberty (Vance) Church a resolution relative to a program of advance for the Convention. It was voted that a certified public accountant be employed to audit the books of the Convention.

At each meeting of the board during the course of the biennium reports have been received in detail from the superintendent, the field secretary, the treasurer of the Convention Fund, the Convention Office, and from all the officers of the Convention. Copies of these reports are in the hands of the secretary and may be examined by any member of the Convention upon request. Also detailed minutes of each session of the Executive Board are on record in the minute book of the Executive Board, which is a permanent record, in the hands of the Convention secretary and may be examined upon request by anyone desiring to examine such records.

The foregoing actions of the board are a summary of the significant actions which the board has taken. Other actions are included in the minutes mentioned above. At each session of the board, the board has also received reports from the various committees of the Convention and has counseled with said committees with reference to their work.

The board nominates Dr. William T. Scott for the office of Superintendent of the Convention for the next biennium.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. WISEMAN, *President*,  
W. MILLARD STEVENS, *Secretary*.



On motion the report of the Executive Board was adopted and the actions of the Executive Board were approved.

The report of George D. Colclough, treasurer of the Convention, was presented by Mrs. Dorothy Carson, office secretary and bookkeeper for the Convention Office, as follows:

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

APRIL 1, 1946—JUNE 30, 1946.

(Mrs. Mattie Cox Parker.)

March 31, 1946, Balance reported to The Southern Convention Session:	
Convention Fund—\$3,414.68; Scholarship Fund—\$150.00 .....	\$ 3,564.68
Convention Fund Receipts, April 1, 1946 - June 30, 1946:	
From Board of Christian Education .....	\$1,000.00
From Mission Board .....	350.06
From Sale of Manuals .....	150.00
From Churches and Sunday Schools .....	736.91
Working Balance Returned .....	250.00
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	2,486.97
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	\$ 6,051.65

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Convention Office (Operating Fund—office expense, equipment, travel, meetings):

Office Expense .....	\$ 284.68
Secretarial Expense .....	866.50
Superintendent's Travel .....	268.60
Meeting Expense .....	207.30
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	\$1,627.08

Miscellaneous:

Bank Charges .....	\$ 4.16
Salary Advance (W. T. Scott) .....	150.00
Rent .....	120.00
Southern Convention Minutes .....	195.00
Strategy Committee Expense .....	89.39
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	558.55

F. C. Lester Salary .....	585.00
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	2,770.63

Balance by Auditor's Report, June 30, 1946 .....

    Convention Fund .....

    Scholarship Fund .....

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\$3,281.02

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JULY 1, 1946 - MARCH 31, 1948.

Balance, July 1, 1946, by auditor's report of Mrs. Mattie Parker,  
former Treasurer .....

\$ 3,281.02

#### RECEIPTS.

From Convention Office:

Convention Fund .....	\$12,147.41
War Victims and Reconstruction .....	9,282.53
(1c added by error in Treasurer's office)	
Per Capita Dues .....	3,755.36
Superintendent's Home .....	2,157.21
American Bible Society .....	2.00
Community Day Collections .....	6.75
World Day of Prayer .....	109.75
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	\$27,461.01

## From Miscellaneous Sources:

Mission Board .....	\$ 5,250.00	
Board of Christian Education .....	7,500.00	
North Carolina & Virginia Conference .....	1,000.00	
	<u>13,750.00</u>	41,211.01
Total Receipts .....		<u>\$44,492.03</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

## Convention Fund:

Operating Fund (Office Expense & Equipment, Meetings, Travel, Literature) .....	\$11,802.40
Ediphone .....	\$388.88
Projector .....	30.00
Typewriter .....	135.00
Projector Bulb .....	3.31
	<u>557.19</u>
Meetings .....	27.86

## Miscellaneous:

Bank Charges .....	\$ 30.81
Moving Expense .....	150.00
Audit .....	125.00
Annuals for Office .....	148.82
Bonds .....	151.95
Stove for Parsonage .....	217.15
Painting Office .....	39.60
Annuity (Lester) .....	30.00
Annuity (Scott) .....	278.70
Insurance (Chicoine) .....	8.00
Service on Heater .....	3.50
	<u>1,183.53</u>
Rent (Superintendent's Home) .....	630.00

## Salaries:

Scott, W. T. ....	\$ 5,550.00
Chicoine, Elizabeth .....	2,681.59
	<u>8,231.59</u>
Withholding tax (Chicoine) .....	244.64

## Board of Publications:

Deficit .....	\$ 300.00
Appropriation .....	1,664.98
	<u>1,964.98</u>
War Victims & Reconstruction .....	9,282.53
Per Capita Dues .....	3,755.36
World Day of Prayer .....	109.75
American Bible Society .....	2.00
Community Day Collections .....	6.75
	<u>37,798.58</u>
Balance .....	\$ 6,693.45
Convention Office Operating Fund Balance .....	869.51
Total .....	<u>\$ 7,562.96</u>

Convention Fund .....	\$3,355.28	(\$4,224.79)*
Scholarship Fund .....	1,150.00	( 1,150.00)
Superintendent's Home .....	2,157.21	( 2,157.21)
Withholding Tax .....	30.96	( 30.96)

Total ..... \$6,693.45 (\$7,562.96)\*

\*Includes balance of Operating Fund.

GEORGE D. COLCLOUGH.

It was voted that the report of the treasurer be received and referred to the Finance Committee.

Mrs. Dorothy Carson, office secretary and bookkeeper of the Convention Office, presented the financial report of the Convention Office as follows:

# CONVENTION OFFICE OPERATING FUND.

JULY 1, 1946 - MARCH 31, 1948.

## Receipts.

Received from G. D. Colclough, Treasurer .....	\$11,802.40
Received from other sources .....	1,325.42

Total Received ..... \$13,127.82

Office Expenses .....	\$ 3,984.89
Secretarial Expense .....	4,916.65
Superintendent's Travel Expense .....	2,071.34
Field Worker Expense .....	1,078.66
Meeting Account .....	705.56
Literature Account .....	370.72

Total ..... \$13,127.82

## Disbursements

Total Disbursements ..... \$12,258.31

Office Expenses .....	\$ 3,969.29
Secretarial Expense .....	4,409.19
Superintendent's Travel Expense .....	2,071.34
Field Worker Expense .....	837.30
Meeting Account .....	659.80
Literature Account .....	311.39

Total ..... \$12,258.31

Balance ..... \$ 869.51

Office Expense Account .....	\$ 15.60
Secretarial Account .....	507.46
Superintendent's Travel Account .....	....
Field Worker Account .....	241.36
Meeting Account .....	45.76
Literature Account .....	59.33

Total ..... \$ 869.51

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY CARSON, *Office Sec'y & Bookkeeper.*

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF CONVENTION OFFICE.

TOTALS OF MRS. MATTIE COX PARKER, *Treasurer.*

(APRIL 1, 1946 - JUNE 30, 1946.)

	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
Home Missions .....	\$ 3,716.24		
Foreign Missions .....	11,920.74		
Orphanage .....	2,727.88		
College .....	1,965.09		
Christian Education .....	764.72		
Superannuation .....	365.61		
Convention Fund .....	736.91		
War Victims & Reconstruction .....	1,216.95		
Per Capita .....	269.00		
Other .....	135.00		

Total Receipts & Disbursements—

April 1, 1946 - June 30, 1946 ..... \$ 23,818.14

All funds (April 1-June 30, 1948) were disbursed and transferred to designated sources according to audit report.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS—JULY 1, 1946 - MARCH 31, 1948.

	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Balance</i>
Home Missions .....	\$ 28,584.40	\$ 28,584.40	
Foreign Missions .....	40,535.62	40,535.62	
Orphanage .....	40,687.11	40,687.11	
College .....	23,388.19	23,388.19	
Christian Education .....	7,051.29	7,051.29	
Superannuation .....	8,912.23	8,912.23	
Convention Fund .....	12,147.41	12,147.41	
Per Capita .....	3,755.36	3,755.36	
War Victims and Reconstruction .....	9,282.52	9,282.52	
Christian Sun .....	6,126.06	6,126.06	
Other .....	8,121.93	8,109.93	12.00
Total Received & Disbursed—			
July 1, 1946-March 31, 1948 .....	\$188,592.12*	\$188,580.12	\$ 12.00
April 1-July 30, 1946 Total .....	23,818.14		

Grand Total Receipts for Biennium..... \$212,410.26

Funds disbursed to George D. Colclough, Convention Treasurer for Convention Fund, War Victims and Reconstruction, Per Capita Dues, World Day of Prayer, Superintendent's Home, American Bible Society, Community Day Collections. The other funds were disbursed to the designated boards and institutions.

From July 1, 1946, to March 31, 1948, the Southern Convention Office as Receiving Treasury for the Convention wrote 3,166 receipts for *The Christian Sun* and 3,297 receipts for apportionment, benevolent, educational and other causes. The 3,297 receipts were in turn allocated as follows:

Home Missions 1,177; Foreign Missions 1,443; Orphanage 1,518; College 838; Christian Education 423; Superannuation 502; Convention Fund 384; C. W. V. R. 288; Per Capita Dues 340; other 143.

Receipts were disbursed together with church by church statement of sources as follows:

To the College and Orphanage weekly; to the boards and other agencies monthly.

In addition to receiving, receipting, banking, disbursing, and keeping the books for the above funds, the Office kept the books for the Mission Board, kept the subscription list of *The Christian Sun*, mimeographed and mailed materials for the Woman's Missionary Convention and other agencies. We have otherwise sought in every way to be of service to the churches, conferences and Convention in the promotion of the total work.

DOROTHY CARSON, *Office Sec'y & Bookkeeper.*

April 26, 1948.

Executive Board  
The Southern Convention of Congregational  
Christian Churches  
Elon College, North Carolina  
Gentlemen:

We have made a detailed audit of the cash receipts and disbursements of The Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Elon College, North Caro-

\*Sources of Receipts—July 1, 1946-March 31, 1948:

Woman's Board .....	\$ 27,009.83
Churches .....	105,854.00
Sunday Schools .....	35,352.54
Miscellaneous and Individuals .....	20,375.75
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	\$188,592.12



lina, for the period from July 1, 1946, to March 31, 1948. This audit included the following records: Southern Convention Office, Office Operating Fund, and Mr. George D. Colclough, Treasurer.

We have checked all receipts and disbursements in the above offices and found the balances of cash on deposit to be in agreement with the Treasurer's records.

In making the above audit we had access to the Audit of Strand, Skees and Jones, Certified Public Accountants, for the bienium ended June 30, 1946.

In connection with this audit, we have done all the detail work and are in the process of preparing our audit report, which will be forwarded to the Executive Board.

Respectfully,

WALTER F. OWEN, C.P.A.,  
*Certified Public Accountants.*

On motion the financial report of the Convention Office was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, field worker, presented her report as follows:

#### REPORT OF FIELD WORKER.

Since September 1, 1946, to March 31, 1948, I have traveled about 20,657 miles. I have visited some 105 churches and 17 Sunday schools. I have made about 106 addresses and talks. I have held at least 150 group conferences and have had well over 1,500 individual conferences. My total traveling expenses have been \$868.57.

Your field worker realizes that it would be almost impossible to give you a report covering 19 months in detail—it would be a very lengthy one! May I, instead, mention the fields of Christian Education in which I endeavor, some outstanding events in each field, and projects we hope to fulfill in the future.

*Sunday Schools.*—To me, one of the most vital members of the body of the church is its Sunday school. I have not visited with as many of the Sunday schools as I would like, but I have enjoyed being in those with whom I have met. Sometimes I am asked to teach, sometimes to lead the opening worship. Sometimes I am given the whole Sunday school period to say whatever I want to! There are occasions when I come just to visit and be instructed by a fine teacher. As I see it, there are three outstanding areas which need our working on: (1) fuller realization that the Sunday school is an indispensable part of the church as a whole, not a separate institution that happens to meet in the church building; (2) more emphasis on Sunday school materials which do more than meet a teacher's "likes" (they must meet the pupils' needs); (3) more opportunities for leaders and potential teachers to have training for their positions.

To meet some of these needs, the following plans are being made: The coming Sunday school conventions are being arranged with the five presidents to be built around a convention theme to "bind" all of them together in a common purpose. The conventions will have question-and-answer periods, informal discussions, visual materials on "Improve Your Teaching," and other features which we believe will help the teachers. Then, too, Leadership Training Schools for a week or so are among the finest solutions to better trained leaders. Whether they are held in cooperation with others of our own fellowship or with those of nearby denominations, they are worth all that is put into them, and more.

*Daily Vacation Bible Schools and Student Summer Service.*—It is a heartening thing to know of the many schools which are being planned for this summer. And when some of our finest young people volunteer for such work under Student Summer Service, it shows their strong interest in and consecration to service—for the financial returns can hardly draw them! This year, Daily Vacation Bible School Institutes will be held in Suffolk and Burlington in May, with materials for sale at each, and "short-term" courses for all leaders taught from the books to be offered in the DVBS "kits" this year. This promises to be a good year, in the best sense of the word, for our Vacation Bible Schools, I believe.

*Young People's Work.*—The greatest part of my work has been with the young people, on the local, area, conference, state, and Convention levels. I have attended "retreats," rallies, conferences, executive meetings, summer conferences, and all other

events of the young people I could possibly arrange. There are three trends in this work which seem significant to me.

(1) The young people, although they may not be well organized or tightly knit in conference or Convention, seem to be strong locally and regionally. Many groups, finding that they cannot attend meetings on a conference level, are fellowshiping together with the six or eight other churches near them, regardless of conference or county boundaries. They group themselves naturally around city or town areas (Henderson, Sanford, Greensboro, Burlington, Suffolk, Norfolk, etc.) and have an afternoon of informal discussion on pertinent topics (proposed merger, program planning, study books, etc.), then gather for a picnic supper, and in the evening an inspirational service, such as a pageant by the young people themselves, a communion service, a fine movie, and so on. There is no business conducted here—the emphasis is on information, fellowship, and inspiration. I am heartily in favor of this sort of area meeting, for it makes for stronger groups who know each other and work together. Then, when the time comes to broaden into strong conference, state, or convention groups, the foundation will have been firmly laid.

(2) The rather new venture of young people's packets for the Convention may seem a small thing to be mentioned in a report, but it has far-reaching meaning, I believe. About one-half of the young people's groups are using this packet, one which they, themselves, have had a large part in. Outstanding young people from each of the five conferences were asked to outline a program for the packet; their ideas were used in the Plan Book; their suggestions concerning supplementary materials to be included were helpful and useful; and their constructive criticisms for the next packet are very good. This shows (1) that the young people not only like to have a part in the planning of their own work and projects, but are willing and able to help concretely in them; and (2) the various young people's groups, whatever they may name themselves, are using one theme throughout the year, working on some of the same service projects, planning the same kinds of recreation and programs, thus making for a unity. (This differs greatly from the "sent-out-from-the-office" type of plans, for the young people and leading workers with young people have had a big part in it. Then, too, any group changes and adapts as it sees the need.)

(3) The summer conferences and camps for the young people must always be taken into high consideration when thinking of the young person as a developing and growing Christian. In the three general areas of the Convention (the Valley, Eastern Virginia, and North Carolina) we plan for Junior High School and Senior High School summer conferences. Here we try to have the finest Christian leadership (pastors, lay people, missionaries, and others), courses in Christian living and Christian service which will help the boys and girls in their reach for the truth of God, and the type of fellowship which will ever afterwards make them dissatisfied with the second-best. And when all this can take place in the out-of-doors, with no distraction of noise, of traffic, of the bustle of every-day living—do you wonder that so many young people look back on their summer conferences as "mountain-top experiences" and as guides to the more abundant life?

The above is not the limit of my field work—rather, it is part of it! It is one of my great joys that I can work with the Evangelical and Reformed Church on interdenominational committees, in jointly-sponsored leadership training schools, in planning for a joint young adult camp this summer, in meeting with their young people and their women's groups, and in exchange of leadership for conference and rallies. Truly, all has been fine fellowship with them, sincere, working Christians. With the proposed merger, I believe firmly that our work—not of the two denominations, but of the Kingdom—will receive a new impetus and spirit.

I enjoy, too, working with others in the field of Christian Education in our sister denominations. (For example, the past few months I have had a part in the interdenominational Regional Children's Workers' Conference held here in Greensboro.) It is inspiring to know that others are co-laborers with you—and all of us with God.

Of course, I am glad to help in what we term "promotional work" with our mission causes, our Board of Christian Education, the women's work—with anything that seems to need promoting!

Part of my work is with the women. This is a very satisfying part, for wherever

I go, I find that the women seem to be mainstays of the church. And no matter how large or small the group is and no matter in what capacity I meet with them, I always find that the women give life and impulse to missions giving. They are part of the undaunted faith and the far-reaching heart of the church. I do not say that we should have more women! rather, we need more like the women!

Of course, you realize that sometimes my field work takes place in the office at Elon College. Answering requests for all kinds of materials (worship services, study books, audio and visual materials, dramatics, Sunday school literature, young people's helps, subscriptions, services for special occasions such as Christmas or Easter, etc.) is a very large and important part of the work. According to the estimate that my student assistant, Miss Melva Foster, and I made, about 1,500 personal letters have been written from September 1, 1946 to March 31, 1948. The young people's newsletter, *Youth Outreach*, is published there every other month. Bulletins, pamphlets, letters, reports, newsheets, and other informative papers are written, typed, or mimeographed each month, and almost always the mailing list of these is 200 or more. In addition to this, there are conferences, small meetings, and calls which take place within the office, from 9:00 in the morning, through the day, and often into the evening. I am always "at home" in the office, however, for I know that sometimes the best field work is done in the office.

My nearly two years with The Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches have been busy ones, but deeply full and rich.

In spite of some differences of opinion which seem to limit our horizons at times, I believe that the broadening spirit of working together (whether it is a proposed union with another fellowship, the growth of women's and young people's groups, an ever-growing interest in and support of missions at home and abroad, the building of new churches, educational buildings, or parsonages, requests for more and better materials for Sunday schools, Daily Vacation Bible schools, young people's groups, mission studies, Bible readings, or any other quickening interests—and all of these, I should state, have taken place within the scope of my work in the past months)—this working together shows that big things unite us. And if I may have some part in this unity it is with the hope that I may be of service through the churches for the Kingdom of God.

ELIZABETH CHICOINE.

On motion it was voted that the report of the field worker be received and made a matter of record.

Superintendent William T. Scott gave his report as follows:

#### REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

I began my services as Superintendent of the Convention on July 1, 1946. It would consume too much of your time for me to give a detailed account of all activities during these past twenty-one months. However, detailed narrative and financial reports have been submitted to the Executive Board semi-annually. I, therefore, give you at this time simply a summary of those reports from July 1, 1946, to March 31, 1948.

I have made 207 visits to churches (to 117 different churches), 94 such visits having to do with assisting churches to obtain pastoral leadership; held or participated in 328 group conferences with churches, committees, boards, etc.; had 538 interviews with individual pastors; had 11,137 interviews and conferences with individual lay people regarding the work of our churches; preached 97 sermons; delivered 94 addresses; traveled 46,778 miles. Expenses paid by the Convention, \$2,011.99.

I have endeavored to promote all the interests of the Convention, seeking to be of service where possible to institutions, boards, conferences, committees and local churches. One having never been superintendent of the Convention cannot quite comprehend all the details falling upon such an office. One's work is never done—personal conferences, churches to be visited over these two large states of North Carolina and Virginia, more than fifty stated meetings to attend annually, details of office work and letter-writing, writing for *The Christian Sun*, preparing copy for the ANNUAL and *Yearbook*, special task as Executive Secretary of The Mission



Board, apportionment promotion, preparation for one or more sermon or address each week, and numerous other duties which simply cannot be catalogued.

Coming to the Convention Office we had no office secretary, no bookkeeper, no treasurer. A plan was devised with the Executive Board for receiving, receipting and disbursing funds for apportionment, other benevolent and missionary causes, and *The Christian Sun*. The *Sun* subscription list became a specific responsibility of the Office, and we are gratified to report upward to 600 increased subscribers. It consumes far more time to keep this subscription list than one would imagine who had never had the responsibility! It was necessary for us at the beginning of our work to reorganize the Convention Office with new and inexperienced assistance. On September 1, 1946, we obtained the services of Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, field worker, whose specific duties have to do with the young people's work and the work assigned the Board of Christian Education. Miss Chicoine has also been of service to the Woman's Missionary Convention.

Some progress has been made in the Convention during the past biennium. I take no special credit for this progress, and yet I rejoice that it has been my honor to work as a comrade with my fellow ministers, the women, the laymen, and the youth for the building of the Church of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I wish especially to express my gratitude to President Smith and Elon College for their assistance in many ways given to us.

#### *Some Evidences of Progress.*

The financial report of the Convention Office as receiving treasury shows that—exclusive of special funds raised for Elon College from the churches—the churches raised and sent through the Office during the biennium (April 1, 1946–March 31, 1948) for benevolent, educational and missionary causes the sum of \$212,410.26. This represents a substantial increase over any previous biennium, with the possible exception of the "Men and Millions" forward movement in the 1920's. Since the Convention Office was not set up until July 1, 1944, the only comparative figures available are the following:

Received July 1, 1944 - March 31, 1946 .....	\$149,368.21
Received July 1, 1946 - March 31, 1948 .....	\$188,592.12

Home expenses of local churches increased from \$361,947 in 1944 to \$550,368 in 1947. The 1946-47 conference reports from the churches showed that during the past year 103 churches made improvements on their property. There was only \$56,574 indebtedness reported by all the churches. The total local church property value reported was \$3,208,170. During the past year the churches and women's societies raised and sent through the Convention Office \$94,171 for denominational benevolent, missionary and educational causes.

During the biennium three new churches and two educational buildings were erected or are now under construction. Substantial building funds have been raised by several churches anticipating building in the near future. (New buildings—Asheboro, Bethlehem (NCVA), Damascus (EVA), Newport News, Tryon.) Sixteen parsonages were erected or purchased during the biennium: Asheboro, Asheville, High Point, Hines Chapel, Haw River, Little Creek, Lynchburg, Pleasant Hill (WNC), Pleasant Grove and Ingram, Portsmouth (First), Shallow Ford, Shallow Well, Timber Ridge, Union (South.), Shenrock Pastorate (Valley), Winchester.

The women of our churches continue their strong and vital work. The youth work is growing in effectiveness. The Laymen's Fellowship enlisting leadership of more than 400 men in local churches and conferences during the biennium offers great hope of developing a strength and effectiveness among the more than 10,000 laymen of the Convention. Elon College has made great progress both in building improvements and in increased student enrollment. The Orphanage has made extensive improvement on its property and is fitted to serve more effectively today than ever before in its history. The Mission Board report will show the increased giving and work on our missionary responsibilities. We commend most heartily the Christian Missionary Associations of the conferences for their good work. The joint School of Missions and Pastors' School held at Elon College in the summer of 1947 and their plans for another in 1948 offer encouragement for better leadership.



*Some Discouraging Trends.*

At the end of the conference year 1945-46 the Convention had a membership of 33,513, with a net gain of 703 members for that year. In 1946-47 our churches reported a membership of 53,539, with a net gain of only 26 members for that year. To be sure—some of the losses may be charged to revision of rolls by churches, but even so our evangelism record is discouraging—only 1,369 total received (789 on confession) for the whole year! The Evangelistic Crusade launched in February at an inspiring meeting attended by 50 pastors at Elon College promises a new emphasis upon the primary business of the Church—the winning of disciples to Jesus Christ. Our record in evangelism during the past few years is not good! The Sunday school, long considered the primary source of recruiting membership for the Church, is not measuring up to its responsibility. At the end of the 1946-47 conference year our Sunday schools reported a total enrollment of 20,808 as against the church membership of 33,539. Thus we have only about two-thirds as many pupils in our Sunday schools as we have members of the churches.

We have established no new churches during the biennium. In fact, during the war years we have established no new church, despite the greatest migration and population shifts in the history of our country. Literally scores of new communities have grown up in North Carolina and Virginia. Our people have gone to those new communities in hundreds. Other denominations have established new churches. We have not! Our fathers in the churches of the Convention planted churches well in the rural areas. We have in recent years become more and more urban. Our people are on the move. We must establish new churches or die! This work of Church Extension rests primarily upon pastors and lay people in our established churches. They must take the initiative, lend a hand. No paid "starter of churches" alone can or will do the job. Signs of promise in Church Extension at the present time are Beverly Hills in Burlington, Burch Bridge section near Glen Raven (NC), and a point near the site of the former "Providence Church" in the Norfolk area.

One of the most discouraging prospects facing us is the grave shortage of pastors. At the present time we need 10 pastors to fill 18 vacant churches and to supply yoked churches ready to launch full time programs. We have been encouraged to have five new men come to our Convention during the past year from other sections. The immediate prospect is not bright for pastors to fill our needs from within the Convention, there being none graduating from seminary this spring from the Convention. We have a group of splendid young men in training both in college and seminary, most of whom are serving as student pastors. Our homes and churches must place upon the hearts and minds of our best youth the call of Christ for full time Christian service. To save our churches from remaining pastorless we must bring men into our area from other sections, provided we can offer sufficient financial support. The salary scale of the ministry generally in our area, however, is far too low to enable us to secure the type of men we need. We would challenge the Laymen's Fellowship with the job of increasing the scale of salary of the ministry. Pastors cannot do this. The laymen can do it!

Elon College has made progress under great difficulties. President Smith and his colleagues are to be commended for their labors, but the church college faces serious days ahead. Education is rapidly becoming secular! Elon is our church's answer to this threat in this area. If Elon is to perform her task in Christian higher education in the future as she has done so well in the past, she must have greater endowment funds and needed physical equipment. We may well be encouraged by what Elon has done with what she has had, but she must have more adequate support. Unless somehow the church can supply the necessary funds to increase her endowment substantially, the outlook is not encouraging.

*The Merger.*

Our churches, conferences, and the Convention are requested to register their opinion upon the proposed merger between the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The record of the voting as of April 22, 1948, in the churches and conferences is as follows:

*Resolution No. One*—Churches voting 125: 94 for with 3,204 votes; 30 against with 1,323 votes. Conferences voting 5: all for with 208 votes (58 negative votes).

*Resolution No. Two*—Churches voting 119: 103 for with 3,345 votes; 16 against with 661 votes. Conferences voting 5: all for with 227 votes (27 negative votes).

*Looking to the Future.*

The Christian must look forward. We need to look backward that we may take inventory but such an inventory ought to result in a girding of ourselves for tomorrow. "It is a strange and terrifying prospect that confronts humanity today. Here we stand at the point of civilization's farthest advance, yet the whole world is haunted by dark forebodings. The frightful power of the material instruments that we have created has set us to wondering uneasily whether men have character enough to be trusted with them. The church today is called upon to live and give life in a world shaken to its foundations. The outward confusion of man's life reflects, and is reflected in, the confusion of men's hearts and minds." A day of opportunity and crisis is upon us.

Jesus Christ holds the one answer for the recovery of our one world. "Men would have no reason to fear in a Christ-dominated world." We are his answer in word and in deed. The church must either make its impact upon the secular, warring world of today and win it for Christ, or the secular and hostile world will increasingly encroach upon the life of mankind, ultimately destroying life.

Our denomination is entering a *Program of Advance* along with the other major denominations of America, that our Christian Mission may go forward. Holding the line is not sufficient to stem the tide of evil which threatens to engulf the world. It is my earnest hope that the Convention will at this session adopt the resolution to be presented for the launching of *A Program of Advance* under which we will mobilize our human, spiritual and financial resources, committing them to be directed of Christ that we may have a real *Forward Movement*. Such a Program of Advance will require us to give our time, our talents, and our treasures as we have never given them before. Such an *Advance* equal to our commission in Christ will not be possible with half-hearted allegiance, the fragments or incidentals! We must give ourselves, our all! Let us go forward to meet our God entrusted stewardship with a Christlike faithfulness! *Are we able? Yes, we are able! Are we willing? That is the question we shall have to answer! Now!*

In conclusion, I would express gratitude to my church for the privilege of serving during the past months. I have given my best. I regret that I have been unable to do more. I appreciate your loyalty, your helpfulness, your prayers, your comradeship. May God bless you every one as you come to this session to take stock, to wait for power from above, and to plan to move forward courageously under Jesus Christ our Lord.

WM. T. SCOTT.

On motion it was voted that the report of the Superintendent be received and made a matter of record.

The Rev. W. Millard Stevens gave the first reading of the report of the Revisions Committee.

Dr. Stanley C. Harrell gave the first reading of the report of the Finance Committee.

Superintendent William T. Scott presented to the Convention the ministers who had taken up work within the Convention during the past biennium as follows: James B. Allan, W. Stanley Carne, H. G. Councill, Jr., F. B. Eutsler, John L. Gwin, Robert M. Kimball, Ferris E. Reynolds, W. W. Sloan, Earl D. Weed, William L. Wood, Clyde O. Koon.

Following the singing of a hymn the president's address was given by the Rev. W. E. Wisseman on the subject, "The Price of Progress."

Following the president's address the Convention adjourned the afternoon session with the benediction by Dr. N. G. Newman.

## TUESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Tuesday evening session was called to order by President W. E. Wisseman at 7:00 and the Elon College Singers presented a sacred concert under the direction of John Westmoreland with Fletcher Moore, pianist. An offering was received for the expense of the singers in the amount of \$68.31.

Mr. Baxter Twiddy presented the report for the Pilgrim Fellowship as follows:

REPORT FROM THE SOUTHERN CONVENTION  
PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP.

After several years of inactivity, the Pilgrim Fellowship Council of The Southern Convention was reorganized at Waverly, Va., in May, 1946. Officers elected for the biennium were: C. Baxter Twiddy, president; Catherine (Cooper) Andes, vice-president; Alice Lee (Davis) Johnson, secretary; and Isabelle Sheetz, treasurer.

Additional officers for the Council were elected at a rally which was held during the Senior High and Junior High camps at Crabtree. They were: Evelyn Moore, Interdenominational Chairman; William T. Scott, Jr., Personal Action Chairman; Bland Leebrock, Social Action Chairman; and Floyd Savage, Missionary Action Chairman. As advisers, Rev. W. J. Andes, Dr. H. S. Hardcastle and Mrs. F. C. Lester were elected to serve. The purpose of the officers of the Council is to serve as coordination for youth activity of the conferences. Each of the conference presidents is an automatic member of the Council.

Certain plans and goals came into being at the Executive Meeting in September, 1946. Three received much emphasis during the year 1946-47. They were:

1. The formation of "Teams" for helping youth groups.
2. The establishment of a substantial goal with projects.
3. The publication of a newsletter (every two months) to carry news and help for the young people.

In two conferences these teams went into a number of churches, helping to establish and to strengthen youth work. They carried with them packets furnished and prepared by the council which contained magazines, materials and general information necessary for a good youth program.

A large portion of the \$3,000 goal was realized. The goal for the two years is \$6,000. This is a considerable increase over previous goals and is in keeping with the 10-fold increase of the national budget. It is hoped that the giving of young people shall increase with the introduction of a plan of stewardship giving in the next biennium.

Young people at Crabtree said that they would like to have a means of contact and news. This was brought about in the newsletter, now called *Youth Outreach*. Many are receiving this and are enjoying its contents. Several drives for subscriptions have brought in many new subscriptions. This can be an increasingly important link and should receive consideration in every church.

Seven delegates attended the National Pilgrim Fellowship Council at Doane College (Nebraska) in the summer of 1946.

Most of the conferences have held several rallies and regular conferences during the past two years. A district of Forsyth County churches was formed in this period, and it has done much good for the young people of that area in bringing them together for fellowship and instruction.

Conference and local church activity has been encouraging in many areas.

Individual officers of the Council have contributed news and programs to the *Youth Outreach*, as well as sending out materials of their particular commission.

The youth director and Council president undertook the responsibility for contributing regularly to the Young People's Page of *The Christian Sun*.



A number of instances regarding cooperation with E. & R. young people could be cited in local and conference youth meetings. Further cooperation will be encouraged.

Young people of the Convention have been in contact with the U.C.Y.M. and have contributed to it with their efforts and money. A youth council formed in Burlington received much help from our church there and now has become an active group. Evelynne Moore is an officer of the Virginia Youth Council and also of the Southern Regional U.C.Y.M.

Baxter Twiddy was selected by the National Council to serve as youth delegate on the Committee on Church and Race.

The second executive meeting was held in September, 1947, at which time further plans and emphases were discussed. Charlesanna Robbins and Helen Jackson were appointed to fill the unexpired terms of the former Missionary Action Chairman and the treasurer, respectively.

Young people's work in the Convention was greatly strengthened with the new office of field director now being ably filled by Miss Elizabeth Chicoine. She has given much assistance to the young people throughout her contacts and visits and other ways.

The coming two years should bring a more progressive program for the youth of each conference, keeping in mind the primary purpose of youth activities is to build Christian character. We feel that we have only begun to explore for a stronger youth program, and that we shall begin to succeed only with greater effort from the ministers and from the young people in each local church.

C. BAXTER TWIDDY, *President.*

On motion this report was received and made a part of the record.

Rev. B. Eutsler read the report for the Committee on War Victims and Reconstruction. Pending the adoption of the report an address was given by Rev. Fred S. Buschmeyer of Mount Pleasant Congregational Church, Washington, D. C. Dr. Buschmeyer spoke concerning his recent trip to Europe for the national Committee on War Victims and Reconstruction.

On motion the report on the Committee on War Victims and Reconstruction was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAR VICTIMS AND RECONSTRUCTION.

The appalling hunger, homelessness, destitution, disease and suffering which have followed in the wake of World War II continue unabated in the war-desolated areas of the earth. The passage by Congress of the European Recovery Program does not diminish the responsibilities of the Christian Churches of this nation to contribute generously and sacrificially to the relief of war-sufferers. ERP is depending upon the continuance of voluntary foreign aid, and the withdrawal of such aid will place upon ERP burdens which it cannot carry. Moreover, the giving of Christians should be extended as long as there is need as an expression of Christian love and compassion for suffering humanity, without regard to political, ideological, national, or other considerations. We cannot "pass by on the other side" without yielding to chilling callousness and without losing our integrity as Christians.

1948 is the third and final year of the Postwar Emergency Program, and of the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction, as least in its present form. To complete the work already begun our fellowship of churches must raise this year the sum of \$1,469,689. Last year the goal of the Southern Convention was \$7,000. The amount contributed was \$6,328.31. This year CWVR is asking us to assume as our share of the final effort, \$8,917.49, a meagre sum, but \$2,589.18 more than we raised last year. Without the active participation of each church in the Convention we shall again come short of our objective.

In view of the urgent need, and our clear responsibility as Christians to try to meet it, be it resolved:

1. That the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches accept the amount of \$8,917.49 requested by CWVR as our minimum goal for 1948.

2. That the Southern Convention Committee for CWVR be, and hereby is authorized to pro rata the above mentioned sum and ask each church voluntarily to assume a quota which represents its fair and equitable share of the total amount.



3. That each church adopt the "regular" or "sacrificial giving plan" as a proven means of raising money for CWVR. This plan calls for a canvass of the local church members, the securing of pledges, and systematic giving through the use of special envelopes provided for the purpose.

4. That each church augment its systematic giving by taking special offerings on specified dates, such as Memorial Day, Fourth of July, World Wide Communion Sunday, Armistice Day, Thansgiving Day, etc. Sunday schools and Sunday school classes, women's missionary societies, young people's groups, men's clubs, and other church societies should also be requested to take supplementary offerings.

5. That in the event the above methods are not practicable in any given church, the church concerned use such methods as it deems feasible (such as the use of milk bottles at meetings, sacrificial meals, etc.) to raise the money to meet its quota. The goal is participation in some form by every church.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK B. EUTSLER, *Chairman*.

Mrs. Tollie Smith, chairman of the local entertainment committee, assigned the delegates and guests to homes for the night.

The Committee on Memoirs report was read by Rev. J. Frank Morgan.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

Your committee feels that it is a good thing for our Convention to honor the memory of our departed comrades in the service of our Lord, and that we not honor their memory only, but honor also the good example of their lives before us.

The following are the names of those who have gone to their reward since the last session of the Convention:

Junius Edgar West of the Eastern Virginia Conference, who died January 1, 1947, and Murdock Wellons Butler of the same conference, who died January 13, 1947. Beautiful tributes may be found of both these brethren on pages 53-55 of the 1947 ANNUAL.

Mrs. Charles H. Rowland, former president of the Woman's Missionary Convention, who died in October, 1946.

Mr. Henry Simpson a member of the Board of Trustees of the Christian Orphanage.

Mr. J. H. McEwen a member of the Board of Trustees of Elon College; also of the Orphanage Board of Trustees.

Deacon B. S. Cox, of the First Church, Greensboro, son of the founder of that church—Rev. L. I. Cox—died February 9, 1948.

Be it resolved that the Convention stand in reverence for the lives of these comrades, and that a prayer be voiced in thanksgiving and rededication.

J. F. MORGAN, *Chairman*,  
R. O. ROTHGEB,  
G. O. LANKFORD,  
E. M. CARTER,  
J. F. APPLE.

On motion the report was received and made a part of the record.

The Communion Service was conducted by Rev. T. Fred Wright, assisted by Rev. J. E. McCauley, Rev. Raymond T. Grissom, and the deacons of Liberty (Vance) Church. With this service the evening session ended, and the benediction was given by Superintendent William T. Scott.

## WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Wednesday morning session was called to order at 9:00 by President W. E. Wisseman. The opening hymn was led by Rev. O. D. Poythress, and the prayer was offered by the Rev. H. S. Hardcastle. The secretary read the minutes for the sessions Tuesday afternoon and evening and the minutes were approved.

Rev. J. H. Dollar read the report for the Board of Christian Education. Pending consideration of this report, Dr. L. E. Smith presented a report from Elon College:

## REPORT OF ELON COLLEGE.

Elon College, our college, constitutes a challenge for us, for the churches of our Convention and the Convention itself. Our forefathers were intrigued with the possibility of founding a college of their own. They were few in numbers and poor in material possessions. Faith conquered their weakness and in daring trust they founded the College and out of sacrificial giving they built it. We have it today. We own it. It is ours and it is a good one. Every member of every church in the Southern Convention should be proud of it.

Today its needs are great—greater than ever in its history. Its needs and the possibility of meeting these needs intrigue us. They challenge us. If our forefathers in their comparative poverty met the needs of Christian higher education in our Church more than half a century ago, may we, increased in numbers and in wealth, accept the challenge and meet the needs of our college today. Here is an abbreviated tabulation of our college's assets:

Southern Convention Fund .....	\$ 250,000.00
Plant Fund .....	1,251,356.30
Scholarship Fund .....	2,162.50
Student Loan Funds .....	18,335.17
Million Dollar Campaign .....	362,564.83
Total .....	<u>\$2,436,951.10</u>

With the enormous funds now available for secondary education from the federal government and far greater amounts from the same source now being proposed for higher education, the way of the church college becomes hard.

State and federal supported colleges will be in a position to pay higher salaries and charge lower tuition and fees, if any, than ever. Elon College is not only put at a comparative disadvantage financially with state and federal supported schools but also with the colleges of our sister denominations located in North Carolina that are receiving much more generous support from their supporting bodies than we are giving our college at the present time, and they are preparing to greatly increase the support of their colleges.

The Baptist Churches of North Carolina from their benevolent funds appropriate \$383,957 for the current expenses of their colleges located within the state. In addition they have in progress campaigns to raise more than \$10,000,000 for their colleges. The Methodists, in addition to appropriation for the current accounts of their colleges, assigned a good share of the recently completed \$25,000,000 campaign to their colleges in North Carolina, launched a campaign to raise \$3,000,000 for these colleges, and a few weeks ago announced an additional campaign to raise a total of \$10,000,000 for their colleges. Catawba College receives from the Evangelical and Reformed Church on current expenses \$20,000 annually. All church-related colleges in North Carolina have larger endowments and more generous support from their supporting denominations than does our college from our denomination. Of course, many of these denominations are larger, but they have many more colleges to support. Elon's support should come from the states of North Carolina, Virginia, and the Church at large. Its services are universal.

*Achievements.*—During the biennium now closing Elon College has made certain gains. It has increased its endowments by \$101,000, sufficient to meet the minimum requirements for membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. On December 13, 1946, Elon College was admitted to full membership in the Association and is fully accredited. Progress has been made in raising \$100,000 with which to establish the Staley-Atkinson-Newman Memorial Foundation. Cash: \$75,-541.24. Pledges: \$8,587.15. To be secured: \$15,871.61. Twenty-six churches have accepted their quotas and paid the same in full. Some have paid much more. Sixty-four churches have accepted their quotas but have not completed payment. Four churches have not accepted their quotas but have made token contributions. One hundred and nine have neither accepted their quotas nor made contributions. This campaign has lasted long enough. Would the Convention be willing to designate a day in which we would make an effort in all of our churches to raise the remainder due on this voluntary obligation that we might complete this foundation with due respect to those whom we seek to honor?

*Improvements.*—During the biennium now closing Elon College has sought not only to increase its endowment and income but to improve its physical equipment. Ladies' Hall has been completely overhauled and refurnished. The first floor and the halls of West Dormitory have been completely re-done. An aviation laboratory has been donated and erected by the Government. This is a wooden building and very acceptable. A temporary dining hall has been donated to the College and erected by the Government. This hall is 150 feet long and 30 feet wide. A wing to this room is 75 feet long and 30 feet wide. It is completed and is a very nice building. These two buildings are worth at least \$85,000. They cost the College approximately \$5,000. The new power house should be completed within a few weeks. The building, furnaces, stokers, boiler equipment, and heat distribution system will cost a total of approximately \$130,000. At the time of drafting this report \$9,000 is needed so as to claim two conditional pledges of \$5,000 each. When completed this building will be paid for. This makes a total of more \$200,000 in building and equipment added during the last twelve months.

Improvements badly needed and should be provided as quickly as possible: the renovation of West Dormitory should be completed this summer. North Dormitory should be completely overhauled and partially refurnished during the summer months. The building of the proposed new gymnasium should be undertaken as quickly as possible. Mr. Kearns of Greensboro is drawing the plans for us. One contractor says that the building can be erected within \$175,000, certainly not to exceed \$200,000. This would not include the folding seats for spectators, nor would it include a swimming pool. Two new dormitories, one for young men and one for young women, should be erected at the earliest possible date. These improvements are necessary. The dormitories would cost a minimum of \$150,000 each, not including furnishings. Two other dormitories are needed badly. To complete the expansion program the dining room is yet to be erected. The estimated cost is \$200,000 for building and equipment. This makes a total of \$1,200,000 needed to fully equip the College and bring it in line with the institutions of the state and other denominational schools.

*The Million Dollar Campaign.*—The Convention has previously authorized a campaign to raise \$1,000,000 for the College. At the time of the authorization of the Million Dollar Campaign it was estimated that the necessary buildings and improvements would cost \$550,000 and that the remaining \$450,000 to be added to the College's endowment. It is evident from the above figures that a million dollars would not provide the buildings and equipment needed which would leave nothing for endowment. It would be a serious mistake to erect new buildings without securing the same with an endowment equal to or greater than the cost of the building. This, I believe, is a sound principle in business. It is therefore recommended that an additional million dollars be added to the present million dollar campaign making a total of \$2,000,-000 and that the Convention authorize a Convention-wide organization for the purpose of conducting a Two Million Dollar Campaign for Elon College. The campaign is to be set up on an individual basis and not with the churches of our Convention as a unit.



*Report of Million Dollar Campaign.*

College Fund (Includes Staley-Atkinson-Newman Fund) ..	\$280,869.81
Cash .....	\$206,143.81
Pledges .....	74,726.00
Elon College Foundation .....	14,000.00
Cash .....	\$ 8,000.00
Pledges .....	6,000.00
Elon College Alumni Association (for gymnasium) .....	67,695.02
Cash .....	\$ 20,267.02
Pledges .....	47,428.00
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	\$362,564.83

L. E. SMITH.

The following motion was made relative to the report of the Board of Christian Education and the report of Elon College:

"That the report of the Board of Christian Education be referred to the Business Committee and the Board of Christian Education for consideration at a later time during the Convention."

A motion to amend the above motion was offered as follows:

"That the Board consult with Dr. Smith and include the recommendations relative to Elon College."

Following considerable discussion the above motion to amend was voted and then the motion as amended was voted.

A report for the Woman's Convention was presented by Mrs. O. H. Paris, as follows:

## REPORT OF WOMAN'S CONVENTION.

As I report to you the progress made in the work of the Woman's Convention during the past biennium, I do so with gratitude to my predecessor, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, under whose able leadership the women of the Convention have been led into wider fields of service. I feel that through her influence and hard work our women are now united closer than ever before in a program of worship, study, service, giving and fellowship.

The eighteenth biennial session of the Woman's Convention met in Elon College June 17-18, 1947. The attendance was good, the interest keen and enthusiasm high. As the reports were given we felt there had been a definite gain in all departments. They showed that our women are taking seriously their Bible study and devotional life; that they are keeping themselves informed by reading and studying the current mission study books, church periodicals and other literature; that through friendly service they have been meeting human needs in an intimate and personal way; that they are aware that "giving is Christian living" and have been eager to share out of their little or out of their much to make life more abundant for all people; that they are bound together in one great fellowship, not only here in the Southern Convention, but joining hands and hearts with other women across the nation and the world that Christ may be known and loved.

Perhaps the most outstanding event of the biennium was the School of Missions held at Elon College last June in connection with the Pastors' School and Woman's Convention.

The School of Missions first came into being under the leadership of Mrs. J. Monroe Harris. Two sessions were held, then travel restrictions caused the school to be discontinued during the war years. But as we came together in our third session, we felt and knew that the school was bigger and better than ever with some of the finest leaders and teachers in the country. We are now planning for our fourth, and we hope the best, annual School of Missions which will be held at Elon College, July 12-16, 1948, in connection with the Pastors' School.

For the past six years our Life Membership and Memorial Fund money has been allocated to the Atkinson Memorial Scholarship Fund, being used to educate a native



Indian seminary student. In the biennium just closed we gave into that fund a total of \$2,675.00. For the next four years, the money from Life Memberships and Memorials will go to help educate in the United States a seminary student from Shaowu.

Shaowu has been the object of our Thank Offering for the past biennium. The total amount raised for the two years being \$7,668.20.

Two years ago when Mrs. Wisseman made her report to The Southern Convention, she told you that our women had given during that biennium \$28,109.15—the largest amount, she said, given in a biennium in our history. Today, I am happy to report we have gone over that record. During the past biennium our women gave \$33,574.59—a gain of \$5,465.44.

"When we know—we care  
When we care—we share  
When we share—we dare."

Dare to find and carry through our responsibility in the total program of the church, concerned not alone with the interests and responsibilities of women's organizations, but with the life of the whole church. Our women are working together to "help cultivate the spirit of Christ in every area of human life," thus sharing in the bringing of God's Kingdom on earth.

MRS. O. H. PARIS, *President.*

An address was given by Mrs. Robert Kimball of Franklin, Va., on the subject, "How Big Is Your World?" On motion the Convention voted that the report of the Woman's Convention be received and made a part of the records.

The report of the Mission Board was given by Rev. H. S. Hardcastle, president of the board as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE MISSION BOARD.

Like Janus, the old Roman God, who, with his two faces, could look in two directions, this brief report will give a review of the past biennium, and a preview of the coming biennium.

The appended report from the Convention Office shows the receipts and expenditures and balances in both the Home and the Foreign Mission Funds. It is gratifying to note that there has been an increase in contributions to both funds. And there has also been an increase in gifts to the work of the Committee on War Victims and Reconstruction, as the report will show. We believe that these increases are due, not only to the generally prosperous condition of the county, but also to the educational and inspirational work of the Convention Office and its staff. Hearty thanks are hereby given to these faithful and efficient servants of the Convention. During the 1946-48 biennium receipts of the Board for Mission work were as follows:

<i>Home Missions.</i>		
April 1-June 30, 1946 .....	\$3,716.24	
July 1, 1946-March 31, 1947 .....	8,776.56	
		\$ 12,492.80
April 1, 1947-March 31, 1948 .....		19,807.84*
Total .....		\$ 32,300.64*
<i>Foreign Missions.</i>		
April 1-June 30, 1946 .....	\$11,920.74	
July 1, 1946-March 31, 1947 .....	14,004.17	
		\$ 25,924.91
April 1, 1947-March 31, 1948 .....		26,531.45
Total .....		\$ 52,456.36†
Grand Total for the Biennium .....		\$ 84,757.00‡

\*Includes \$5,000 loan. Net gross income \$27,300.64.

†Includes \$21,833.26 for the Shaowu Mission.

‡Includes \$5,000 H. M. Loan. Net gross income for the biennium \$79,575.00.

The income for the 1944-46 biennium was \$58,661.35. This amount subtracted from \$79,757.00 reveals a net increase of \$21,095.65 during the biennium closing March 31, 1948.

The Convention Office and Convention Treasurer received and disbursed from the churches \$10,499.47 for C. W. V. R. during the biennium and gifts sent direct to New York will bring the amount to approximately \$14,000.00.

It will be recalled that at the last session of the Convention, held in Waverly, Rev. and Mrs. Richard L. Jackson, and Miss Frances Whitaker were commissioned as our missionary representatives for Christ to China. In due time they sailed from America and eventually reached their destination in Shaowu in Fukien Province in China. Their letters to individuals and in *The Christian Sun* have kept us informed of their problems, their handicaps, and their achievements. Those who know these capable and consecrated workers feel sure that they are proving themselves workmen that need not be ashamed, faithful and fruitful in Christian service. It should be noted also that Dr. Edward Riggs is in charge of the Hospital in Shaowu and is carrying on in the high traditions of our medical missionaries of the American Board. The support of these workers has been taken care of by increased giving to missions and especially by the "over and above" giving and the Thank Offerings from the women. It is quite likely that some definite plan should be made for the continued and adequate support of this project. A letter from Mr. Jackson follows this report.

In addition to the work in China, our special project, we are also helping to undergird the larger program of the American Board in twelve countries and insular areas in the Pacific, by our regular giving. We must continue to do our fair share in this larger work. Now as never before the message and the ministry of Christian Missions is needed in all the world. Recognition is also given to our Reidsville Church in its support of Rev. and Mrs. Robert C. H. Mueller in India, and Miss Harriett Summer-ville in Africa.

Mrs. Cora Anthony of the First Church, Greensboro recently passed to her heavenly reward. She had always maintained an interest in the work of missions. In her will she provided that her estate should constitute a Trust Fund for Missions, especially that of aiding in the preparation of young people for the mission field. We gratefully acknowledge her thoughtfulness and her example is that which more people should follow.

Even as the Board has sought to lengthen its cords, it has sought to strengthen its stakes. For in addition to maintaining and even enlarging the regular Home Mission Projects, it has sought to undertake new work. Some progress has been made in raising the special funds for Church Extension as proposed by the last Convention. Furthermore when the Mission Board met in its last annual session, it voted to go in debt to the extent of \$10,000 in order to discharge its obligations to the Asheboro Congregational Christian Church, to help the Bay View Congregational Christian Church, and to make possible the beginning of an entirely new work in Burlington, N. C. We felt that the desperate times demanded and deserved daring efforts. We record with gratitude that the Asheboro Church was opened for worship on Easter Sunday, and although the church has not been fully completed it is usable. We congratulate Dr. F. C. Lester and his faithful and sacrificial people on bringing thus far to completion that to which they had set their heads and their hearts. Bay View is also making plans to go ahead with a building program.

We regret to report that the work in Carroll County is not in such a healthy condition. In spite of a severe throat affliction which laid him low for a long period early in the biennium, Rev. Allan Gleason, Jr., and his wife, Frances Everette Gleason, laid a sound foundation for the work, and did many constructive things. But Mr. Gleason accepted a call to a Professorship in Hartford Seminary, and since he left the field has not had a regular pastor and leader. The board is making a careful study of this work in an effort to discover what is the best thing to do from the long-range point of view. We are glad to report that a well equipped minister and his family will be on the field during the summer months.

The Mission Board is sharing in payment of pastor's salary at Bay View, Union (South.), Sunbury Pastorate in Eastern Virginia, Asheboro, High Point, Chapel Hill, Elon College Community, Lynchburg, Winston-Salem of the North Carolina Conferences, and in the Valley pastorates composed of 20 churches. In most cases this aid

is granted in cooperation with the conference itself, or with the Christian Missionary Association. We gratefully acknowledge the generous support of the C. M. A. in the work of missions.

We again express our hearty thanks to the women of the Convention for their incalculable and inspiring contributions to our mission work. Not only by their money, but by their educational and inspirational programs, their rallies, conferences, institutes, and school of missions, they make our missionary program alive at more points and on higher levels. For them we thank God and take courage.

1. As we face the future at least a few things seem to be imperative. We should adopt some plan which would adequately and regularly underwrite the Shaowu Project. This is our responsibility and it should not be left to chance or to improvised methods.

2. In the second place emphasis should be kept upon Church Extension. Our Convention is not growing as it should, and one of the reasons is that we are not building new churches. Church Extension should have a prominent place in our program and a prominent part of our means.

3. In the third place we should cooperate with the General Council through its Mission Council in its new and enlarged program which will probably be called "Our Christian World Mission." By doing this we will be able to avail ourselves of the splendid literature and promotional materials, as well as the speakers of the new program, and also feel the uplift of doing a great task together.

4. In the fourth place we urge the members of the churches in the Convention to support the work of the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction even more generously than heretofore. For the need is, in some senses, even more urgent. There should be no decrease in our giving to this worthy cause and the critical needs it represents.

5. Finally, brethren, there must be a persistent and insistent program of prayer in behalf of missions. "It is not by might or by power, but by my spirit" saith the Lord, that the Kingdom comes. The organizations and the machinery and the mechanics of missions are desirable and even necessary. But what we need most of all is the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit. The missionary enterprise was born of the Holy Spirit. It can develop and grow only by the same Holy Spirit.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. HARDCASTLE, *Chairman.*

On motion the report of the Board of Missions was adopted.

The report of the Stewardship Committee was given by Rev. W. Millard Stevens, chairman, as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

During the first year of this biennium the Stewardship Committee was very active. We held a number of meetings and sought to promote the United Stewardship Emphasis in which 32 denominations of the United States participated. This promotion was carried on by the committee within the Convention through a number of articles in *The Christian Sun* and through letters or other contacts with the pastors. The results of this promotion is not known to us, but we hope it resulted in consideration of the important places of stewardship in our Christian life and experience. During the second year of the biennium the committee has not carried on very many activities.

Stewardship is one of the most important phases of our total Christian life and it is one of the most important things in relationship to the growth and the effective working of our church, both on a local level and on a Convention-wide level, because it is in the matter of stewardship that we either succeed or fail in implementing all the forward movements that are projected in the Convention. The effective working of the local church is dependent upon capable and willing lay leadership as well as upon effective ministerial leadership. The local church cannot go forward unless the members of that church recognize their responsibility in the effective use of their time and of their ability in the carrying forward of the work of the local church. Stewardship involves the use of our time and of our abilities as well as the use of our material resources. Thus, if we are to have effective local leadership within the church we must become faithful stewards of our abilities and of our time as members of the local church. And then if we are to make effective the working of the church we



must also have a wide and consecrated use of our material resources, both as individuals and as a church. This relates itself not only to the local church but it relates itself to the total Convention itself, because the effective working of the Convention is dependent upon the effective working of the local churches that comprise the Convention.

Within the local church we oftentimes conceive of many worthwhile undertakings that should become a part of our program and the same is true within the Convention. We see many opportunities for cooperative work that would be for the extending of the effectiveness of the church within the bounds of the Convention and also many opportunities for cooperative endeavor which would mean the extending of the Kingdom of God both in the hearts and lives of the people within the Convention and also the peoples around the world. When these opportunities present themselves, we are always faced with the fact that we do not have the money to make them possible. We do not have the money to project these needed and worthwhile programs. This brings home to us the fact that if we are to be effective as a church and as a Convention, we must learn to use our resources and to bring those resources within the scope of their dedicated use for the most effectively meeting of the opportunities that are ours. Thus, our whole problem relates itself to this matter of stewardship.

This does not mean that we do not have the resources of leadership and of material substances to do whatever is needed to be done within our Convention, but it means that we have not brought those resources into consecrated service within the church. In order to meet these opportunities and needs it is therefore necessary that we recognize the need for becoming good stewards. As we recognize the imperative need within the local church to train our people to an understanding and to an effective devotion to the Christian principles of stewardship both of life and of substance, so will we be able to grow as local churches and as a Convention.

Therefore, our committee urges that we, within the Convention during the next biennium, take it upon ourselves to emphasize this important matter and to use every effective opportunity to train our people in stewardship and to lead them to a consecration, both of their lives and of their substance to the Kingdom of God.

Respectfully submitted,

W. MILLARD STEVENS, *Ch'm'n*,  
J. H. DOLLAR,  
B. J. EARP,  
W. E. WISSEMAN,  
THOMAS D. SUTTON.

Following an address by Mr. Stevens on the topic, "We Belong to God," the report of the Stewardship Committee was adopted.

The report of the Finance Committee was again presented by Dr. Stanley C. Harrell, chairman. The first three items in the report were discussed, and because of time limit the report was continued beginning with item number four.

The closing worship service was postponed so that the members could be served lunch at 12:00. The closing prayer and grace were offered by Rev. R. A. Whitten.



## WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Wednesday afternoon session of the Convention was called to order at 1:00 by President W. E. Wisseman, and the opening Worship Service was conducted by Rev. R. A. Whitten.

The report of the Board of Christian Education and recommendations in the report of Elon College were combined and adopted, as follows:

## REPORT OF BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The work and responsibility of the Board of Christian Education, by action of the Convention from time to time, has become one of the major divisions of our Convention activities. It has to do with the organization, administration and promotion in one of our broadest fields of endeavor. It has reached the point at which it is frightening to those elected to membership on the Board.

The addition of a field worker to the staff of the Convention Office has given constant responsibility to the board and made it necessary for constant attention to be given to the activities of the field worker. The Board of Christian Education, during the last biennium, sought to organize the work of the board into four major fields of interest and endeavor. It seemed to us a good step and we have sought to perpetuate that organization and to make certain members of the board responsible for various emphases. While it looks good on paper, we have been disappointed in what we have been able to achieve through these divisions. The territory covered by the Convention, and the necessity of having each conference represented on the board, has made meetings of the board difficult. We went beyond the board membership in many instances in search of capable people in the Convention who would share the responsibility with us. This has added to the difficulty of attendance at board meetings but has not materially aided the work of the Board. We would suggest that the board in the next biennium reconsider this organization in the light of its weakness and seek a more workable plan of allocating responsibility and of obtaining better results from the activities of the board.

The accomplishments of the board in its major responsibilities are indicated in the report of the field worker, Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, and we would call your attention, in this connection, to that report.

The four divisions under which the board has tried to work are (1) Church Schools, (2) Young People's Work, (3) Higher Education and (4) Missionary Education:

I. *Church Schools*.—It seems to us that the Convention should heed certain warnings which are in great evidence. For instance, the Sunday school enrollment in the churches has shown but little increase during the biennium inspite of a circumstance which, if taken advantage of, should have given noticeable increases. As a result of this condition, and in this connection, we wish to make the following recommendations:

(1) That every pastor, together with his church school staff, face this problem in each church and seek the best information possible and the means of changing the declining enrollment in church schools into a noticeable increase. This may be accomplished by studying carefully the community and conducting a thorough religious survey of the community and to revitalizing many of our Sunday schools at the point of organization and activity.

(2) By developing a church school staff assembled on the basis of their previous training or willingness to be trained for the work of teaching and administration, and that leadership training be offered in conjunction with area training schools or, when this is impossible, by conducting teachers training courses in local churches.

(3) By the use in all our Sunday schools of the new Pilgrim Series Lessons, which in our opinion, contain the finest material, the best arrangements and the greatest adaptability of any literature to be had.

II *Young People's Work*.—Through Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, our field worker, much time has been spent in developing this area of emphasis and there are scattered signs of accelerated interest. With further cultivation, we feel that our young

people's work can come into its own. We have observed a swing from one extreme to the other in Pilgrim Fellowship organizations within the last few years. There was a time when older young people—who were scarcely young any more—headed up our conference and local youth organizations. The swing has been to the election of young people—who are scarcely young people in age or experience—being elected to responsible positions of which they had neither knowledge nor experience needed to give necessary impetus to the work of Pilgrim Fellowship. This observation should be kept in mind by all of us. In this connection, we recommend (1) That adult counselors for young people's work exercise their responsibility of guidance in the matter of selecting leaders. (2) That greater emphasis be laid upon the importance of holding office and, by more dignified and impressive installation services which should be conducted in every case, whether in local churches or conference organization. The placing of sufficient materials, with ample instruction of their proper use, in the hands of each officer, is of the greatest importance to effective results.

III. *Higher Education.*—In this division our central interest and opportunity lies at Elon College. It is our institution; founded for the purpose of training Christian leadership for both the pulpits and the pews of our churches. We have expected somewhat more of the college than we have made possible. We have not adequately responded to her needs in many instances. We should always remember that Elon College can only be what we make her. She has no hands but our hands, and no strength but what we give her.

We have every reason to be proud and to take pride in our College. There are many signs of progress and growth at Elon College which should encourage and challenge the constituency of the Convention. For instance, the total enrollment of the present school year is 804—the largest in her history. The present faculty is made up of men and women of high scholarship and consecration to their various tasks. There are 41 members of the present faculty. The physical equipment, while being recognized for many years as being unusually good, has been further added to during the biennium by the erection of three new buildings. An aviation laboratory to house airplanes and airplane equipment has been erected and is now in use. A new cafeteria building has just been completed, which for the time being, will replace the dining hall destroyed by fire a few years ago. The power plant of which Elon has stood in great need, is completed and the connections which will make it ready for operation are being made. The curriculum has been enlarged during the past biennium, and the department of philosophy and religion, with three fulltime professors, all with Ph.D. degrees, is perhaps the best staffed department in the institution. This is heartening and has been made possible through the Staley-Atkinson-Newman Memorial foundation. The needs of the institution are outlined in the report of President Smith and we respectfully call your attention to that report. In the interest of higher education, we would make the following recommendations:

(1) That while the chair to be endowed through the Staley-Atkinson-Newman Memorial Foundation has already been established, the churches show a deficit of \$16,000 in cash and pledges to the \$100,000 endowment. We urge upon the churches which have not done so to raise that fund or pledge the amounts asked for by the Convention in order that this movement may be crowned with complete success immediately.

(2) That the fifth Sunday in October, 1948, be designated as Staley-Atkinson-Newman Memorial Sunday and that every church which has not accepted its voluntary quota on the Staley-Atkinson-Newman Memorial Foundation be asked to do so and to raise its quota; that every church and Sunday school be asked to receive an offering on the fifth Sunday of October, 1948, that we may complete this memorial to three of our great leaders.

(3) In view of the increased enrollment, the growing opportunities and the absolute necessity, not only of maintaining Elon, but of expanding her facilities, in order that she may serve our constituency in the future, we recommend that the college be authorized to increase the present askings for new buildings and endowment from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.

(4) We recommend that the Board of Christian Education, or some other agency of promotion in the Convention, be requested to develop a plan to be used in our

local churches for encouraging young men and women seriously to consider full-time Christian service. When we face the fact that we have an increasing shortage of ministers, directors of religious education and missionaries in training, at a time when we should be organizing new churches and developing others to full-time pastoral service, the urgency of this recommendation becomes obvious.

IV. *Missionary Education*.—This division is interested in missionary education through the church schools, missionary societies, youth organizations, Sunday school classes and the like. Much emphasis has been placed upon this division by the Woman's Board of the Southern Convention and considerable work has been done by the Board of Christian Education. Still the needs far surpass our ability to meet them. While there are more young women at Elon College in preparation for full-time Christian service than ever before, we still fall far short of the needs for special leadership in local churches and missionary replacements and increased personnel. In order to improve upon the present method of securing young women for full time Christian service, and in order to do a more thorough job of enlisting young women for these fields, we recommend:

(1) That the Board of Christian Education seek to work out a plan with the Woman's Board of the Convention for that organization to direct a program of enlisting and encouraging the young women now in training and those who may be recruited in the future.

(2) We recommend that the Woman's Board be requested to establish certain scholarships for young women who enter full time Christian service, and that they be requested to elect a representative from the Woman's Board to have charge of the promotion of this endeavor within the Board and to be a member of the Board of Christian Education. This should be a fully cooperative program between the two Boards.

In the light of the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States making it illegal for students in the public schools to be given free school time for religious instruction and forbidding the use of public buildings for the purpose of religious instruction, the church consider its increasing responsibilities in the field of Christian Education, and that churches which are in position to develop a program of week-day instruction for their constituency be asked to bend every effort to make available the instruction for the church which has been carried on in connection with the public school program. Rural churches and others not able to provide this service should foster it in cooperation with other near-by churches. This decision, from the highest court in the land, will not only tend to make all secular education more secular, but it clearly indicates that whatever religious instruction the children of America are to receive in the years to come must be provided for by the church and the home. We urgently appeal to the churches of the Convention to gird themselves for this increased responsibility and be equally fearful of the result upon the church and the state if we should fail.

Respectfully submitted,

J. FRANK APPLE,  
JOE A. FRENCH,  
R. L. HOUSE,  
BERNARD MUNGER,  
MRS. J. D. STRADER,  
MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN,  
KENNETH REGISTER,  
L. E. SMITH,  
H. S. SMITH,  
JESSE H. DOLLAR.

#### REPORT OF TREASURER—APRIL 1, 1946 TO APRIL 1, 1948.

##### *Receipts.*

August 19, 1946, from Joe A. French, former treasurer .....	\$ 3,825.54
From Convention Office, Wm. T. Scott, Superintendent .....	7,051.29
July 1 to August 31 .....	\$ 611.87
September 1-30 .....	37.80



October 1-31 .....	1,034.87	
November 1-30 .....	1,052.94	
December 1-31 .....	74.25	
January 1-31, 1947 .....	87.00	
February 1-28 .....	30.00	
March 1-31 .....	52.25	
April 1-30 .....	65.00	
May 1-31 .....	88.00	
June 1-30 .....	359.24	
July 1-31 .....	895.47	
August 1-31 .....	524.94	
September 1-30 .....	81.83	
October 1-31 .....	1,258.52	
November 1-30 .....	608.82	
December 1-31 .....	76.91	
January 1-31, 1948 .....	20.08	
February 1-29 .....	14.50	
March 1-31 .....	77.00	
From F. C. Lester, balance on N. C. Summer Camp Fund .....		92.41
From Betty Chicoine, full payment of loan to Convention Camp Fund ....		300.00
Total Receipts .....		<u>\$11,269.24</u>

*Disbursements.*

Paid to:		
Convention Fund .....	\$7,500.00	
Publication of <i>The Christian Sun</i> .....	400.00	
Loan to Summer Camp Fund .....	300.00	
Bland Leebrick (Summer Service work) .....	116.40	
Ruth Dunn (Summer Service work) .....	114.34	
Evelyn Moore (Scholarship office help) .....	50.00	
Daily Vacation Bible School supplies .....	57.10	
Pilgrim Fellowship Song Books .....	11.34	
Postage .....	4.00	
Convention Operating Fund .....	37.50	
Elizabeth Chicoine, Treasurer, Camp Fund .....	92.41	
Southern Convention (Timber Ridge Church) Overpayment .....	3.25	
Wm. T. Scott (Christian Enlistment Literature) .....	30.00	
Travel Expense for Delegates to Conference of Christian Frontiers .....	100.00	
Travel Expense to Board and Committee Meetings:		
R. L. House .....	5.00	
Grieg Ritchie .....	1.55	
W. J. Andes .....	2.00	
Mrs. F. C. Lester .....	3.00	
Jesse Dollar .....	7.53	
Mrs. Robert Kimball .....	6.09	
S. E. Madren .....	11.50	
Bernard Munger .....	1.15	
Mrs. W. J. Andes .....	3.00	
R. L. House .....	12.00	
		<u>8,869.16</u>

Cash Balance, April 1, 1948 ..... \$ 2,400.08

NOTE: I received from Joe French, former treasurer, \$3,825.54. This included the balance as of April 1, 1946 (\$3,814.57) plus three deposits from Mrs. Mattie Cox Parker (\$764.72) minus checks of June 6 and 13, 1946 (\$753.75). This accounts for the total amount turned over to the present treasurer.

KENNETH D. REGISTER, *Treasurer.*



Dr. Smith then presented the following resolutions relative to the *Two Million Dollar Campaign* for Elon College.

"That the Executive Board of the Southern Convention, in conjunction with the Board of Trustees of Elon College be and is hereby authorized to form an organization as quickly as possible for the purpose of raising two million dollars for Elon College. It is understood that the amount already raised on the Million Dollar Campaign is to be a part of the Two Million Dollar Campaign."

A substitute motion was offered as follows:

"That the Board of Trustees of Elon College be authorized to set up the campaign for the raising of two million dollars and that the Convention pledges its support to the Campaign as soon as the organization is formed."

A vote was taken on this substitute motion and it was lost by a vote of 32 for and 38 against. Then the motion on the resolution as presented by Dr. Smith and given above was taken and the motion was carried (to approve the resolution offered by Dr. Smith) by vote of 53 to 13.

The motion was then presented that the college year be changed so as to coincide with the calendar year. This motion was voted.

Resolutions concerning the proposed merger between the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church were presented as follows:

#### RESOLUTION No. 1

Resolved that the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches hereby registers its decision upon the proposal to unite the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches into the United Church of Christ, in accordance with the Basis of Union dated 22 January 1947.

#### RESOLUTION No. 2

Resolved that in the event of the consummation of the union our Convention hereby undertakes to continue the same relations with the United Church of Christ that it now holds with the Fellowship of the Congregational Christian Churches.

Following discussion, the Convention voted on the resolutions as follows: On Resolution No. 1 in the Basis of Union the vote was 133 in favor and no votes against. The vote on Resolution No. 2 in the Basis of Union was as follows: 130 votes for and no votes opposed.

Mr. George D. Colclough presented the report from the Layman's Fellowship. Following the presentation of the report Mr. Thomas L. Moose, president of the Brotherhood of the Southern Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, presented an address on the topic, "Rise Up, O Men of God." On motion the report of the Layman's Fellowship was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON LAYMEN'S WORK.

The Laymen's Committee, consisting of Messrs. H. A. McIver, R. A. Larrick, Harry Lee, Cyrus Shoffner and George D. Colclough, met with Walter Graham and Superintendent W. T. Scott on April 26, 1947, and formulated a suggested program for the laymen of the Southern Convention. For the banquet, we had in attendance 76 laymen, representing all five conferences of the Convention. At this meeting the objectives and plan of organization were adopted as follows:

Realizing the steady growing interest of men in Christianity and the Church, and feeling the need for improvement of the total Church's program of the Southern Convention, the Convention Committee on Laymen's Work recommends:

1. That each local church appoint a chairman and secretary of laymen's work in that church.

2. That every unit of men's work in a local church, such as Bible class, men's evangelistic group, layman's brotherhood, or similar groups be considered jointly as the laymen's organization of that church.

3. That the Convention be divided into districts and that each of these districts appoint a chairman and secretary of laymen.

4. That the Convention Council on Laymen's Work be created to be composed of one representative elected by each conference, together with the chairman and secretary of each geographical district.

5. That the Convention Council on Laymen's Work establish and maintain a working relationship with the National Committee of the Laymen's Fellowship of the Congregational Christian Churches.

During the week of October 5, 1947, Walter Graham, Superintendent Scott, and George D. Colclough formed a team to visit the five conferences for rally meetings with laymen. During the week, meetings with laymen were held in the Winchester, Newport and Linville Churches in the Valley of Virginia; Suffolk, in Eastern Virginia; Henderson, Sanford and Asheboro, North Carolina. A total of more than 500 men were in attendance at the meetings during the week. We ended the week with a feeling that "the laymen's work is on the way."

Special recognition was given the laymen in attendance at the various annual conference sessions in Virginia and North Carolina. Each conference elected a chairman and secretary as suggested in the plan of organization. In addition to the two representatives from each conference or area, each church either has elected a chairman and secretary or individuals have been appointed representing individual churches.

On March 6, 1948, the Laymen's Council, consisting of I. H. Vickery, A. H. McIver, J. J. Rountree, George D. Colclough, Cyrus Shoffner, S. H. Pell, Charles E. Heath, Jr., R. D. Holland, Harry W. Lee and Superintendent W. T. Scott met at Elon College to transact the necessary business for the Laymen's Fellowship preceeding the Convention to be held April 27-29. At this meeting various committees were appointed and decisions made regarding the future activities of the Laymen's Fellowship.

You will find in the Blue Book a copy of the suggested Constitution and By-Laws of the Laymen Fellowship. We urge that the Laymen read this and be ready at the Supper Fellowship meeting to make any adjustments or changes deemed advisable before its adoption.

We suggest the following projects for 1948-49:

1. A working organization of men in every local church.
2. A father and son banquet in every local church or district annually.
3. Annual fellowship visitation on some Sunday or during some week in every church.
4. Observance of Laymen's Sunday (third Sunday in October) in every church with the laymen participating in a special service.
5. Churchmanship Institutes for deacons and officers of the local churches.
6. Better business organization and administration in the work of local churches.
7. Promote subscriptions to *The Christian Sun*.
8. Maintain private and family daily devotions, daily Bible readings and prayers.
9. Encourage attendance at church, Sunday school, and at conference and Convention sessions.
10. Encourage more adequate salaries for pastors.
11. Improvement of church property.
12. Sponsor one or more social fellowship meetings in the local churches during the year.
13. Support the Convention goal for Evangelism—one new member per month per 100 members in each church.
14. Support the Convention goal for church extension—one new church in each conference per year.
15. Support the program of Christian Stewardship. Encourage the practice of Christian principles in earning and using money.

A report of the Board of Publications was given by Rev. Joe A. French, chairman of the board, as follows:

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS.

The many questions of policy and finance regarding the publishing of *The Christian Sun* has made it necessary to have frequent meetings of the Board of Publications. We have counseled with the editor, the managing editor, and the Superintendent on questions which claimed our attention.

It was reported to the last session of the Convention that the paid up subscription list was 1,625. At present we have 2,226 subscribers and 61 exchanges. This is an increase of 662 but the subscription list is far below what it should be for our Convention.

The Board has authorized the securing of advertising which we think will increase revenue for *The Sun*.

The Board is of the opinion that the present subscription price of \$2.00 should be continued despite the fact of the great increase in the cost of publication. The Committee on Finance is recommending to this Convention plans to care for the increased cost of publication.

Your Board recommends:

1. That the present policy of commissions to organizations for securing subscriptions be continued.

2. That selected individual churches be asked by the Board of Publications to make provision for sending *The Sun* to every family represented in the church membership with the suggestion that the full subscription price be paid on same.

3. That the Board of Publications, in consultation with the editor and the managing editor, make such changes in the format of *The Sun* as will make it more convenient in size, interesting in content, and appearance.

JOE A. FRENCH, *Chairman*,  
W. J. ANDES, *Sec'y-Treas.*,  
MRS. O. H. PARIS,  
GEORGE D. COLCLOUGH,  
STANLEY C. HARRELL.

By common consent the consideration of the report of the Board of Publications was left until the report of the treasurer of the Board of Publications, the editor, and the managing editor of *The Christian Sun* be given.

The report of the treasurer of the Board of Publications was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS.

JULY 1, 1946 - MARCH 31, 1948.

##### *Receipts for The Christian Sun.*

Subscriptions .....	\$ 6,026.06
Boards and Institutions .....	6,689.80
Obituaries and Advertisements .....	43.41
Received on Endowment (Includes \$100 from Mrs. Lelia White Brittle's estate) .....	151.45
Total Received .....	\$12,910.72
From Sale of ANNUALS .....	23.71
Grand Total Received .....	\$12,934.43

##### *Disbursements for The Christian Sun.*

Central Publishing Co. (Printing) .....	\$11,020.95
R. L. House, Editor (Secretarial Help) .....	1,050.00
General Expenses .....	68.30
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	12,139.25
Cash on Hand .....	\$ 795.18



*Publishing Annual.*

Total received .....	\$ 1,427.29
Total spent .....	1,403.58

Cash left and placed in <i>Christian Sun</i> Fund .....	\$ 23.71
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\$600 on Endowment is invested in U. S. Bonds, Series G. As seen above \$151.45 is in the hands of the treasurer for Endowment purposes.

W. J. ANDES, *Treasurer.*

The report of the editor of *The Christian Sun* was given by Rev. Robert Lee House.

The report of the managing editor of *The Christian Sun* was given by Mr. John T. Kernodle.

## REPORT OF MANAGING EDITOR.

During the past biennium, your managing editor passed the quarter-century mark in his connection with *The Christian Sun* as publisher or in his present office. During this time he has given freely of his efforts toward its promotion, and has received full payment, if not monetarily, then in a more valuable coin—the appreciation of those with whom he has worked within the Convention in the furtherance of the Kingdom.

We wish to thank all of you who have been patient with the delinquencies of the writer and also the subscription office, and would remind those who have had just cause of complaint that that office has had an entirely new staff, one that cannot give all of its time to this work. The handling of a subscription list is no easy task, and mistakes are easily made, but for the one mistake made, hundreds of other subscriptions have been handled correctly. We ask you to be careful in sending in subscriptions to see that addresses are correctly given, and also remind you that they should be sent to the Convention Office and not to the office of publication.

Up to the present time, this biennium, the paper has had no deficit. This does not mean that there has been no increase in the costs of publication, for during this time both paper and labor cost have increased tremendously. It does mean that these costs have been absorbed by the publisher and not passed on to the Board of Publications. You realize that such a condition cannot continue indefinitely.

In past years we have insisted consistently that the subscription price be kept at a minimum. No department of the Convention has ever lost one cent of the contribution it has made toward the publication of *The Sun*. Indeed, one doubts if many investments have paid larger financial returns. However, there are limits beyond which we cannot call upon these various enterprises. The only alternative, we believe, is to increase moderately the subscription price. Nearly all religious, as well as secular, publications have raised their prices as much as 50 per cent, and some have doubled their subscription prices. We do not recommend this, but we do recommend that the subscription price of *The Sun* be made \$5 for two years, or \$3 for a single year. We also recommend that should a church send in block subscriptions covering at least 60 per cent of their families, that these churches be allowed a discount of 20 per cent on new subscriptions and 10 per cent on renewals, provided that subscriptions for less than one year not be subject to such discounts. We further recommend that the Board of Publications be given the power to regulate subscription rates.

There should be a concerted effort to raise a substantial endowment for *The Christian Sun*. Contributions to such a fund can be deducted for income tax purposes. A codicil to your will, leaving \$10 or \$1,000 to this endowment, will insure that this money be put to good use.

At one time the departmental editors of *The Sun* were appointed by the managing editor, subject to confirmation by the Board of Publications. This placed upon both a mutual responsibility which has been sadly lacking of late. We recommend that this method be resumed, or that the appointment of departmental and contributing editors becomes a joint responsibility of a committee composed of the chairman of the board, the editor and the managing editor.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. T. KERNODLE.



A motion was then offered to amend the report of the Board of Publications as follows "That the subscription price of *The Christian Sun* be increased to \$3 per year or \$5 for two years." This motion was voted by a majority vote.

(NOTE: This motion was rescinded Thursday morning, the price of *The Sun* continuing at \$2 per year.)

A motion was then offered that the report of the Board of Publications be adopted with the amendment in the report as voted above which deletes from the report item No. 2. This was voted. (See note above.)

On motion it was voted that the report of the treasurer of the Board of Publications be received and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion it was voted that the report of the editor be received with the request that it be published in *The Christian Sun*.

On motion it was voted that the report of the managing editor of *The Christian Sun* be received with the amendment as follows in the last paragraph: "That the last paragraph of the report of the managing editor be interpreted to mean that the departmental editors be appointed by the editor, managing editor and the Board of Publications in consultation."

The final presentation of the report of the Revision Committee was given by W. Millard Stevens and the revisions as proposed were voted as follows:

#### PROPOSED CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPLES AND GOVERNMENT; CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE SOUTHERN CONVENTION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES.

##### PRINCIPLES AND GOVERNMENT.

1. Chapter II, Section II, Item 2 (Duties of a Pastor): To be amended to read:
  2. A Pastor shall be a member of some local Church of the denomination and of the Conference in which he works. Any exception to this requirement must be approved by the Conference in which the Church involved is a member.
2. Chapter II, Section VII to be stricken out.
3. New Chapter III to be added to read as follows (Present Chapters III, IV, V and VI becoming IV, V, VI and VII, respectively):

##### CHAPTER III.

##### Local Church Property.

Local churches or trustees of local churches hold property in trust for the use of the members of the local Congregational Christian Church, Conference and denomination, and said property cannot be disposed of without the consent of the Conference to which the local Church belongs.

4. Chapter V (now VI)—The Convention (Constitution)—Article VII—*Quorum*, to be amended to read:

Forty qualified members of the Convention shall constitute a quorum necessary for the transaction of Convention business."

Article VIII—*Officers*, to be amended, as follows:

Section 1, *Designation*, after "Superintendent" insert "Historian."

Section 3, after "Election"—add "and Term of Office"; after Board of Publications add concluding sentence: "Officers and Board members shall be elected to serve for the biennium unless otherwise designated, or until their successors are elected and qualified."

Section 4-a, President—strike out last sentence and substitute instead: “He shall be Chairman of the Executive Board.”

Section 4-d, Treasurer—amended to read as follows:

The Treasurer shall receive all funds through the Convention Office for the Convention and denominational enterprises, except for Conference interests, give receipt therefor, keep an accurate record of the same, shall deposit such funds in a depository designated by the Executive Board; shall disburse designated funds to Boards, Institutions and other agencies at regular intervals on order of the Superintendent, and shall disburse funds for Convention obligations on order of the President of the Convention. He shall make reports to the semi-annual meetings of the Executive Board, to the biennial sessions of the Convention, and at such other times as may be requested by the Executive Board or Convention. He shall be adequately bonded and his accounts shall be audited annually as determined by the Executive Board.

Section 4-e, Superintendent, amended to read as follows:

The Superintendent shall be a full time paid official of the Convention and shall work under the supervision of the Executive Board. He shall be a member ex-officio, without vote, of all Convention Boards and Committees, and of Boards of Convention Institutions. It shall be his duty to become informed concerning each phase of the work of the Convention and denomination. He shall seek to promote coordination of the work of the Convention at the discretion of the Executive Board, so that each phase of the work may be properly emphasized, and that all the work may be done with efficiency of time and money. He shall visit and assist with fraternal counsel pastors, churches and conferences, but shall have no authority over them. He shall be at the service of all Boards and Committees of the Convention. He shall compile the materials for *The Annual*, prepare the same for publication, and in consultation with the Board of Publications shall supervise the printing and distribution of *The Annual*. He shall furnish the materials for the national Congregational Christian Yearbook. As the executive officer of the Convention, he shall represent the Convention in denominational and inter-denominational meetings. He shall report his work regularly to the sessions of the Executive Board and to the biennial sessions of the Convention. He shall be bonded for such amount as may be authorized by the Executive Board.

5. Add new Article IX, to read as follows (Present Article IX to become Article X, and other Articles numbered thereafter consecutively):

#### Article IX—*Employed Staff.*

Section 1. The Convention or Executive Board may, insofar as funds will permit, employ such office or field personnel as may be needed to do the work of the Convention and its Boards efficiently and economically. Such employed personnel shall report regularly to the Executive Board and Convention sessions themselves or through the Superintendent.

Section 2. *Bookkeeper and Assistant Treasurer.* The Executive Board may name a member of the Convention Office personnel to serve as Bookkeeper and Assistant Treasurer and otherwise to assist the Treasurer in the discharge of his duties. The Assistant Treasurer shall sign checks of the Convention upon conditions governing the Treasurer such checks to be countersigned by the Treasurer, shall be adequately bonded and his accounts shall be audited in connection with the audit of the accounts of the Treasurer, as determined by the Executive Board.

6. Article X (present Article IX)—*Boards*—to be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. *Executive Board.* The Executive Board shall be composed of the Convention President, Vice-President, Secretary, Editor of *The Christian Sun*, and Chairman of the Finance Committee; two representatives from each constituent Conference, nominated by the Conference; one member each nominated by the Boards of the Convention, the President of Elon College, the Superintendent of the Christian Orphanage, and similar executive heads of other recognized institutions of the Convention; one each nominated by the Woman's Missionary Convention, the Pilgrim Fellowship Council, and the Laymen's Fellowship Council, and three members at large nominated by the Convention itself. The Superintendent, employed staff members, and Treasurer shall be members ex-officiis without vote.

The Executive Board shall be the body to whom shall be referred all matters of business which require attention and action between sessions of the Convention.

It shall be the duty of the Board to make effective plans and programs of the Convention. It shall review and pass upon the plans of Boards and Institutions of the Convention when such plans anticipate calling upon the churches for additional funds between sessions of the Convention. The Board shall have authority in matters dealing with employed personnel of the Convention and the Convention Office. The Board shall report its activities to each biennial session of the Convention, and its minutes shall become part of the minutes of the Convention.

Section 4. *Board of Superannuation.* This Board shall survey the needs and promote the adequate support for the Convention's retired and disabled ministers and their dependents. Its current funds shall be administered through the Division of Ministerial Relief of The Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches, the Board of Superannuation recommending beneficiaries for such grants. The Board shall endeavor to enroll all ministers of the Convention in The Annuity Fund of the denomination.

7. Article XI (present Article X)—*Committees*—to be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. *Standing Committees.* The Convention shall appoint such Standing Committees as may be needed, including:

a. *Finance*, composed of five members to serve for the ensuing biennium. It shall study the financial interests and needs of the Convention and submit a proposed budget at each biennial session.

b. *Spiritual Life and Evangelism.*

c. *Stewardship.*

d. *Social Action.*

e. *Rural Church.*

Section 2. *Special Committees.* The Convention may appoint such special Committees as may be needed, including:

a. *Business*, composed of three members appointed at the opening session of the Convention. All matters of business not on the program shall be referred to the Business Committee which will decide if they are pertinent, and if so, suggest places on the program for their consideration. The Committee will endeavor to see that no conflicting motions are adopted.

b. *Nominating*, composed of five members appointed by the Executive Board at least three months before the regular session of the Convention. This Committee shall make nominations of all officers of the Convention, and members of Boards, except those otherwise provided for.

c. *Program.*

d. *Memoirs.*

In the interest of uniformity and co-ordination, the Conferences are requested to conform to the organization of the Convention.

8. Article XII (present Article XI)—*Vacancies*—to be amended to read as follows:

Any vacancies occurring in offices of the Convention, Boards, and Committees, in the interim shall be filled by the Executive Board to serve until the next session of the Convention.

9. Article XIII (Present Article XII)—*Convention Office*—to be amended to read:

There shall be a Convention Office operating under the supervision of the Executive Board, with the Superintendent serving as its executive officer. This Office should be centrally located. It shall have adequate personnel to do effective work; shall seek to serve the churches, conferences, boards and institutions of the Convention; shall endeavor to make effective the plans, programs and ideals of the Convention, and through its executive officer shall report regularly to the Executive Board and to the sessions of the Convention. The Convention Office shall have the same relationship to the General Council and Boards of the denomination as other State Conference Offices.



Present Article XIII becomes Article XIV.

10. Article XV (present Article XIV)—*Auxiliary Organizations*—to be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. *Men's Work.* The Work of the Men of the Convention shall be encouraged and supported. The Laymen's Fellowship shall be recognized as an auxiliary of the Convention, and its biennial report shall become a part of the records of the Convention.

11. Article XVI (present Article XV)—*Amendments*—to be amended to read:

All amendments or changes in the Principles and Government, Constitution, Official Forms and Ceremonies, shall be made by a two-thirds vote of the Convention in regular or special session. All motions, resolutions for such amendments or changes shall be published in the church paper at least three months before the session at which the subject is to be considered.

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#### BY-LAWS.

Section 3—*Convention Biennium*—to be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. *Convention Biennium and Fiscal Year.* The Convention Biennium shall be from adjournment of one regular biennial session to adjournment of the next.

The Fiscal Year of the Convention shall be April 1 to March 31, and Financial Reports shall be as of these dates.

The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and all other Officers of the Convention, except paid officials and staff personnel, shall take office at the beginning of the biennium for which they are elected, and shall serve for two years, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Paid officials and staff personnel of the Convention shall take office July 1 following the meeting of the Convention, it being understood that 90 days notice shall be given when changes of such personnel are anticipated.

Section 6—*Executive Board*—to be amended to read as follows:

Section 6. *Executive Board.* The Executive Board shall meet in regular semi-annual sessions in April and October, the exact time and place to be determined by the Board, or by the Chairman and Secretary, the members of the Board being notified in writing two weeks prior to the meeting. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman, Secretary, or any five members of the Board, upon two weeks notice in writing to all members of the Board.

Twelve members of the Executive Board present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The Executive Board may name its own Executive Committee.

Section 7—*Finances*—to be amended as follows:

Second paragraph, third line preceding "Convention Office"—add, "Treasurer of the Convention through," the entire paragraph reading:

The churches, Sunday schools and other organizations shall be requested to send all moneys for Convention apportionments and denominational enterprises—except for Conference interests—to the Treasurer of the Convention through the Convention Office with a statement as to the purposes for which sent.

Respectfully submitted,

W. MILLABD STEVENS, *Chairman*,  
F. C. LESTER,  
MRS. O. H. PARIS,  
MRS. W. V. LEATHERS,  
R. T. GRISSOM,  
STANLEY C. HARRELL,  
R. L. HOUSE,  
R. A. WHITTEN.

NOTE: This being all the proposed amendments in the report being adopted with the exception of the last proposal relative to retirement of Convention workers and employed workers on boards and institutions of the Convention.



On motion it was voted that a committee be appointed by the President to study the matter of retirement as proposed by the Revisions Committee and that a report be submitted to the next session of the Convention.

The report of the Orphanage was given by Mr. Charles D. Johnston, superintendent, as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN ORPHANAGE.

The Christian Orphanage has been ministering to orphan and dependent children for forty-one years. The corner-stone was laid in the year 1905, the first building was erected in 1906, and the doors were opened for the admittance of children, January 1, 1907. During the years of its existence, it has ministered to more than six hundred children, and has given them a chance in life, which they did not have.

During the last biennium the activities at the Orphanage have been more than usual, and more has been accomplished than usual.

In early 1946 the Orphanage purchased a twelve-room house with hardwood floors on the first floor. This house adjoins the Johnston Hall lot and is within two hundred feet of Johnston Hall. This house, with a beautiful vacant building lot, was purchased for \$3,500, and it cost \$500 to have it painted, making a total cost of \$4,000. This was purchased with the idea of using it for a superintendent's home when it is needed. It is now rented. (NOTE: This house was destroyed by fire since this report was written, but sufficient insurance was carried to cover the actual cost of the house.)

The Orphanage also had the opportunity of buying about 25 acres of fine land on the east side of our farm, making our line straight from north to south.

During the war period when it was impossible to get material and workmen, our buildings began to need repairs very badly. The Orphanage Board, in its February meeting, 1947, set aside the sum of \$10,000 with which to do this repair work. They authorized the Superintendent of the Orphanage to undertake it and have the work done just as fast as material and workmen could be secured. We accepted the job. Then our troubles began. It was hard to get material and harder to get competent workmen and painters to do this work, and prices were high for material and also for workmen. But we finally got the work done; the buildings painted inside and out, new furniture put in where needed, porches rebuilt of brick and concrete, etc. We have received many compliments on the appearance of the buildings and the way they are kept. I want to say here that Mr. Vitus R. Holt, Chairman of the Board, rendered valuable assistance in making suggestions and in helping get material with which to do the work. The Orphanage buildings are now in splendid condition.

We want to mention the splendid assistance the good women of our missionary societies have rendered during the biennium in making many beautiful Easter dresses for the girls, which has been quite a help to us in our work and for which we are very thankful.

The year 1946 was one of the best years we have ever had on the farm. We had splendid seasons and crops were excellent. The year 1947 was the driest year we have had for many years in the immediate section of the Orphanage. The dry weather set in about the first of April, and we had no rain until the 24th of September, except for one light season in mid-summer. We cannot produce crops without rain. Everything on the farm was cut at least two-thirds.

During the biennium the Orphanage gave 56,747 days of care to orphan and dependent children—children who were in need of a home and care.

Our children have splendid school advantages. We live within a short distance of the Elon Public School. All the children above the second grade come home for lunch. After graduating, if they want to go to college we always have made arrangements to take care of their tuition, and let them pay it back after they go to work and begin to draw a salary. Out of all the girls and boys who have borrowed money to pay their college expenses, all of them have paid it back.

Their spiritual welfare is also looked out for. We send them to Sunday school and church, and on Wednesday night of each week, Dr. J. H. Dollar, our pastor, and Miss Walker, his assistant, put on a religious program at the Orphanage, which the children enjoy and are very much interested in.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

1946.

Income from Churches and Sunday Schools .....	\$ 21,533.14
Income from Sources other than our Churches .....	24,588.95

Total Income for 1946 .....	\$ 46,122.09
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1947.

Income from Churches and Sunday Schools .....	\$ 23,902.87
Income from Sources other than our Churches .....	23,902.40

Total Income for 1947 .....	\$ 47,805.27
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*Recapitulation.*

Total Income for the Biennium .....	\$ 93,927.36
Plus Balance brought forward January 1, 1946 .....	47,640.13

Total .....	\$141,567.49
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*Expenses.*

Less Capital Expenditures .....	\$12,101.52	
Less Expenses for Water Line .....	2,421.66	
Less Expenses for Repairs .....	12,478.36	
Less Orphanage Expenditures .....	73,012.65	
		<u>100,014.19</u>

Balance January 1, 1948 .....	\$ 41,553.30
Less amount set aside for sewage .....	5,000.00

	\$ 36,553.30
Less emergency fund set aside from bequests of people outside our church	<u>15,000.00</u>

Balance for running capital .....	\$ 21,553.30
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The Orphanage books have been audited by a Certified Public Accountant. They were found correct and in balance, and all funds accounted for.

On motion it was voted that the report of the Orphanage be received and made a matter of record.

Dr. Carl Heath Kopf of the First Congregational Church of Washington, D. C., was introduced to the Convention and on motion was made a corresponding member of the Convention.

The secretary presented to the Convention a memorial from the Western North Carolina Conference and from the Eastern Virginia Conference relative to financing the Convention Office. The resolution was as follows:

MEMORIAL FROM THE EASTERN VIRGINIA AND WESTERN  
NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCES.

"That we memorialize the Southern Convention to increase the Convention Fund apportionment to provide for adequate funds for all the operating expenses of the Convention Office and to cover the amount required for publishing *The Christian Sun*, so there will be no transfer of any money from any other fund raised for the Convention, for these expenses, but all funds shall be used for the purpose designated in the appeal for support of the Convention apportionments."

On motion it was voted to refer the memorial to the Finance Committee.

On motion it was voted that the continuing discussion of the Finance Committee's report be made an order of the day Thursday morning at 9:45.

On motion it was voted that the Board of Publications in consultation with the Superintendent be authorized to provide for reprinting the *Manual* of the Convention.

The Convention adjourned the afternoon session, and the closing prayer was offered by the Rev. Frederick Eutsler.

Following the adjournment of the afternoon session of the Convention the Laymen's Fellowship met for a banquet at the Epsom School under the leadership of Mr. George D. Colclough. The speaker for this meeting was Hon. Thad Eure, Secretary of State for North Carolina.

At the same hour the women held a fellowship supper in the church annex.

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### WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Wednesday evening session of the Convention was called to order at 8:00 by the vice-president, Rev. J. H. Dollar, and the opening hymn was led by Rev. Frank Morgan, and the opening prayer by Dr. C. E. Newman.

A report from the Jacksons in Shaowu, China, was presented by Rev. W. B. O'Neill, vice-president of the Mission Board, as follows:

#### A REPORT FROM SHAOWU.

Foochow, China,

March 27, 1948.

Dear Friends of The Southern Convention:

We would like to send our warmest greetings to you as you gather together at Liberty (Vance) Church for another meeting of The Southern Convention. We wish with all our hearts that we could join your worship, discussion and planning, and could enjoy again the fellowship which once was so meaningful to us. But even though we cannot see you face to face, we shall be with you in spirit for are we not all one in Christ Jesus?

I write to you from a country torn with strife and civil war. Just now the hearts of the people are sorrowful. The Communist victories in the North, the spiralling inflation, the corruption of many in high position leave the Chinese people disillusioned and despairing. It was to such a world that Paul preached the message of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world. What better can we do than to follow his example?

Two years ago when The Southern Convention met in Waverly, you commissioned us to come to North Fukien to do His work. During this period, your support has not diminished, but has increased many fold as evidenced by your letters, your gifts and your prayers. We are grateful beyond words. As you gather together to plan ahead, I believe you are entitled to a report of what is being done with the money you have already so generously given.

First, the medical work has made rapid strides ahead. The Shaowu Christian Hospital, the only hospital in North Fukien Province, is now serving the people. Dr. Riggs and Dr. Chu, Miss Whitaker and five Chinese nurses, the business staff and other workers give of themselves freely that the sick might be healed. Miss Whitaker has recently opened a baby clinic and Dr. Riggs is doing all he can to fight the all too prevalent malaria. The hospital is partially self-supporting, but still must rely on foreign financial aid which your gifts make possible.

Secondly, the educational work at present consists of two primary schools, one in Shaowu and one in Kienning. Since the war, because of the lack of funds, the standards of the schools have dropped, especially in Shaowu. For next fall a new principal has been secured who is not only a capable administrator and teacher, but an active and professing Christian. One thousand dollars of the funds raised by The Southern Convention will be used for Christian Education in North Fukien.

Thirdly, the church is beginning to take on new life as evidenced by new workers who have accepted leadership in her ranks. The newly elected secretary of the Synod, Jr. Liao Ho, a man in his early 40's has returned to work in the church. During the



past several years, because of the lack of funds to pay him he has been teaching in a government school. He is a graduate of Nanking Theological Seminary. One young man has just completed a two-year seminary course; he came in January to work in the Yankow-Lanhsia area. This fall we hope to have four men enter seminary including Timothy Chang at Duke University supported by the women of The Southern Convention through the Life Memberships and Memorial Fund. Altogether, in addition to us missionaries, there are six seminary trained ministers, three lay preachers, and three Bible women at work in the twelve active churches. Formerly, there were over thirty churches so you see there is much to do just to revive former work. The churches are all working in the direction of self-support, but must still rely for some time on gifts from our Southern Convention friends. Our aim of completely self-supporting churches, I am afraid, will be realized only when economic conditions are more stable.

There you have a bird's eye view of our work. If you have questions or suggestions, we shall welcome them. I wish I could report to you more visible signs of progress; but as you know from your own experience, the work of Christ, if it is to have lasting significance, grows slowly and painstakingly, as a mustard seed.

We ask you, as you assemble yourselves together at Liberty (Vance) Church, to pray for us—for the leaders and people of our North Fukien Synod, for the entire Church of Christ in China, for the Chinese nation and people, so broken and divided by war and so helplessly caught in an economic and political situation which breeds corruption and insecurity. Please pray for us, your commissioned representatives, that we may bring to this hour of China's need God's answer as revealed in Jesus Christ, and that we may so submit ourselves to Him that His purposes may be accomplished through us.

We are thankful that you and we are partners together in this great enterprise. In a very real sense, we are part of you and you are part of us. We thank you again for your interest, your letters, your gifts, your generous support and your prayers.

Sincerely,

RICHARD & DOROTHY JACKSON.

Superintendent William T. Scott spoke concerning the offering and pledges to the Shaowu Mission.

Dr. F. C. Lester presented an address to the Convention on the topic, "Shaowu a Dream, a Commitment, and a Reality." Following the address by Dr. Lester the offering of cash and pledges was received for the Shaowu Mission. This offering amounted to \$2,426.49—plate offering, cash \$159.26 and checks \$349.47; pledges \$1,517.76; conditional pledges \$400.

The Rev. John L. Gwin of Norfolk, Va., rendered a vocal solo, accompanied by Mrs. Wm. T. Scott at the piano.

Dr. Carl Heath Kopf, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Washington, D. C., addressed the Convention on the subject, "Pacific Mission."

Following the address by Dr. Kopf the assignment of homes was made for the night by the entertainment committee of the entertaining church, and the benediction was given by the Rev. Peter Young.

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#### THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Thursday morning session of the Convention was called to order at 9:00 by President Wisseman, and the hymn was led by the Rev. J. Frank Morgan and the prayer by Dr. C. E. Newman.

The minutes of Wednesday's sessions were read and adopted.



The report of the Social Action Committee was read by Dean D. J. Bowden.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION.

In times of great crisis we find that action is often delayed by indecision. Often there are so many things to be attended to that one hesitates, not knowing what to tackle first. Today, in international, national and local affairs, this seems to be the situation; so many problems face us at home and abroad that we are in danger of giving too much attention to some and losing sight of others entirely.

On the international scene we are called upon to support every move toward world peace through world government. The current situation is nothing less than puzzling to most of us. Every nation in the world is crying for peace, yet we see our nation and others drifting toward war. No nation and no people want war, yet we hear charge and countercharge of warmongering. Our present hope lies with the United Nations, and the role of the individual American should be that of supporting this organization and not allowing himself to be overcome with hatred and distrust. Let us be sure, at least, that the motives of our nation within the United Nations are without guile and above reproach.

We are called upon to give of our money, of our time, of our food and clothing, that needy people throughout the world may be fed and clothed. More of God's children throughout the world today are without the necessities of life than ever before in the history of mankind. We, as a nation and as a people, are comparable to the rich young ruler of Jesus' time if we refuse to sacrifice; we choose today whether we shall walk the path of the Priest and the Levite or bend down with the helping hand of a Good Samaritan. Europe and Asia call to us for aid; if we send it, they live; if we build for ourselves bigger barns and say to ourselves, "Soul, take thy rest," millions of innocent people will perish. The choice is ours to make.

Hundreds of thousands of people have been driven from their homes during the war and post-war years. They cry to us for a place to live and work. Newspaper accounts describe them as "DP's"—"Displaced Persons." They are guilty of no crime; they have done no man harm, but they are gathered in stockades of barbed wire and deprived of the necessities of life. Shall we be blind to their needs and deaf to their cries? Shall we say to them, "Children of God, you are no responsibility of ours?" A murderer once said, "Am I my brother's keeper?" and Christianity through the ages has condemned him. Can we be Christian and deny our brotherhood with all mankind? America is the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave; is it not also the Land of the Generous? Can we, with clear conscience, sing "My Jesus, I Love Thee," and say to our brothers in other lands that our land and our possessions are ours to enjoy while they die in concentration camps? Jesus said, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things I say?" Who is worthy of the abundant life?

In our own country, too, the Christian has an obligation. Much has been said, in recent weeks, about "Civil Rights," as though there were a privileged class in America which is justified in depriving others of these so-called civil rights. This, in a nation founded upon the words, "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights . . ." Let us admit that some of God's creatures have been deprived of those rights with which He endowed them. Let us admit that America is not the land of the free, but a land in which only some are free. The question of civil rights is something bigger than a political football to be kicked around by politicians; it is an issue for the Christian Church to face with humble and contrite hearts. How often we have said, in effect, "All men are my brothers—except the Negroes!" A certain Pharisee stood before the altar of God and said, "Lord, I thank Thee that I am not as other men. . . ."

We of the Southern Convention are largely an agricultural people. Even our city churches are composed of people who are close to the soil, who were born and reared on the farm, or whose parents were tillers of the soil. Ours is therefore a great and noble heritage and the interests of American agriculture are close to our hearts. Let us, then, affirm the following objectives which were recently issued by the Agricultural Relations Department of the Council for Social Action of the Congregational Christian Churches:

"It is our Christian conviction that a sound farm policy for America must establish as objectives and implement as programs the following goals for American agriculture:

"1. Organized, sustained and realistic abundance in production that all people may be adequately and healthfully fed and clothed.

"2. Conservation and restoration of the soil, water and forest resources of the nation.

"3. Extension and preservation of the efficient owner-operated family farm as the normal and desirable pattern in American agriculture.

"4. Justice for the farmer.

"5. Freedom with responsibility on the part of the farmer."

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. BOWDEN, *Chairman*,

MRS. JOHN G. TRUITT,

R. A. WHITTEN,

H. S. SMITH,

MRS. OLIE MAE B. STEWART.

Motion that the report be adopted. A motion to amend the report was then offered as follows: "That the Convention go on record as opposing pending legislation for Universal Military Training." This amendment was voted.

A second amendment was offered as follows: "That the Convention go on record as opposing Peacetime Selective Military Service." This motion to amend was rejected.

A motion to adopt the report was then voted with the amendment relative to Universal Military Training.

The discussion relative to the report of the Finance Committee was taken up again with item No. 4.

A motion was made and voted that the total of \$15,700 proposed in the budget for the Convention Office, Leadership, and Promotion be left to the Executive Board to be allocated as to how it is spent, the Executive Board to report to the Convention on expenditures at the next session. This motion was voted by a vote of 32 to 20.

Motion was voted that the report of the Finance Committee as presented, discussed and amended be adopted as a whole as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

1. During the past biennium certain "over and above" projects have been adopted as a part of the Convention Budget, and have been raised by the churches of the various Conferences. In the making of the Budget for the approaching biennium all these special projects have been made a part of the apportionments, with the exception of C. W. V. R. which is scheduled to close as of January 15, 1949. The proposed Budget is therefore considerably higher than the one adopted in 1946; but does not greatly exceed the giving by our constituency during the past conference year. Inasmuch as the report of the Strategy Committee adopted by the 1946 session of the Convention provided for the "over and above" items for Shaowu and Church Extension to run for two bienniums, we recommend that the Convention rescind that portion of the Strategy Committee report providing "for the next two bienniums."

We recommend apportionments as follows:

	<i>Conferences</i>	<i>Women</i>	<i>Special Gifts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Convention H. M. Fund .....	\$17,500	\$ 7,500	\$11,995	\$ 36,955
Convention F. M. Fund .....	17,500	7,500	2,875	27,875
Christian Orphanage .....	15,000			15,000
Elon College .....	15,000			15,000
Christian Education .....	4,000			4,000
Superannuation .....	4,000			4,000
Convention Fund .....	8,000			8,000
Per Capita Dues .....	2,541			2,541
Scholarships .....	1,500			1,500

Totals .....	\$85,041	\$15,000	\$14,830	\$114,871
C. W. V. R. Suggested Goal for 1948 .....				\$8,917.49

We recommend that the \$85,041 to be apportioned to conferences be distributed as follows:

	<i>E. Va.</i>	<i>Valley</i>	<i>E. N. C.</i>	<i>N. C. Va.</i>	<i>W. N. C.</i>	<i>Total</i>
Home Missions .....	\$ 6,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 17,500
Foreign Missions .....	6,500	1,500	2,000	6,000	1,500	17,500
Christian Orphanage .....	4,800	960	2,100	6,000	1,140	15,000
Elon College .....	6,000	960	2,100	4,800	1,140	15,000
Christian Education .....	1,470	330	535	1,355	330	4,000
Superannuation .....	1,470	330	535	1,335	330	4,000
Convention Fund .....	2,725	650	1,100	2,725	800	8,000
Scholarships .....	500	125	225	500	150	1,500
Per Capita Dues .....	862	191	430	765	293	2,541

Total .....	\$ 30,827	\$ 6,546	\$ 11,025	\$ 29,460	\$ 7,183	\$ 85,041
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2. We recommend a budget of \$15,700 for Convention Leadership, Promotion, and the Convention Office.

*Proposed Sources of Income.*

Convention Fund .....	\$ 7,000
Mission Board .....	3,600
Board of Christian Education .....	4,500
Christian Orphanage .....	600
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	\$15,700

3. We recommend the following budget for *The Christian Sun*:

For Printing <i>The Christian Sun</i> .....	\$ 8,000
For Secretarial Assistance to Editor .....	600

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\$ 8,600

Anticipated Resources for *The Sun*:

Subscription List .....	\$ 4,500
Mission Board .....	1,000
Orphanage .....	900
Elon College .....	900
Board of Christian Education .....	200
Convention Fund .....	900
Advertising .....	200

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\$ 8,600

It is recommended that boards and institutions pay the amounts specified for *The Christian Sun* in monthly installments.

4. We recommend that the Mission Board of the Convention transmit twenty-five per cent of the net income for Convention Home Missions Fund to the Home Boards of the General Council for the support of the work being carried on by said boards.

5. We recommend that all churches be urged to raise their Missions and Benevolent Funds by securing subscriptions for their entire Conference Apportionments.



Churches which do not raise their entire apportionments by means of subscriptions should receive a Special Offering for Missions at Easter, a Special Thanksgiving Offering for the Orphanage, a Special Christmas Offering for Superannuation, and a Special Offering for Elon College during the college period. Until the regular contributions are sufficient to meet the apportionments, churches should seek to raise the apportionments in full by seeking special gifts from individuals.

6. We recommend the continuance of the present plan of regular monthly offerings for Missions and the Orphanage, and the Fifth Sunday Offering for Elon College to be taken by the Sunday Schools; said funds to be forwarded through the designated channels credited on the respective Conference Apportionments.

7. We recommend that the Orphanage, the Mission Board and Elon College be authorized to make appeals for contributions, each during the period herein designated, as follows: Elon College, January, February, and September; Missions, March, April, May, and June; Orphanage, October, November, and December, that Communion Offerings may be received for Superannuation, and that at Christmas a special offering may be taken for the "Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross," said offering to be forwarded by the Board of Superannuation to the Division of Ministerial Relief as an emergency fund and extra appropriation to the superannuates. It is recommended that the practice of making appeals to churches, Sunday school, and auxiliaries for material or financial gifts at other times than during the periods designated be discontinued.

8. We recommend that the Board of Christian Education be authorized to appeal for offerings on Children's Day from Sunday schools, and from individuals during July and August.

9. We recommend that all funds contributed by churches, or by individuals who request their gifts to be credited to their churches be transmitted to the Convention Treasurer through the Convention Office; that the Convention Office report such gifts to the Secretary of the Conference in which the local church holds membership; and that each local church secretary shall be furnished with a report of all funds sent from his church for Convention enterprises, together with the balance due.

We recommend that the financial report on apportionment collections reported in THE ANNUAL'S Statistical Tables shall be those funds received by the Convention Treasurer through the Convention Office and verified by the respective Conference Secretaries.

We recommend that the Executive Board be instructed to study the advisability of making the apportionment year run with the calendar year and if said board approves that the matter be presented to the conferences for their approval.

10. We recommend that the awarding of scholarships to college and seminary students be the responsibility of the Board of Christian Education and that such scholarships be granted only to ministerial students and students who are preparing for other types of full time Christian service who are properly certified and recommended by the conferences of which they are members; and the Board of Christian Education make report annually either to the Executive Board of the Convention or to the Convention itself relative to the status of the Scholarship Fund and the scholastic achievements of the holders of said scholarships.

11. The following items contained in the report of the Committee on Finance made to the 1946 Convention, were by vote of the Convention referred back to the committee to be presented at the 1948 Convention, are reported with the recommendation that they be adopted:

"Pursuant to a vote of the Executive Board of the Convention, it is recommended that the Ministerial Loan Fund of the Convention be transferred by the Treasurer of Elon College to the Treasurer of the Southern Convention, and that the Treasurer of Elon College be absolved of responsibility for the discounts authorized by the Convention in settlements of notes of those who were indebted to the Ministerial Loan Fund."

"It is recommended that when the accounts of the Convention Ministerial Loan Fund have been transferred by the Treasurer of Elon College to the Treasurer of the Convention, that the Convention Treasurer be authorized to settle all notes made prior



to 1935 for 50 per cent of the face value of the notes, and when settlement as herein stipulated has been made all interest due shall be cancelled."

"It is recommended that the Executive Board shall outline the terms under which all future loans from the Convention Loan Fund shall be made."

12. That the Executive Board charged with the administration of item No. 2 be instructed to submit an itemized report of expenditures to the next session of the Convention.

13. We recommend that the recommendations adopted in 1946 relative to handling and accounting of funds be continued for the coming biennium.

14. We recommend the payment of all bills and expenses incidental and necessary to this session of the Convention.

15. The reports of the Treasurer and of the Convention Office were by vote of the Convention referred to the Finance Committee. The certifying of the accuracy of these reports is possible only when the detailed report of the auditor is available. It is recommended that said reports be checked by the Finance Committee, appointed for the coming biennium, and that report relative to same be made to the Executive Board at its next session. It is recommended that this apply also to the report of the Board of Publications and the report of the Board of Christian Education.

16. Your Committee on Finance considered the memorial sent to the Convention by the Eastern Virginia and Western North Carolina Conferences, in which the Convention was requested to set up in the budget for Convention Fund an amount sufficient to take care of all expenses of the Convention Office and all expenses incidental to the printing of *The Christian Sun* and that there be no transfer of funds from one item to another of the budget. Your committee recognizes that such a procedure seems theoretically desirable and probably should be the policy toward which the future financial policy of the Convention should move. It is the conviction of the Finance Committee that to adopt the policy requested in the memorial would endanger the total financial policy of the Convention.

STANLEY C. HARRELL  
A. H. McEVER,  
L. L. VAUGHAN  
H. S. HARDCASTLE,  
S. E. MADREN,

#### APPORTIONMENT AND OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

FOR CONFERENCE YEAR 1946-47.

	Convention App't to Conferences	Convention App't to Women	Total Convention Apportionment	App't by Conferences to Churches	App't by Women to Societies	Total App't to Churches & Societies
Conv. H. Missions .....	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 6,049	\$ 6,000	\$ 12,049
Foreign Missions .....	6,000	6,000	12,000	6,044	6,000	12,044
Christian Orphanage ....	12,500		12,500	12,528		12,528
Elon College .....	12,000		12,500	12,284		12,284
Christian Education .....	3,000		3,000	3,099		3,099
Superannuation .....	3,000		3,000	3,017		3,017
Convention Fund .....	7,000		7,000	6,871		6,871
Per Capita Dues .....	2,541		2,541	2,291		2,291
Scholarship Fund .....	1,500		1,500	?		?
Totals .....	\$ 54,041 (\$51,500)	\$ 12,000	\$ 66,041 (\$63,500)	\$ 52,433	\$ 12,000	\$ 64,433

	Paid by Churches on Apportionment	Paid by Women on Apportionment	Specials Paid by Churches	Specials Paid by Women	Total Specials Paid	Grand Total Paid by Churches & Women's Missionary Societies
Conv. H. Missions .....	\$ 6,885	\$ 5,405	\$ 1,827*	\$ 31*	\$ 1,858*	\$ 14,148
Foreign Missions .....	6,990	5,456	6,762†	4,249†	11,011†	23,457
Christian Orphanage .....	20,433					20,433
Elon College .....	12,210					12,210
Christian Education ...	2,548		1,528‡		1,528‡	4,076
Superannuation .....	4,370§		§		§	4,370§
Convention Fund .....	6,588					6,588
Per Capita Dues .....	1,951					1,951
Scholarship Fund .....	610					610
Totals .....	\$ 62,585	\$ 10,861	\$ 10,117	\$ 4,280	\$ 14,397	\$ 87,843
C. W. V. R. ....			6,328¶		6,328¶	6,328¶
Grand Total ...			\$ 16,445		\$ 20,725	\$ 94,171

Rev. J. H. Dollar reported for the Committee on Superintendent's Home.

A motion was made, "That we approve the idea of securing or building a superintendent's home and that the Executive Board be authorized to proceed with the project and to secure or erect the house and to approve the method of financing the project." This motion was voted.

Mr. S. H. Basnight of Chapel Hill proposed to the Convention that he would give \$100 worth of material on the superintendent's home.

The report of the Committee on Rural Church was presented by Rev. Fred Wright, as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RURAL CHURCH.

We are faced with many problems in the rural church. Your committee realizes the difficulty in solving these problems. All of us are familiar with the conditions surrounding the rural church in the bounds of the Southern Convention. The majority of our churches are located in rural areas. Many of our ministers were reared in the country, and in the early days of their ministry they served country churches. Many of the city people were reared in the country. We consider this a very fine heritage. But what of the present conditions the average rural church faces? There has been a great development in the country in recent years. The improved educational system, improved roads and methods of transportation, the radio, magazines and daily papers, and all kinds of new devices in the home and improved methods of farming and equipment. There are man organized agencies at work in the rural areas of our country that are improving the living conditions of the people. There was the time when the minister was the outstanding man of his community. Today there may be many people in the local congregation as well trained as any minister might wish to be.

\*Church Extension.

†Shaowu Mission.

‡Sunday School Convention contributions to Board of Christian Education.

§Includes Christmas Fund Offering for Ministerial Relief.

¶Represents payments January 15, 1947 to January 15, 1948 to C.W.V.R.—through Convention and direct.

People in rural areas are reading, listening and learning how to do things along improved lines. All of this is having a very great effect on the church.

The plea of the rural church today is for a well trained leadership in every phase of Christian living. There is definitely a need for more well trained ministers. The time was when a good man could be authorized to exhort to rural people regardless of his educational qualifications. The demand now is that he must be good, and well trained also. He must be equally trained with the best of his congregation. Many of weak rural churches are without a pastor. There should be a concerted movement to find qualified young men who will give of themselves to the Christian ministry that these churches may enjoy fine Christian leadership. We do not have enough ministers to fill all the churches and it is the weaker church that must go without a minister. There is, also, a great need for lay-workers in rural churches. There should be some system whereby laymen can receive training sufficient to qualify the layman for his position in the church. We have leadership training courses and camps for young people, but they are not adequate to meet the present demand. We need trained leaders for the rural church.

There is the problem of re-locating some of our country churches. When these churches were built, they met the need of the community but there has been a general shifting of the population in these communities in recent years and the church remains with the cemetery. We must not overlook this situation.

In a community where one church could meet the needs of all the people there are two or more churches of rival denominations struggling for an existence. Neither is able to support itself or to demand the services of a better trained minister. The people are united on everything in the community except the church. This should not be the situation in modern rural America.

The practice in our free system of a church calling its minister without considering where he may live or wishes of the other churches in that vicinity, if it cannot support a full-time minister, has retarded our work in the rural church. The rural church should endeavor to cooperate with sister churches and try to locate a minister within reach of each church so that he may be constantly on the field.

Every rural church has a financial problem. No one method of financing the local church alone is sufficient. There are those in every congregation that have their own ideas as to how they should give what they give to the church. It is good to have a system but never try to make all conform to it. Encourage but never enforce.

The salary of the average rural minister is below what is necessary for him to live a normal life in a financial way. This has always been a hindrance to the rural church life. If there are not enough ministers to go around, the weaker rural churches are likely to be the ones to do without a pastor. This may also drive some ministers to undertake some other work in connection with the church work. Then both the minister and the church, or churches as the case may be, will likely disintegrate.

We recommend:

1. That the rural ministers attend the rural pastors' school in their respective state, and the pastors' school at Elon College, July 12-16, 1948.
2. That an earnest effort be made to recruit young men for the ministry in the rural church.
3. That pastorates be formed in the rural churches.
4. That careful consideration be given to newly formed pastorates in securing a suitable minister with adequate salary.
5. That we observe Rural Life Sunday.

H. E. CRUTCHFIELD, *Ch'm'n*,  
KENNETH REGISTER,  
T. FRED WRIGHT,  
R. E. NEWTON,  
E. C. BRADY.

On motion the report of the Committee on Rural Church was adopted.

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by Rev. J. F. Apple, chairman of the committee, as follows:



## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

*President*—Rev. John G. Truitt, Suffolk, Va.

*Vice-President*—Rev. W. Millard Stevens, Burlington, N. C.

*Secretary*—Rev. J. Everette Neese, Norfolk, Va.

*Treasurer*—George D. Colclough, Elon College, N. C.

*Superintendent*—Rev. Wm. T. Scott, Elon College, N. C.

*Historian*—Rev. C. E. Newman, Virgilina, Va.

*Honorary Historian*—Major W. E. MacClenny, Suffolk, Va.

*Editor of The Christian Sun*—Rev. Robert L. House, Richmond, Va.

*Managing Editor of The Christian Sun*—John T. Kernodle, Richmond, Va.

*Members of the Executive Board.*

Rev. John G. Truitt, President, Suffolk, Va.

Rev. W. Millard Stevens, Vice-President, Burlington, N. C.

Rev. J. Everette Neese, Secretary, Norfolk, Va.

Conference Representatives (Nominated by Conferences):

Eastern Virginia—Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Suffolk, Va.; Rev. John G. Truitt, Suffolk, Va.

Valley of Virginia—Rev. Robert A. Whitten, Winchester, Va.; Rev. R. E. Newton, Luray, Va.

Eastern North Carolina—Rev. J. Frank Apple, Henderson, N. C.; S. H. Bassnight, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Western North Carolina—George T. Gunter, Trinity, N. C.; Rev. E. Carl Brady, Robbins, N. C.

North Carolina & Virginia—Rev. Kenneth D. Register, Burlington, N. C.; Zeb H. Lynch, Elon College, N. C.

Rev. L. E. Smith, President, Elon College, Elon College, N. C.

Mr. Charles D. Johnston, Superintendent, Christian Orphanage, Elon College, N. C.

Mrs. O. H. Paris, Woman's Missionary Convention, Greensboro, N. C.

C. Baxter Twiddy, Representative of Pilgrim Fellowship Council, Elon College, N. C.

Rev. Stanley C. Harrell, Chairman, Finance Committee, Durham, N. C.

Rev. Will B. O'Neill, Member-at-Large, Holland, Va.

Mrs. W. W. Sellers, Member-at-Large, Burlington, N. C.

Rev. William E. Wisseman, Member-at-Large, Greensboro, N. C.

Board Representatives continuing members until successors are elected:

Rev. H. S. Hardcastle, Mission Board, Newport News, Va.

Rev. L. E. Smith, Board of Christian Education, Elon College, N. C.

D. R. Fonville, Board of Superannuation, Burlington, N. C.

George D. Colclough, Board of Publications, Elon College, N. C.

The Superintendent and Treasurer—Members Ex Officiis without vote.

*Mission Board* (Class of 1952)—Rev. H. S. Hardcastle, Newport News, Va.; Mr. A.

A. H. McIver, Sanford, N. C.; Rev. Peter Young, Norfolk, Va.; Roy A. Larrick,

Winchester, Va.; Rev. Joe A. French, Reidsville, N. C. Continuing Members

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Va.; Rev. Will B. O'Neill, Holland, Va.; Prof. L. L. Vaughan, Raleigh, N. C.;

Rev. F. C. Lester, Asheboro, N. C.; Mrs. O. H. Paris (Women), Greensboro, N.

C.; J. A. Williams (Honorary), Franklin, Va.

*Board of Christian Education* (Class of 1952)—Rev. L. E. Smith, Elon College, N. C.;

Rev. H. Shelton Smith, Durham, N. C.; Rev. Robert M. Kimball, Franklin, Va.

(By Executive Board); Mrs. William E. Wisseman, Greensboro, N. C.; Mrs.

J. D. Strader, Burlington, N. C. (Continuing Members Class of 1950)—Rev.

Jesse H. Dollar, Elon College, N. C.; Rev. Bernard V. Munger, Chapel Hill, N.

C.; Mrs. William J. Andes, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Rev. Robert L. House,

Richmond, Va.; Rev. Kenneth D. Register, Burlington, N. C.

*Board of Superannuation* (Term expires 1950)—D. R. Fonville, Burlington, N. C.;

Prof. D. J. Bowden, Elon College, N. C.; Percy H. Ricketts, Danville, Va.;

Victor Langston, Henderson, N. C.; John T. Kernodle, Richmond, Va.

*Board of Publications* (Term expires 1950)—Rev. William E. Wisseman, Greensboro,

N. C.; Rev. W. J. Andes, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Rev. T. Fred Wright, Hender-



son, N. C.; Rev. S. E. Madren, Elkton, Va.; Rev. W. Millard Stevens, Burlington, N. C. (By Executive Board.)

*Trustees of Christian Orphanage*—W. J. Ballentine, Fuquay Springs, N. C. (succeeding W. B. Truitt, resigned) Class of 1950. (Class of 1952)—Mrs. J. H. McEwen, Burlington, N. C.; D. L. Boone, Sr., Durham, N. C.; L. E. Carlton, Paces, Va.; Thomas W. Walton, Greensboro, N. C.; I. H. Vickery, Henderson, N. C.

*Trustee of Franklinton Center*—Rev. Robert L. House, Richmond, Va.

*Representatives of Southern Provincial Council* (Term expires 1950)—Rev. W. M. Stevens, Burlington, N. C.; Rev. F. C. Lester, Asheboro, N. C.; Rev. William E. Wisseman, Greensboro, N. C.; Rev. C. Carl Dollar, Sanford, N. C.; Rev. R. E. Newton, Luray, Va.; Rev. Ben Joe Earp, High Point, N. C.; Rev. Frederick B. Eutsler, Raleigh, N. C.

*Trustees of Elon College* (Six-Year Terms) Class of 1954 (Convention nominates 24, College Trustees electing 12 from this list)—H. S. Smith, Ph. D., Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Harry K. Eversull, D. D., Harry W. Lee, Mrs. Russell T. Bradford, W. E. Wisseman, D. D., Miss Susie Holland, Wm. F. Frazier, D. D., D. R. Fonville, Joseph Matthews, V. R. Holt, Miss Helen Kenyon, Miles H. Krumbine, D. D., S. Ray Barrett, R. A. Maynard, John T. Kernodle, W. W. Sellers, R. A. Whitten, S. T. Holland, George D. Colclough, Cyrus Shoffner, A. G. Walton, D. D., J. E. Rawles, Jr., M. D., Darden W. Jones, D.D.S. For vacancy in Class of 1950—J. H. McEwen (deceased), Mrs. J. H. McEwen, Julius Rawles.

*Delegates to the General Council*—North Carolina & Virginia Conference: P. H. Ricketts, C. W. McPherson, M. D., Mrs. O. H. Paris, Stanley C. Harrell, Clyde L. Fields, W. W. Snyder, Mrs. Della C. Scott, Mrs. Clyde L. Fields; Western North Carolina: Mrs. F. C. Lester, Cyrus Shoffner, W. W. Hall; Eastern North Carolina: I. H. Vickery, Miss Margaret Edwards, C. Carl Dollar, F. B. Eutsler; Valley of Virginia: Roy D. Coulter, Clarence A. Phillips, R. A. Whitten; Eastern Virginia: Robert M. Kimball, Peter Young, John G. Truitt, W. B. O'Neill, J. E. Neese, E. M. Albright, W. L. Wood, H. S. Hardcastle, Robert Lee House, Mrs. B. D. Jones, Mrs. William T. Harrell; At-Large: Mrs. John G. Truitt, Miss Susie D. Allen, Clyde O. Koon, Mrs. W. B. Williams, W. Millard Stevens, Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, C. A. Pugh.

On motion the report of the Nominating Committee was adopted and the secretary instructed to cast the ballot for the election of the nominees. The secretary cast the ballot for the election of the officers as nominated by the committee, and the president declared the nominees elected.

At the request of Rev. Robert Lee House, the following motion was voted relative to the election of the editor of *The Christian Sun*: "That Rev. Robert Lee House be elected as editor of *The Christian Sun* provided his church approve such election and that the president of the Convention be instructed to contact Mr. House's church." (NOTE: The deacons of the Richmond Church agreed to Mr. House's acceptance of the editorship.)

A motion was made and voted that the report of the Nominating Committee be supplemented by adding "that Mr. John T. Kernodle be elected managing editor of *The Christian Sun*."

The report of the committee on Spiritual Life and Evangelism was given by Dr. John G. Truitt, chairman of the committee. Pending the adoption of the report a motion was made and voted that we adjourn at 12:00 and reconvene at 1:30.

Dr. Truitt then gave the Convention an address on Evangelism. On motion the report of the Committee on Evangelism and Spiritual Life was adopted as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM AND SPIRITUAL LIFE.

During the last biennium we have sought to keep Evangelism and the Spiritual Life before our conferences and churches. At the beginning of the biennium a meeting of the combined committees was called to meet for an afternoon, evening and morning session in the Suffolk Church. At that meeting we planned to promote (1) family devotions, Bible reading, and prayer; (2) regular attendance at church, Sunday school and public worship; (3) an active allegiance on the part of all members to Jesus Christ; (4) the bringing of larger numbers into personal commitment to Christ; and (5) to promote definite goals of Evangelism for the conferences and the local churches.

To set this work before the conferences the chairman was asked to attend each of the 1946 sessions, to speak on their programs, and to contact their conference committees. This was done in all except the Valley of Virginia Conference, which had already held its annual session. Conference committees were in most cases expanded into Committees on Evangelism and Spiritual Life. Efforts have been made in various ways to develop the spirit and technique of Evangelism and to increase the spirit of family devotions and private prayer, as well as public worship. Regional conferences on Evangelism have been held where pastors and leaders have discussed together methods of presenting Evangelism and Spiritual Life most effectively in every section. World Evangelism being the theme of our mission study books, the Woman's Missionary Convention and their conferences have stressed Evangelism. They are making it a special project in the closing months of this church year.

On January 5-6, 1948, a special convocation of all our pastors was called to meet at Elon. Some fifty attended and met with Superintendent W. T. Scott, Dr. W. C. Timmons and other leaders. They, with the Committee on Evangelism, launched an Evangelistic Crusade culminating on Easter Sunday. The reception of 700 new members was a part of the value of that campaign. Commendations are due Superintendent Scott and our pastors for cooperation all along the line. Also commendations go to our Woman's Missionary Convention and conferences for the special emphasis they are placing on both Evangelism and family life.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That we ask the conferences and churches through their Committees on Evangelism to continue the Evangelistic Emphasis through the remainder of the conference year, making another reporting from all pastors on Pentecost Sunday, and at the close of the summer Evangelistic Services in many of our churches.
2. That we make the 1948-50 biennium one in which special emphasis shall be placed upon Evangelism and Spiritual Life, not only rekindling our evangelistic fervor but also rebuilding the family altar in one form or another.
3. That we stress Sunday school and church attendance, seeking to increase the inner circle of those who attend practically every Sunday.
4. That we combine the Committees on Evangelism and Spiritual Life and that the members of the combined committee be chosen from among those who live close enough together to make frequent meetings for consultation and promotion feasible.
5. That we ask our conferences and churches to set as the Evangelistic Goal one new member per month for every 100 members in the church.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. TRUITT, *Chairman.*

C. C. DOLLAR,  
FRANK H. LEWIS,  
JOE A. FRENCH,  
J. E. NEESE,  
*Evangelism Committee.*

MRS. O. H. PARIS,  
ROBERT LEE HOUSE,  
M. T. SORRELL,  
H. S. HARDCASTLE,  
MRS. J. D. STRADER,  
L. E. SMITH,  
C. BAXTER TWIDDY,  
MRS. ORVA BROWN,  
S. E. MADREN,  
*Spiritual Life Committee.*

The report of the Board of Superannuation was given by Dean D. J. Bowden, as follows:

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION.

The Board of Superannuation has held regular meetings for the purpose of considering and recommending beneficiaries for the Superannuation Fund and for the purpose of drawing up a proposal for merging the work of this board with that of the Board of Ministerial Relief of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches.

The following have been beneficiaries of the Fund during the biennium:

Revs. J. S. Carden, T. J. Green, G. O. Lankford, L. L. Lassiter, C. E. Newman, N. G. Newman, Herbert Scholz, R. L. Williamson.

Mesdames J. L. Foster, W. D. Harward, J. W. Knight, T. N. Lowe, Ebbie Moffitt, T. E. White, L. L. Wyrick.

Rev. M. W. Butler and Mrs. C. H. Rowland, deceased during the biennium, were beneficiaries until their deaths. In January, 1947, all grants were increased by 20%, with the understanding that this increase was temporary.

In addition to these regular grants, each of the above beneficiaries received from the Board of Home Missions a gift from the Christmas Fund in the amount of \$65 for ministers and \$55 for widows. The following who are not listed as regular beneficiaries have been included in the Christmas Fund gift

Rev. George Olejar, Rev. M. L. Weekley, Rev. Park W. Fisher.

The board proposes the following resolution as a plan of union of the Board of Superannuation with the Board of Home Missions. This proposal has been presented to and approved by the Board of Home Missions:

WHEREAS The Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, in session at Waverly, Virginia, May 2, 1946, instructed the Board of Superannuation "to effect a plan of union" with the Board of Ministerial Relief of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches, "with the understanding that permanent funds shall not be dissipated"; and

WHEREAS a proposed plan of union is submitted by Mr. Frank J. Scribner, general secretary of said board, in a letter dated October 30, 1946, addressed to Rev. Wm. T. Scott, in which endowment funds are considered and the suggestion made "that the Board of Superannuation retain its endowment and transmit the income to the Ministerial Relief Division"; And in regard to current contributions, it is suggested that: "The Southern Convention agrees to forward to the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches all monies received by it for ministerial relief, the same to be used by said Board of Home Missions through its Ministerial Relief Division. The Board of Home Missions agrees to give the same consideration to applications for relief of ministers, widows of ministers, or minor children of ministers of the Southern Convention which it gives to similar applications from other ministers, widows of ministers or minor children of ministers in the Congregational Christian denomination. In acting upon applications for relief of persons in the Southern Convention, the Ministerial Relief Division will be guided by the recommendation of proper officers of the Southern Convention."

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That we authorize ratification of this plan and request the Executive Board of the Southern Convention and Ministerial Relief Division of the Board of Home Missions to approve it. Any balance remaining in current funds to be paid over to the treasurer of said board, and thereafter, upon receipt by the Treasurer of the Southern Convention, he be instructed to pay over to the treasurer of said board currently each month, all funds received for current relief. The Treasurer of the Southern Convention shall submit copies of all receipts and remittances to the Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation.

2. That endowment funds held at the time of the merger in shares in the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Burlington, Burlington, N. C., be



transferred from savings account to an investment share account, and a certificate for the value thereof be issued to the Treasurer of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches.

3. *Functions of Board of Superannuation.* This board shall survey the needs and promote the adequate support for the Convention's retired and disabled ministers and their dependents. Its current funds shall be administered through the Division of Ministerial Relief of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches, the Board of Superannuation recommending beneficiaries for such grants. The board shall endeavor to enroll all ministers of the Convention in the Annuity Fund of the denomination.

4. In view of the invitation of the Board of Ministerial Relief for our beneficiaries to share in the Christmas Fund benefits of their organization, that our churches be asked to contribute to this Christmas Fund with a gift over and above their conference apportionments, that the Convention Office promote this fund, and that the Finance Committee of the Southern Convention approve this resolution.

5. That the Convention, through its Finance Committee, relieve the Board of Superannuation from further payments to the Board of Publications.

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. FONVILLE, *Chairman*,  
CHAS. D. JOHNSTON,  
W. M. STEVENS,  
J. T. KERNODLE,  
D. J. BOWDEN, *Secretary*.

#### REPORT OF TREASURER.

##### PERMANENT FUND.

Received from former treasurer .....	\$2,201.17
Interest .....	123.73
Transfer from General Fund .....	175.10
Balance on hand .....	\$2,500.00

##### GENERAL FUND.

###### *Income—*

July 9, 1946, from former treasurer .....	\$2,752.84
From Churches, July 1, 1946, to March 31, 1948 ...	6,902.96

Total income .....\$9,655.80

###### *Disbursements—*

To Beneficiaries .....	\$3,188.00
To Board of Home Missions .....	3,424.88
To Board of Publications .....	125.00
Transfer to Christmas Fund .....	368.62
Transfer to Permanent Fund .....	175.10
Emergency Grant to G. H. Veazey (due to illness in family) .....	100.00
Fidelity bond for Treasurer .....	25.00

Total disbursements .....\$7,406.60

Balance on hand ..... 2,249.20

##### CHRISTMAS FUND.

###### *Income—*

Dec., 1946, from Churches .....	\$ 701.44
Jan. 10, 1947, to Jan. 10, 1948, from Churches ....	631.38
Transfer from General Fund .....	368.62
Jan. 10 to April 19, 1948, from Churches .....	676.45

Total income .....\$2,377.89



*Disbursements—*

Dec. 1946, to Board of Home Missions .....\$ 701.44  
 Jan. 10, 1948, to Board of Home Missions ..... 1,000.00

Total disbursements .....\$1,701.44

Balance on hand ..... 676.45

Total balance on hand ..... \$5,425.65

D. J. BOWDEN, *Treasurer.*

On motion the report of the Board of Superannuation was adopted.

A resolution relative to a program of advance for the Convention was presented by Rev. W. B. O'Neill for the Strategy Committee as follows:

Inasmuch as our National Boards and Agencies have proposed a Program of Advance as our denomination's part of the larger interdenominational program designated, "Our Christian World Mission"; and realizing our responsibilities to be better stewards of our time, our talents and the treasures entrusted to us that the redeeming love and mind of Jesus Christ may be realized in all of our life—

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That our spiritual, human and financial resources be mobilized, committed and directed in a Program of Christian Advance during the biennium 1948-50;

2. That a committee representing the institutions, boards and committees of the Convention be appointed to formulate this Program of Advance and to present it to the conferences and agencies of the Convention at the earliest possible date.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

Superintendent Scott presented again to the Convention the matter of the subscription price of *The Christian Sun* as voted Wednesday. A motion was offered by Dr. L. E. Smith that the Convention rescind this action taken Wednesday relative to *The Christian Sun* subscription price, and that the subscription price of *The Christian Sun* remain at \$2.00 per year. A vote was taken on this motion and the motion was carried by a vote of 33 to 30.

The Convention adjourned at 12:00 for lunch with prayer by Rev. J. F. Apple.

## THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Thursday afternoon session was called to order by the president at 1:30. The opening prayer was offered by the Rev. James B. Allan.

The report of the Ministerial Loan Fund was presented for action by Professor A. L. Hook.

A motion was offered to amend the report as follows: "That item No. 2 in the report be deleted from the report." The motion to amend the report was carried. The report was then adopted as amended.

## REPORT OF MINISTERIAL LOAN FUND.

The Committee of the Ministerial Loan Fund of the Convention wishes to state that there has been a collection of \$245.00 since June 1, 1947. No new loans have been made during the year. There is an outstanding balance due the fund of \$8,018.35 as of February 1, 1948. The value of the fund is \$10,933.59.

The committee recommends to the Convention:

1. A definition of the policies should be made as to the conditions and requirements for a loan.
2. That Elon College be the custodian of the fund. (Rejected.)
3. Loans and collections be made by a committee not directly connected with Elon College. The Board of Christian Education would make a logical organization to handle loans and collections.
4. Proper steps be taken to liquidate outstanding loans which are long past due.

A. L. HOOK, *Chairman*,  
 MRS. O. H. PARIS,  
 DR. C. W. MCPHERSON,  
*Trustees.*

#### AMOUNT DUE ON NOTES AS OF MARCH 31, 1948.

W. H. Bremer, \$100.00; G. C. Crutchfield, \$900.00; Orville A. Elmore, \$221.00; Earl Farrell, \$300.00; H. J. Fleming, \$230.00; J. U. Fogleman, \$173.89; W. B. Fuller, \$125.00; H. T. Gray, \$100.00; R. T. Grissom, \$270.00; Martin Grissom, \$90.00; W. Walter Hall, \$275.00; H. C. Hilliard, \$400.00; W. J. B. Hines, \$125.00; G. S. Hunt, \$200.00; J. V. Knight, \$175.00; S. D. Lankford, \$250.00; Miss Siddie Latham, \$100.00; S. M. Lynam, \$700.00; Joseph E. McCauley, \$200.00; J. Everette Neese, \$200.00; M. A. Pollard, \$600.00; Kenneth D. Register, \$96.56; D. W. Shepherd, \$197.15; W. B. Terrell, \$450.00; Gardner D. Underhill, \$200.00; I. T. Underwood, \$25.00; G. H. Veazey, \$450.00 (less credit of \$19.25, 4-36-48); Duane Vore, \$464.75; R. A. Whitten, Jr., \$250.00; Sam B. Wilson, \$150.00. Total Balance of Notes, \$8,018.35.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT.

Cash on Hand and in Bank April 29, 1946 .....	\$ 1,448.99
Amount collected .....	300.00
Total Cash on Hand and in Bank .....	\$ 1,749.32
Due from General Fund .....	1,165.92
Total Balance of Notes .....	8,918.35
Total .....	\$ 10,938.59

W. E. BUTLER, JR.

A motion was offered to the Convention as follows: "That the Executive Board make plans for the restoring of the Ministerial Loan Fund to its original amount." The motion was voted.

The matter of *The Christian Sun* was again raised for discussion and on motion the following vote was taken, "That the matter of *The Christian Sun* be closed for this session of the Convention."

The report of the Committee on the Ministry was presented by Dr. Stanley C. Harrell, chairman of the committee, as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY.

A Committee on the Ministry has not within recent years been one of the Convention's standing committees. The duties of such a committee were not defined. Under Congregational Christian polity, matters of ordination and ministerial standing are vested in conferences and associations. Your committee therefore assumed that its responsibility was with recruiting for the ministry that our churches may not be without pastoral care.

A meeting of the Committee on the Ministry was called early in 1947. A number of ministers were invited to sit in conference with the committee. An endeavor was made to explore all the factors which enter into the problem, and to determine what steps could be taken to inform our constituency of the urgent need for more ministers. It was the conviction of those attending the meeting that the challenge of the ministry as a vocation should be brought to the attention of the young people in all of our churches.

It was voted that all of our ministers be requested to observe a special Sunday, when the entire service would be devoted to emphasizing the need for more of our young people to dedicate their lives to service as ministers. Reports indicated that the special day was observed rather widely in our churches. Of course, the results of such an effort cannot immediately be appraised.

Dr. Frederic L. Fagley, writing in *The Minister's Quarterly* of February, 1948, calls attention to the fact that the Congregational Christian Churches are depending upon other denominations to furnish from 50 to 60 per cent of the pastors who minister to our churches. We would commend Dr. Fagley's excellent article to your most careful consideration. We shall try in this report to combine the points made by Dr. Fagley, which are pertinent to our own situation, with certain convictions of our own.

It is not necessary, in this report, to emphasize the fact that more ministers are urgently needed to take care of the churches in the Southern Convention. There are few of our churches, five to be exact, that are without some type of pastoral care. There are, however, a number of churches now on part-time pastoral service, which would do far better with a full time pastor. These churches are able to support a pastor who would give them undivided pastoral care; but in sharing the service of a minister they are making it possible for other churches to be served.

It needs also to be borne in mind that many of our churches have student preachers. Some of these students are not yet advanced sufficiently in their scholastic work to assume the responsibilities of a pastorate. Other students who are prepared to serve with profit to themselves and to the church they serve, are carrying so heavy a load of pastoral work that their school work suffers thereby.

No attempt is made in this report to lay the chief responsibility for the lack of ministers upon any one institution or individual. It is a shared responsibility, which can be adequately met, only by the combined and cooperative efforts of individuals and institutions.

There is no better place to begin, if we are going to try to alter the present situation, than in the home. In the home, the future minister gets his first and most lasting impressions of life, of religion, of the Church, and of the work of the ministry. The boy growing up in a home whose attitude to the Church is one of indifference; and where references to the Church are either critical or contemptuous; is not likely to seriously consider the ministry as a vocation. In general, Christianity wins or loses the battle for the individual in the home.

Next to the home's influence in turning the thoughts of young people to Christian vocation, we would place the spiritual fervor and willingness to serve which is evidenced in the local church. If criticism is the favorite indoor sport of church members, with the minister as the favorite target of attack, do not be surprised if youth, in such a church, ignores the work of the church and refuses to consider the ministry as a life work.

It must also be remembered that the pastor shares largely in the responsibility for influencing those who come under his ministry to make as their life's work, the task to which he has given his life. It may be that the spirit in which he has given himself in service will constitute the deciding factor in turning others to the path which leads to the pulpit.

It is the studied conviction of your committee that the Christian Church is the only organization in our world which has a message adequate for the needs of this sadly broken and battered world. We believe that only spiritual power can furnish the dynamic for the building of a new and better world. Now is the time to exalt the meaning of the Christian Gospel and the ministry of the Christian Church.

Your committee believes whole-heartedly in a "God-called" ministry. The point we would emphasize is that we believe God calls through the voice of the deeply consecrated Christian home. We believe that God influences young people to dedicate their lives to Christian service through the atmosphere of churches that are aflame with a holy enthusiasm. God has always spoken through the lives of those who are his most faithful servants. Such men and women have ever been his mouth-piece.

In conclusion, we would remind you that Jesus said: "Pray ye, therefore, the Lord



of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." We take it that Jesus meant, pray ye, not because you are commanded to pray, but because you are so desperately concerned about the harvest, that you cannot refrain from praying.

We recommend: That we follow the trend suggested by the Commission on the Ministry of the General Council, that, whenever a minister accepts work within the Convention, and who has not formerly served churches within the area, he shall be shown the courtesy of assigning a minister of the Southern Convention to visit him, for at least one day, for the purpose of acquainting him with the workings of the Convention and the relationship of the churches to the Convention, giving special emphasis to the responsibilities of the local churches in the support of Convention enterprises, the Convention's calendar of periods of special emphases, etc. This assignment to be made by the president of the conference in which the new pastor has become located.

S. C. HARRELL, *Chairman*,  
L. E. SMITH,  
E. C. BRADY,  
R. T. GRISSOM,  
H. S. HARDCASTLE,  
R. A. WHITTEN.

Following an address by Dr. Harrell the motion was made and voted that the report be adopted.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

	<i>Ministers</i>	<i>Lay Delegates</i>	<i>Officials</i>	<i>Totals</i>
Eastern Virginia .....	19	31	2	52
Virginia Valley Central .....	5	10	1	16
Eastern North Carolina .....	8	19	2	29
North Carolina & Virginia .....	18	28	2	48
Western North Carolina .....	6	5	1	12
	<hr/> 56	<hr/> 93	<hr/> 8	<hr/> 157
Less Conference and Convention Officials who are Ministers .....				13
Total Registered Delegates and Officials .....				<hr/> 144
Convention Officers .....			6	
Conference Officers .....			7	
Trustees of Elon College .....			6	
Trustees of Christian Orphanage .....			1	

W. B. O'NEILL, *Chairman*,  
S. E. MADREN,  
C. E. NEWMAN.

On motion the report of the Credentials Committee was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was given by Mrs. W. B. Williams as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Be it Resolved:

1. That by a standing vote of thanks we express our appreciation to the pastor and members of Liberty (Vance) Church for their gracious hospitality.

2. That we acknowledge the efficient work of the Program Committee in planning and executing such a splendid program.

3. That we express our thanks to all of those who had a part on the program, especially our guest speakers: Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer, Mr. Thomas L. Moose, Hon. Thad Eure, Rev. Arthur Detwiler, Dr. Carl Heath Kopf; also the Elon Singers for their beautiful and inspiring music.



4. That we express our appreciation to our officers and committees who have worked tirelessly and faithfully during the biennium, as is evidenced by the reports made to this Convention.

5. That we instruct the Secretary of the Convention to send suitable greetings to Mrs. D. P. Barrett, who, with her husband, served as missionary to Puerto Rico for many years and is now in declining health at Chapel Hill, N. C.

6. That we send greetings to Rev. and Mrs. Richard L. Jackson, Miss Frances Whitaker and Dr. Edward Riggs, in appreciation of their message to the Convention and of their fine work in Shaowu; assuring them of our continued interest through prayer and loyal support of their work.

7. That our Convention Officers and Committees, whose duties have a direct relationship upon each other, be urged to come to some agreement, if possible, on their recommendations to be presented to the Convention, thereby eliminating unnecessary discussion on the Convention floor.

8. That we deplore the increased consumption of alcoholic beverages, with drunkenness and crime resulting therefrom, and that we urge a continuance of education regarding the evil effects of alcohol upon the body, mind and soul; that total abstinence be practiced as the only safeguard.

MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*,  
W. J. ANDES,  
R. A. WHITTEN.

By a rising vote the report of the Committee on Resolutions was adopted.

Dr. W. W. Sloan, a member of the faculty of Elon College, and pastor of the Shallow Ford Church, was introduced.

A motion on item No. 14 of the Finance Committee report was made as follows: "that this be interpreted to include provisions for secretarial expenses with the understanding that this is the fixed policy of the Convention." The motion was voted.

A motion was voted authorizing the president and superintendent to approve the minutes of this session and that the minutes of the Convention be printed and distributed to the churches.

Retiring President W. E. Wisseman called to the rostrum the newly elected president, Dr. John G. Truitt, and presented to Dr. Truitt a cane, made from wood from James O'Kelly's home, saying that this cane was the symbol and badge of the office of President of the Southern Convention.

Dr. Truitt responded with appropriate words.

The closing worship service was conducted by Rev. Raymond T. Grissom, a native son of the Liberty (Vance) Church.

After singing the hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," the benediction was pronounced by Mr. Grissom.

The final adjournment of the session of the Convention was at 2:15.

W. E. WISSEMAN, *President*.  
W. MILLARD STEVENS, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD APPOINTED BY THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE CONVENTION.*Executive Committee.*

Rev. John G. Truitt, President, Suffolk, Va.  
Rev. J. Everette Neese, Secretary, Norfolk, Va.  
Rev. Will B. O'Neill, Holland, Va.  
Mr. Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Suffolk, Va.  
Rev. Stanley C. Harrell, Durham, N. C.  
Rev. William E. Wisseman, Greensboro, N. C.  
Mr. George D. Colclough, Elon College, N. C.

*Committee on Convention Office Personnel.*

Rev. W. Millard Stevens, Chairman, Burlington, N. C.  
Rev. Stanley C. Harrell, Durham, N. C.  
Rev. William E. Wisseman, Greensboro, N. C.  
Mr. George D. Colclough, Elon College, N. C.  
Rev. John G. Truitt, Ex Officio, Suffolk, Va.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SOUTHERN CONVENTION  
APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT.*Finance.*

Rev. Stanley C. Harrell, Chairman, Durham, N. C.  
Mr. C. W. Gordon, Burlington, N. C.  
Mr. A. H. McIver, Sanford, N. C.  
Rev. J. Frank Apple, Henderson, N. C.  
Mrs. W. B. Williams, Newport News, Va.

*Evangelism and Spiritual Life.*

Rev. Robert A. Whitten, Chairman, Winchester, Va.  
Rev. F. C. Lester, Asheboro, N. C.  
Rev. T. Fred Wright, Henderson, N. C.  
Rev. O. D. Poythress, South Norfolk, Va.  
Rev. Thurman F. Bowers, Greensboro, N. C.  
Mrs. W. J. Andes, Winston-Salem, N. C.  
Rev. Tucker G. Humphries, Southern Pines, N. C.  
Mr. C. E. Heath, Jr., Newport News, Va.  
Mr. Bland Leebrick, Elon College, N. C.

*Social Action.*

Rev. Mark W. Andes, Chairman, Virgilina, Va.  
Rev. Robert L. House, Richmond, Va.  
Rev. Herbert G. Council, Jr., Norfolk, Va.  
Rev. Frederick B. Eutsler, Raleigh, N. C.  
Rev. Mack V. Welch, Elon College, N. C.  
Mr. S. H. Basnight, Chapel Hill, N. C.  
Mrs. R. M. Kimball, Franklin, Va.  
Mr. C. Baxter Twiddy, Elon College, N. C.

*Memoirs.*

Rev. J. Frank Morgan, Chairman, Norfolk, Va.  
Rev. Lacy M. Presnell, Bennett, N. C.  
Mrs. J. Rollie Gayle, Carrollton, Va.  
Mr. Roy A. Larrick, Winchester, Va.  
Rev. E. M. Carter, Youngsville, N. C.

*Setwardship.*

Rev. Joe A. French, Chairman, Reidsville, N. C.  
Rev. Jesse H. Dollar, Elon College, N. C.  
Rev. W. Millard Stevens, Burlington, N. C.  
Rev. B. H. Watkins, Franklin, Va.  
Rev. C. Carl Dollar, Sanford, N. C.  
Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Suffolk, Va.  
Mr. James F. Darden, Elon College, N. C.

*Rural Church.*

Rev. H. E. Crutchfield, Chairman, Elon College, N. C.  
Rev. W. T. Madren, Burlington, N. C.  
Rev. Roy D. Coulter, High View, W. Va.  
Rev. J. E. McCauley, Waverly, Va.  
Rev. R. E. Newton, Luray, Va.  
Mr. J. K. Landrum, Vernon Hill, Va.  
Mrs. W. T. Harrell, Suffolk, Va.

*Ministry.*

Rev. Stanley C. Harrell, Chairman, Durham, N. C.  
Rev. Robert A. Whitten, Winchester, Va.  
Rev. Raymond T. Grissom, Jonesboro, N. C.  
Rev. H. S. Hardcastle, Newport News, Va.  
Rev. E. Carl Brady, Robbins, N. C.  
President L. E. Smith, Elon College, N. C.

# Proceedings of the Eighteenth Mid-Year Session of the Virginia Valley Central Congrega- tional Christian Conference

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BETHLEHEM CHURCH, TENTH LEGION, VA.  
MARCH 25, 1948.

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## MORNING SESSION.

The Eighteenth Mid-Year Session met with Bethlehem Christian Church, Tenth Legion, Va., March 25, 1948.

The Conference was called to order at 10:00 A. M. by President Roy A. Larrick. Rev. Clyde O. Koon conducted the devotions.

### ENROLLMENT.

*Ministers*—Roy D. Coulter, S. E. Madren, R. E. Newton, Dr. M. L. Weekly, R. A. Whitten.

*Churches Represented*—Bethel, Bethlehem, Beulah, Concord, Leaksville, Newport, Linville, Mayland, Mt. Olivet (G), Mt. Olivet (R), New Hope, Palmyra, Timber Ridge, Winchester, Wissler's Chapel, Wood's Chapel.

The following visitors were introduced: Dr. L. E. Smith, Dr. W. T. Scott, Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, Rev. and Mrs. Clyde O. Koon.

Dr. Scott led a discussion on the merger of the Congregational Christian Churches and Evangelical and Reformed Church. He answered the questions asked from the conference floor.

A vote was taken on the following resolutions:

No. 1—RESOLVED That the Virginia Valley Conference hereby registers its decision upon the proposal to unite the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches into the United Church of Christ in accordance with the Basis of Union, dated January 22, 1947.

On this resolution the Conference voted approval by a vote of 50 approving and 5 disapproving.

No. 2—RESOLVED That in the event of the consummation of the union this conference hereby undertakes to continue the same relations with the United Church of Christ that it now holds with the Fellowship of the Congregational Christian Churches.

On this resolution the Conference voted approval by a vote of 53 approving and 4 disapproving.

Dr. Scott addressed the Conference on "Our Church and How It Works."

The report of the Committee on the Ministry was presented as follows:

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY.

The Rev. Clyde Orville Koon who is now serving a group of our churches and who holds a certificate from the Salvation Army as follows: "The Salvation Army, Territorial Headquarters, Atlanta, Georgia, This will certify that Clyde Orville Koon is a duly accredited and ordained minister of religion in that branch of the Christian Church known as the Salvation Army." Signed by the Territorial Commander, William



C. Arnold, and countersigned by the Field Secretary. Your committee recommends that brother Koon be enrolled as a member of our conference as an ordained Elder.

The Rev. Guy H. Veazey, having requested a letter of transfer from our Conference to the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, we recommend that the Conference authorize his letter of transfer.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. A. WHITTEN, *Ch'm'n*,  
S. E. MADREN,  
ROY D. COULTER,  
R. E. NEWTON.

The report was adopted.

Rev. R. A. Whitten presented Mr. Koon to the Conference. The Conference stood as Mr. Larrick welcomed Mr. Koon. Dr. Scott led in prayer.

Dr. Smith addressed the Conference on "Education as a Means of Carrying the Good News."

The benediction and thanks for lunch were given by Rev. R. E. Newton.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was called to order by the President.

Rev. R. E. Newton conducted the devotional service.

An offering amounting to \$50 was received to help Rev. R. L. Williamson in his critical illness.

Miss Elizabeth Chicoine addressed the Conference on "The World Mission of the Church."

The closing meditation was given by Dr. L. E. Smith.

ROY A. LARRICK, *President*.  
S. E. MADREN, *Secretary*.

# Proceedings of One Hundredth Annual Session of the Virginia Valley Central Congregational Christian Conference.

ANTIOCH CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH,  
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA,  
AUGUST 4-5, 1948.

## WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Centennial Session of Conference was called to order at 10:00 A. M. by President Roy A. Larrick.

The devotional service was led by Rev. R. E. Newton.

The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. Roy D. Coulter. He used as his topic, "Live One Day at a Time."

The complete enrollment for the session included six ministers, and fifty delegates representing eighteen of the twenty churches of the Conference. One hundred and four visitors were present.

### ENROLLMENT.

*Ministers*—Roy D. Coulter, W. B. Fuller, Clyde O. Koon, S. E. Madren, R. E. Newton and R. A. Whitten.

### *Churches and Delegates.*

*Antioch*—E. A. Showalter, E. F. Showalter.

*Bethel*—D. F. Dofflemyer, Mrs. Richard Bloxom, Mrs. Carroll Monger.

*Bethlehem*—Mrs. Lester Lohr, Miss Ella Pickering.

*Beulah*—Clarence Michael, Mrs. Virginia Michael.

*Concord*—Mrs. Galen Salyards, Mrs. Mamie Campbell.

*Dry Run*—W. B. Burke, Roy Rinker.

*Joppa*—By letter.

*Leaksville*—Mrs. R. E. Short, Miss Margaret Fultz, Page Painter, Mrs. O. J. Sours.

*Linville*—Mrs. Eva Hosaflook, Mrs. Mary Davis, A. R. Hosaflook, Mrs. Harold Rhodes.

*Mayland*—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Layman, Tom Stover.

*Mt. Lebanon*—Mrs. Will Pence, Mrs. Hoover Supples.

*Mt. Olivet (G)*—N. W. Morris, Mrs. B. G. Snow, John Marshall.

*Mt. Olivet (R)*—Mrs. Orson Smith, Mrs. Joseph Frazier, Miss Laura Lam.

*New Hope*—Mrs. E. M. Spitzer, Mrs. H. E. Liskey.

*Newport*—Mrs. Pearl Turner, Mrs. Ruby Rhinehart, Miss Jeannette Rhinehart.

*Timber Ridge*—Mr. and Mrs. Leyburn Brill, Mrs. C. A. Nelson, Mrs. Florence Oates.

*Winchester*—Mr. and Mrs. Edgar C. Nelson, O. A. Bazzle, Mrs. Albert Spaid.

*Wissler's Chapel*—A. N. Green, Miss Selena Hines.

*Wood's Chapel*—Mrs. Florence Day, Mrs. Austin Kipps.

The following visitors were introduced to Conference and accorded the privilege of the floor: Dr. W. T. Walters, Dr. W. T. Scott, Rev. Ben Joe Earp, Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Dr. and Mrs. John G. Truitt, Rev. Edward Robertson, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Lee House, Rev. and Mrs. E. Lautenschlager.

Rev. R. E. Newton presented the printed program. A motion carried that the program be adopted as the order of this session subject to such changes as may be necessary.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

Stewardship is a subject about which the work of God speaks plainly. In the Old Testament the Hebrews acknowledged their debt to God, and gave him one-tenth share in their possessions. The first fruits belonged to Him.

Jesus said more about the use of possessions than he did about heaven. Thirteen of the twenty-nine parables of Jesus refer directly to the right use of possessions. To discover this study the parables like the "Unjust Steward," "Dives and Lazarus," the "Rich Fool," the "Talents" and others.

The supreme test of our lives is not how much we possess in houses, land and money; but how much we use for spreading the Gospel of our Christ. God is the owner of all things and man is only a steward.

Therefore, we recommend:

1. That we be more loyal in the discharge of our stewardship, realizing that we are stewards accountable unto God.

2. That pastors ever keep before the churches the challenge of stewardship, and its meaning.

3. That more churches, Sunday schools and Sunday school classes join in the C.M.A. and thus give more support to the work of the Conference.

4. That we give sacrificially to help make the churches of this Conference self-supporting, that the Mission Board may be relieved of its obligation.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY D. COULTER,  
E. F. SHOWALTER.

The report on Stewardship was adopted.

Rev. B. J. Earp addressed the Conference on the subject: "The Cross Roads of Another Century."

An offering was received to help defray the expense of visiting speakers. This offering amounted to \$65.59.

The Conference recessed for lunch.

Dr. W. T. Walters gave thanks for lunch and pronounced the Benediction.

#### WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference reconvened at 1:30.

Rev. Edward Robertson led the devotional.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

The Conference made a net gain of eighty-seven members for the year. Therefore, we recommend that special emphasis be placed on Evangelism as follows:

1. Special mid-week prayer services in a "Crusade for Christ" to climax Easter.
2. Personal work by the pastor.
3. Special sermons on Evangelism.
4. Using the Pilgrim Fellowship to help reach the unreached.
5. Using the Sunday school teachers in working with those in her classes and who do not belong to church.
6. A series of Evangelistic services in all the churches for the purpose of revitalizing the spirit of the church and to win new members.
7. Evening Vespers and social hour to stress the importance of belonging to church.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE A. PHILLIPS,  
MISS ELLA PICKERING.

The report was amended to include, as a supplement, the Southern Convention goal: "That we ask our conferences and churches to set as the Evangelistic Goal, one new member per month for every 100 members in the church."

The report on Evangelism was adopted as amended.

Dr. John G. Truitt addressed the conference on the subject: "Christ for a Changing Age and Progress."

The Conference gave place to the C. M. A.

A report of the C. M. A. was given. The roll was called and dues collected to the amount of \$360.20. This money was turned over to the treasurer of the Conference. Rev. S. E. Madren was reelected as president and Mrs. Carroll Monger as secretary.

Conference reconvened.

The report of the Committee on Religious Literature was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The Holy Bible is the source of all religious literature. The ancient Hebrews were instructed to "meditate therein day and night."

The denominational publishing houses have printed materials for all purposes and for all age groups in our church and Sunday school.

*The Christian Sun* gives "News and Views" of our own work in the Southern Convention. The average number of subscribers in our Conference is eight to the church. Around 800 church families in the Conference subscribe to daily papers, but less than one-fourth that number are reading *The Christian Sun* or any religious magazine.

Therefore, we recommend:

1. A more consecrated devotion to the daily reading of the Bible.
2. That our Sunday schools make use of our denominational literature.
3. The following religious magazines: *The Pilgrim Youth*, for young people; *The Missionary Herald*, for mission groups; *Children's Religion*, for parents and teachers of children; *The Christian Herald*, for adults; *Social Action and Advance*, for pastors and laymen. All these may be ordered from the Pilgrim Press.
4. That we endeavor to subscribe to and promote the circulation of *The Christian Sun*.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY D. COULTER,  
WALTON BRILL,  
MISS MABEL HIGGS.

The report on Religious Literature was adopted.



Roy A. Larrick presented the following resolution: "That the Virginia Valley Central Conference grant the Winchester Congregational Christian Church the authority to negotiate a loan sufficient to complete the new personage which is now under construction."

Following a brief discussion the motion carried to adopt the resolution. The secretary was instructed to send a certified report of this action to the Winchester Church.

Rev. R. A. Whitten, Chairman of the Committee on the Ministry, stated that James W. Madren, son of Rev. S. E. Madren, and a ministerial student in his third year at Elon College, wishes to make application for licensure.

A motion carried that upon proper examination of the candidate the Committee on the Ministry should request the Executive Committee of the Conference to take such action as may be necessary in the licensing of James W. Madren.

On motion the conference paused in prayer in behalf of Dr. M. L. Weekley and Rev. R. L. Williamson. Rev. R. A. Whitten led the prayer.

The chair appointed the following Special Committees:

*Nominating Committee*—Clarence A. Phillips and Miss Amy V. Louderback. The Conference nominated Mrs. Joseph Frazier, Miss Verdie Showalter, R. O. Rothgeb.

*Finance Committee*—J. M. Lohr, Samuel Earman, C. W. Louderback.

*Resolutions*—Mrs. Carroll Monger, Mrs. R. A. Whitten, Mrs. Harold Rhodes.

*Place*—H. E. Liskey, Miss Ella Pickering, Miss Margaret Fultz, Mrs. Mary Davis, Leyburn Brill.

A motion carried to pay \$25 each on the expense of C. A. Phillips, C. A. Pugh and R. D. Coulter, delegates to the General Council at Oberlin, Ohio.

Report of the Entertainment Committee was given by Miss Verdie Showalter.

The closing prayer was offered by Rev. Clyde O. Koon.

### WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 8:00 P. M. by the Vice President, Rev. R. A. Whitten.

Willie Madren, President of the Pilgrim Fellowship, conducted the devotional service.

Rev. Robert Lee House made the address of the evening.

Dr. John G. Truitt led the closing prayer.

### THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference called to order at 10:00 A. M. by the President.

Dr. John G. Truitt conducted the devotional.

The report of the Mission Secretary was given as follows:

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE MISSIONS SECRETARY.

Since this is the Centennial Session of the Virginia Valley Conference, it seems that a brief historical sketch of its missionary activities would be in order. Therefore, I am giving only such history as I have the printed page to substantiate.

Some historians claim that the first conference was organized in the year 1838 in Frederick County, Virginia, and that the first regular session was held at Antioch Church, Rockingham County, Virginia, where we are now in session, and that this organization gave place to the Virginia Central Conference which was organized August 10, 1849, when the first session was held at East Liberty Church, in Page County, Virginia.

The records show that this conference continued for some years under the name of the Virginia Central Conference, and then there was a division over the question of Principles of Church Government—one group taking the name of the Virginia Valley Christian Conference and the other group retaining the name of the Virginia Central Christian Conference. However, there were efforts made to re-unite the conferences as early as 1879. The annual of that year shows that while the Virginia Valley Christian Conference was in session at this church on September 4, 1879, Rev. Barney from the Virginia Valley Central Conference was present and made a request that a committee be appointed to meet with a like committee from his conference for the purpose of bring about a union of the two conferences. Col. E. Spie, Rev. J. C. Williams and W. P. Byrd were appointed. At this date each conference had only four or five churches.

Now as to mission activities. THE ANNUAL of 1879 gives a report of the Home Mission Committee in which it states that the financial condition of Linville and Antioch is better than in former years as they have removed all indebtedness against them, but nothing is stated regarding money raised and no mention is made whatever of Foreign Missions.

Ten years later in THE ANNUAL of 1889, the Home Missions Committee reports contributions as follows: Muddy Creek, \$5.00; Bethlehem, \$14.25; Linville, \$8.00; Antioch, \$17.20. Total, \$44.45.

In 1891, the Home Missions Committee again reports as follows: Bethlehem raised \$15.00, which was the assessment. Linville raised \$7.50; Antioch has money in the Aid Society treasury, the exact amount not known at present. Still no mention of Foreign Missions.

This historical sketch, copied from an ANNUAL of 1898, we feel, will be of interest to this Conference. Virginia Valley Conference territory comprises Shenandoah, Rockingham and Augusta Counties of Virginia. This Conference has been successful during the past year. Three new churches have been organized during the year and admitted to the Conference at the last session. During the last two years the Conference has increased from four churches to eight churches. Next session to be held at Concord, Virginia, September 1, 1889. President, Rev. R. H. Peel, Amherst, Va.; Secretary, J. S. Kagey, Sky, Va.; Treasurer, C. D. Maphis, Linville, Va.

In THE ANNUAL of 1900 there is a report of the Committee on Foreign Missions as follows: Contributions: Bethlehem, \$7.78; Antioch, \$11.81; Linville, \$3.86; Concord, \$2.51; New Hope, \$17.10; Woods Chapel, 0; Woodland, 0; Mountain Grove, 0.

The committee recommends that each church have at least one missionary sermon during the year and observe one missionary day.

Thus, we see the interest in missions beginning to grow.

In the 1927 ANNUAL the Conference Treasurer reports for: Home Missions, \$414.03; Foreign Missions, \$77.71; Convention Missions, \$77.02. Total, \$568.76.

Report of receipts for missions from the Virginia Valley Central Conference for the Conference year of 1947-48 as of July 27, 1948 was:

Home Missions: By churches and Sunday schools, regular, \$416.94; Church extension, \$74.67; total, \$491.61. Foreign Missions: Regular, \$432.78; Shaowu, \$1,-223.32; total, \$1,656.10; contributed by Missionary Societies, \$1,223.34; total Missions contributions, \$3,371.05; contributed last Conference Year, \$3,065.49; net gain, \$305.56.

Thus, the records show a continuous growth in the interest of missions as manifested by the increased giving through the past fifty years, and today we face opportunities unequalled in all of our past history. Never before have the needs of perishing humanity for the gospel of Christ been so great as now. Let us as a church strive harder than ever to meet these needs during the Conference year that lies ahead of us.

We urge that greater effort be made to enlist the youth of our churches in the missionary movement and that more emphasis be placed on the teaching of stewardship.

We commend the women of our Conference who through their missionary societies have more than trebled their missionary giving through the past ten years.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. ROTHGEB, *Secretary.*

On motion the report of the Mission Secretary was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It is a great privilege to have a share in the program of this one hundredth annual session of the Virginia Valley Conference, to share in its blessings and responsibilities, as well as its problems; to face as Protestant Churches the challenge of a war-torn world.

Both secular and Biblical history reveal that: "When the righteous rule the people rejoice, but when the wicked reign the people mourn." The Protestant Church must see to it that the people in today's world shall not continue to mourn. Protestants as a church, have no desire to rule or to reign; but to put the "King of kings" on the throne in the hearts of men who are world leaders. To this end we must give more hearty support to our workers in other lands.

Missions have made great headway in India, China, Japan, South America and the Holy Land. Yet, we have merely established bridgeheads in these countries. Our mission study book for 1947-48, *Committed Unto Us*, gives some startling facts when it informs us that many European countries, including Italy, France, Denmark, Belgium, Holland and others are rapidly becoming mission fields. "Falling away from the Church" began before World War I. France began to harbor atheism and Germany to teach materialism, substituting the worship of Mars rather than the worship of God. Communism with its hatred of God and the Church began to spread after the war. Following the last war the latter evil has spread rapidly. Materialism and atheism have been taught in the schools from the grades through college and university. We have an obligation to evangelize the Jews in every land. "To the Jew first" was the command of our Lord. There were more than sixteen million Jews in the world before Hitler came into power. Seven and one-half million were brutally exterminated. Of the ten million or more remaining, about half of them are in the United States. The other five million scattered throughout the world, constitute a call to our foreign missionary efforts.

Let us not have our missionaries stranded and embarrassed because God has made us so comfortable and well-fed in this country. Let us not become indifferent to the needs of the Jacksons, the Riggs and the Chinese who are so dependent upon us. We cannot fail them.

Your Committee recommends the following:

1. That we ask our people to plan their missionary giving as they would plan to pay their insurance and taxes, but to do it more cheerfully.
2. That we urge our people to read more about our denominational mission fields, and thus become better acquainted with our representatives in other lands.
3. That we pray earnestly as well as to sing lustily that "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun doth his successive journeys run."

R. E. NEWTON,  
MISS VERDIE SHOWALTER,  
MRS. N. F. PAINTER.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was adopted.

Dr. W. T. Walters addressed the Conference on the subject: "Milestones in Christian Progress."

Dr. W. T. Scott addressed the Conference on the subject: "Building With Christ."

Rev. R. L. Williamson led the closing prayer and gave grace for lunch. Conference recessed for lunch.



## THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference reconvened at 1:30 P. M.

Rev. Clyde O. Koon led the devotional.

Rev. E. Lautenschlager addressed the Conference on the subject: "Go Into All the World."

The report of the Committee on Social Service was presented as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICE.

We would call attention to the report made to this Conference in 1947. The committee included five areas of service, namely: international relations, interracial relations, health conditions, the liquor traffic, and war victims and reconstruction.

We would endorse Christian attitudes in any services that may be rendered in the fields mentioned.

This is the last year for the C.W.V.R. appeal in its present form. The appeal is urgent. Therefore, we recommend that a special Thank Offering in cooperation with the Woman's Conference, be taken in every church for C.W.V.R.

We further recommend that the name of this committee be changed to Social Action Committee which is in keeping with the set up of the Southern Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. S. E. MADREN,  
MRS. OSCAR J. SOURS,  
MRS. ORVILLE HOOVER.

The report was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Christian Union was presented as follows:

Dr. Albert W. Palmer stated in his address to the General Council that:

1. "In all efforts at genuine unity and cooperation we must keep in mind this three-fold formula:

"In all things where we agree, unity;

"In all things where we differ, liberty;

"In all things we will be one.

2. "Differences, therefore, may be as precious as unities; and so we must always seek the kind of unity which includes and provides liberty for differences. Only thus can we expect to attain 'the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace.'"

Your committee believes that union with the Evangelical and Reformed Church will not only mean spiritual strength, but it will stimulate a wider fellowship. It will open the door for other like-minded churches.

We recommend close cooperation with the E. and R. Church in the hope that during the next two years all problems may have a solution, and that we may find ourselves drawn together with the "tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."

We recommend that our young people cooperate and work with the young people of the E. and R. Church in the development of a stronger youth program.

S. E. MADREN,  
MRS. JOSEPH FRAZIER,  
MRS. W. J. MUSE.

The report was adopted.

Miss Verdie Showalter presented the Report of the Woman's Board as follows:

## REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

The women of the Virginia Valley Conference used as a theme the past year, "Opening Doors." Through these doors we beheld great opportunities for service to our brethren in all parts of the world. In China we saw the Jacksons and their financial needs to accomplish the work God has called them to do.



Miss Louise Bookwalker was with us at the Spring Rallies and brought a message from Ceylon and India. We also saw the need of helping hungry and suffering people around the world. Let us remember Christ's words: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me."

We almost reached our goal of \$1,000. Through the loyal support of our churches we hope to go beyond that goal this year. All churches are requested to observe the "Meal for the Unseen Guest," as a means to reach the goal. The theme for the year is "Horizons Unlimited."

Under the leadership of Mrs. Clyde Koon, two new societies were organized—Wood's Chapel and Wissler's Chapel.

We ask that our women pray the Lord of the harvest that there may be more laborers in the field.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS VERDIE SHOWALTER,  
MRS. J. E. BRYANT,  
MRS. CLYDE R. MILLER,  
MRS. A. W. ANDES,  
MRS. RUTH A. WHITTER.

The report of the Sunday School and Pilgrim Fellowship Convention was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP CONVENTION.

The Sunday School and Pilgrim Fellowship Convention met with Bethlehem Christian Church, Tenth Legion, Virginia, June 10, 1948.

The opening worship service was conducted by Clarence A. Phillips.

"Live Christ—Teach Christ" was the topic for the morning address by Dr. Jesse H. Dollar.

Miss Elizabeth Chicoine was in charge of the afternoon program which consisted of a skit followed by slides entitled "Improve Your Teaching."

Nineteen of the twenty churches in the Conference have Sunday Schools. Sixteen made reports to the Convention. The reports from delegates showed that most of the Sunday schools are going forward in their work. The 1949 session of the Convention will meet with the Winchester Church on June 16.

Officers for 1948-49 are: President—H. E. Liskey, Route 3, Harrisonburg, Va.; Vice-President—Richard Krump, High View, West Va.; Secretary—Mrs. Galen Sal-yards, Route 1, Timberville, Va.; Assistant Secretary—Miss Gene Fahnestock, Route 2, Harrisonburg, Va.; Treasurer—E. A. Showalter, Route 4, Harrisonburg, Va.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. LISKEY.

On motion the report was received.

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill addressed the Conference:

The report of the Committee on Temperance was presented as follows.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

One of the most serious problems confronting our nation today is strong drink. It has a demoralizing effect upon our civilization.

We, therefore, recommend:

1. That children, youth and adults be taught the facts about alcohol through suitable leaders, literature and visual education.
2. That the church take a firm stand against the movement in our country.
3. That all Christians support local, State and National Legislation designed to curb the traffic, and that this Conference go on record as deploring the increased crime caused by the consumption of alcoholic beverages.

MRS. B. F. SINE, *Chairman*.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was presented as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

We wish to commend the services being rendered through and by our churches. We are making progress. High praise should go to our pastors. To insure progress for the future, we must continue to command ministers of high caliber. For such leadership, we must expect to pay more adequate salaries. We, therefore, recommend that the Conference approve minimum salaries of \$2,400 per year plus parsonage.

The Conference Home Mission Committee and the Convention Mission Board stand ready to be of all possible assistance in attaining this goal, but we urge the churches to take larger shares in salaries than is now the case.

We recommend that the Conference request the Convention Mission Board to appropriate \$1,500 for the year 1948-1949 to aid in payment of pastors' salaries.

J. M. LOHR,  
R. L. SMITH.

On motion the report was adopted.

The report of the Treasurer was as follows:

## REPORT OF TREASURER.

## RECEIPTS.

Amount reported at Conference last year .....	\$1,998.71
August 29, 1947—By cash from Rev. S. E. Madren, C. M. A. Fund .....	13.00
August 29, 1947—By cash from Rev. R. A. Whitten for ANNUALS .....	3.00
September 29, 1947—By check from Winchester Church, C.M.A. Fund ...	25.00
September 29, 1947—By cash from Rev. S. E. Madren, Bethel, Conf. Fund .....	5.00
December 31, 1947—By check from Harrisonburg Loan & Thrift .....	2.13
March 28, 1948—Special Offering from Rev. R. L. Williamson .....	50.00
May 16, 1948—By cash from Rev. R. E. Newton for ANNUALS .....	3.75
June 30, 1948—By check from Harrisonburg Loan & Thrift, Interest .....	2.14
August 4, 1948—C. M. A. Fund .....	327.75
August 4, 1948—Special Offering .....	36.17
August 4, 1948—By cash, Rev. Clyde O. Koon, ANNUALS .....	4.25
August 5, 1948—Special Offering .....	29.45
August 5, 1948—By cash, Linville, ANNUALS .....	1.00
August 5, 1948—By cash, Antioch, ANNUALS .....	1.00
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## From Churches for Conference Fund:

Antioch .....	\$ 71.00
Bethel .....	40.00
Bethlehem .....	60.00
Beulah .....	6.00
Concord .....	27.00
Dry Run .....	35.00
Joppa .....	9.00
Leaksville .....	105.00
Linville .....	105.00
Mayland .....	65.00
Mt. Lebanon .....	17.00
Mt. Olivet (G) .....	69.00
Mt. Olivet (R) .....	60.00
New Hope .....	35.00
Newport .....	69.00
Palmyra .....	18.00
Timber Ridge .....	69.00
Winchester .....	110.00
Wissler's Chapel .....	18.00
Wood's Chapel .....	20.00
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	1,008.00
Total Receipts .....	<hr/>
	\$3,510.35

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1947			
Aug.	15	O. W. Andes—Treasurer Services .....	\$ 10.00
	15	O. W. Andes—Printing checkbooks .....	5.00
	15	Roy A. Larrick—Printing programs .....	4.50
	15	S. E. Madren—Secretary and expenses .....	23.00
	15	Rev. W. J. Andes—ANNUALS .....	91.26
Oct.	10	Pifer Printing Co. ....	2.50
	10	C. B. Smalt & Sons—Flowers for Mrs. Veazey's funeral .....	11.75
	10	Rev. R. A. Whitten—Traveling expenses .....	28.15
	21	Rev. R. E. Newton—Traveling Expenses .....	9.70
Dec.	12	Rev. S. E. Madren—Traveling expenses .....	11.40
1948			
Mar.	25	Rev. R. L. Williamson—Special offering .....	50.00
July	22	Rev. W. J. Andes—ANNUALS .....	135.05
Pastoral Services:			
		Rev. S. E. Madren .....	375.00
		Rev. Roy D. Coulter .....	595.00
		Rev. G. H. Veazey .....	75.00
		Rev. Clyde L. Koon .....	200.00
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			1,627.31
Balance in Conference Fund .....			\$1,883.04
Church Extension Fund .....			213.52
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Total Balance in Treasury .....			\$2,096.56

Respectfully submitted,

OWEN W. ANDES.

On motion the report of the Treasurer was accepted.

The report of the Committee on Finance was given as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, the Committee on Finance, recommend that the following items be paid:

Centennial Programs .....	\$ 14.25
Salary of Secretary .....	20.00
Salary of Treasurer .....	10.00
Postage and Stationery .....	10.00
Memographing and Postage for C.M.A. ....	4.35
Visiting Speakers:	
Rev. John G. Truitt .....	12.50
Rev. Robert Lee House .....	12.50
Rev. Ben Joe Earp .....	20.00
Dr. W. T. Walters .....	20.00
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Total .....	\$ 116.10

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. LOHR,  
SAMUEL EARMAN,  
WM. B. BURKE.

A motion carried that the report be referred to the Executive Committee.

Report of the Committee on Apportionments was made as follows:

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

We, your Committee on Apportionments, recommend that the the Conference have as its apportionment goal the amount asked by the Southern Convention, and that this

committee together with the officers and ministers of the Conference and Roy A. Larrick meet within a month to make a new apportionment table, and that a copy be sent to each church.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. SHOWALTER,  
O. W. ANDES.

On motion the report was adopted.

### APPORTIONMENT TABLE—VIRGINIA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Home Missions*	Convention Foreign Missions†	Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Conference Fund	Totals	Apportionments Paid, 1947-'48
Antioch.....	\$ 172	\$ 100	\$ 85	\$ 85	\$ 29	\$ 29	\$ 58	\$ 8	\$ 5	\$ 71	\$ 642	\$ 649
Bethel.....	114	75	67	82	24	24	45	15	9	45	500	244
Bethlehem.....	100	76	67	92	24	24	45	7	5	60	500	376
Beulah.....	13	13	6	6	2	3	4	2	1	6	56	73
Concord.....	40	30	21	21	7	7	14	5	3	27	175	118
Dry Run.....	44	30	28	42	11	11	18	7	4	35	230	148
Joppa.....	16	16	9	9	3	3	7	3	1	9	76	44
Leaksville.....	130	80	79	109	28	28	51	15	10	105	635	494
Linville.....	140	110	70	90	28	28	54	15	10	105	650	626
Mayland.....	42	26	42	26	9	10	18	7	5	65	250	100
Mt. Lebanon.....	47	37	23	23	9	10	18	9	7	17	200	101
Mt. Olivet (G).....	54	50	33	33	11	11	22	10	7	69	300	275
Mt. Olivet (R).....	40	30	24	24	9	9	17	10	8	60	231	185
New Hope.....	51	45	33	33	12	12	21	5	3	35	250	188
Newport.....	122	35	155	88	27	27	54	14	9	69	600	595
Palmyra.....	19	19	12	12	4	4	9	8	5	18	110	85
Timber Ridge.....	111	91	66	66	22	22	44	19	12	69	522	441
Winchester.....	160	607	100	100	61	58	126	23	15	110	1,360	1,183
Wissler's Chapel.....	43	19	21	21	5	5	14	4	3	18	153	80
Wood's Chapel.....	42	20	19	19	5	5	11	7	4	20	152	89
Totals.....	\$1,500	\$1,509	\$ 960	\$ 981	\$ 330	\$ 330	\$ 650	\$ 193	\$ 126	\$1,013	\$7,592	\$6,094

\*Includes Church Extension.

†Includes Shaowu Special.

The report of the Committee on Place was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

We, your Committee on Place, offer the following report:

The delegates of the Timber Ridge Church extend an invitation for the next session of Conference if it is confirmed by the church.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. LISKEY,  
MISS ELLA PICKERING,  
MRS. MARY DAVIS,  
LEYBURN BRILL.

On motion the report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following resolutions:

1. That we express, by a rising vote, our gratitude to the members and friends at Antioch Church for their gracious hospitality which has made our Conference most pleasant.

2. That we thank the Program Committee and Conference officers for the well planned program of this Centennial Session.



3. That we recognize, with gratitude, the work by Mrs. B. F. Frank who has on display pictures of the churches of this Conference and also photographs of pastors who have served in the Valley Conference in former years.

4. That we express to Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of the Southern Convention; Dr. John G. Truitt, President of the Southern Convention; Rev. Robert Lee House, Editor of *The Christian Sun*; Rev. E. Lautenschlager, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Woodstock, Va.; Rev. Ben Joe Earp and Dr. W. T. Walters, former presidents, our appreciation of their presence and inspiring messages. It is a pleasure also to have Rev. R. L. Williamson, a past president of the Conference, and Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Education Secretary of the Missions Council, with us.

5. Realizing that the Church is no stronger than her individual members, we would urge a more consecrated service and that we strengthen our efforts in the field of Evangelism.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS LAURA E. LAM,  
MRS. ROBERT A. WHITTEN,  
MRS. HAROLD RHODES,

It was moved and carried that the report be adopted.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, submit the following to serve as officers for the Conference year of 1948-49:

*President*—Rev. R. A. Whitten.

*Vice-President*—Rev. R. E. Newton.

*Secretary*—Rev. S. E. Madren.

*Assistant Secretary*—Clarence A. Phillips.

*Treasurer*—Owen W. Andes.

*Director of Religious Education*—Mrs. R. A. Whitten.

*Conference Mission Secretary*—R. O. Rothgeb.

*Representatives to the Virginia Council of Churches*—

Roy A. Larrick and Rev. S. E. Madren.

*To Deliver Annual Sermon at Next Annual Session*—

Rev. Clyde O. Koon.

CLARENCE A. PHILLIPS,  
MISS VERDIE SHOWALTER,  
MRS. JOSEPH FRAZIER,  
MISS AMY LOUDERBACK.  
R. O. ROTHGEB.

It was moved and carried that the report of the Nominating Committee be adopted and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of Conference for the nominees.

The Secretary cast the ballot as directed, and the President declared the officers elected.

Mr. Larrick expressed appreciation for the Cooperation the members of the Conference had shown during the ten years of his leadership as President.

A motion carried that the Secretary and Rev. R. E. Newton draw up a suitable resolution for the services of Mr. Larrick.

#### RESOLUTION.

Mr. Roy A. Larrick of Winchester, Virginia, has served the Virginia Valley Central Conference of Congregational Christian Churches for ten consecutive years as president. During his term in office, he was always present and presided over both the

annual and mid-year sessions. He made a good executive. He began on time and kept the session moving to the closing hour.

Inasmuch as he is now a past president of the said Conference, be it resolved:

1. That we express to Brother Larrick our sincere gratitude and appreciation for his efficient and untiring efforts in making the Conference a progressive working body.

2. That we acknowledge his cooperative spirit shown in his work with the pastors as well as with the committees and churches of the Conference.

3. That we recognize the gracious and efficient manner in which he presided at Conference sessions.

Respectfully submitte,

R. E. NEWTON,  
S. E. MADREN.

It was moved and carried that the minutes of this session of Conference be printed in THE ANNUAL; and that this Conference purchase 125 copies of THE ANNUAL for pro-rata distribution among the churches.

It was moved and carried that following the meditation by Dr. W. T. Scott, the Conference adjourn to meet the last Thursday in March in Mid-Year Session, 1949, at Bethlehem Church; and in Annual Session Wednesday and Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1949.

ROY A. LARRICK, *President*.  
S. E. MADREN, *Secretary*.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Executive*—R. A. Whitten, R. E. Newton, S. E. Madren, Roy A. Larrick.

*Ministry*—R. A. Whitten, R. E. Newton, S. E. Madren, Roy D. Coulter, Clyde O. Koon.

*Stewardship*—Roy D. Coulter, E. F. Showalter, Miss Thelma Morris.

*Foreign Missions*—R. E. Newton, Miss Verdie Showalter, Mrs. Donald Smith, Mrs. Carroll Monger, Mrs. A. W. Andes.

*Home Missions*—R. O. Rothgeb, C. W. Louderback, M. A. Dofflemeyer, E. A. Showalter, Clarence A. Phillips, J. M. Lohr, Mrs. Harold Rhodes, Russell Smith, Roy D. Coulter, Clyde O. Koon, M. L. Seldom, O. W. Andes.

*Evangelism*—S. E. Madren, Clyde O. Koon, Mrs. Edgar Nelson.

*Religious Literature*—Mrs. B. F. Frank, Mrs. Noah Painter, Miss Mabel Higgs.

*Apportionment*—E. A. Showalter, Roy A. Larrick, B. F. McDaniel, M. A. Dofflemeyer, Clarence A. Phillips.

*Men's Work*—Roy A. Larrick, H. E. Liskey, M. L. Selden.

*Christian Union*—N. W. Morris, K. T. Rothgeb, Clayton Pugh.

*Social Action*—Mrs. Clyde Koon, Miss Ella Pickering, Miss Mabel Larrick.

*Women's Work*—Miss Verdie Showalter.

*Temperance*—Mrs. B. F. Sine, Mrs. Joseph Frazier, Mrs. O. J. Sours.

*Sunday Schools*—H. E. Liskey.

## MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

*Coulter, Roy D.*—Church served, Timber Ridge. Sermons preached, 71; members received, 14; weddings performed, 2; conversions, 14; addresses, 3; funerals, 11; salary, \$1,980.

*Koon, Clyde O.*—Churches served (since Jan. 1, 1948), Bethlehem, Concord, Palmyra, Mayland, Wissler's Chapel, Wood's Chapel. Sermons preached, 94; members received, 6; prayer meetings, 25; weddings performed, 1; conversions, 6; baptisms, 5; addresses, 25; funerals, 12; salary, \$1,456.

*Madren, Silas E.*—Churches served, Bethel, Mt. Olivet (G), Mt. Olivet (R), supplied for New Hope and Beulah. Sermons preached, 176; members received, 29; conversions, 14; baptisms, 14; prayer meetings held, 6; addresses, 4; weddings performed, 6; funerals, 4; salary received, \$2,191.

*Newton, R. E.*—Churches served, Dry Run, Joppa, Leaksville, Mt. Lebanon, Newport, supplied Antioch from March to Augusta. Sermons preached, 128; conversions, 23; members received, 20; baptisms, 18; prayer meetings, 28; addresses, 1; weddings performed, 6; funerals, 17; salary received, \$2,356.

*Whitten, Robert A.*—Church, Winchester. Sermons preached, 96; conversions, 46; members received, 48; baptisms, 8; prayer meetings, 50; addresses, 7; weddings performed, 247; funerals, 14; salary, \$2,400.

*Weekley, M. L.*—Retired.

*Williamson, R. L.*—Retired.

*Fuller, W. B.*—Business.

## LICENTIATES.

*Brill, Walton E.*—

*Madren, James W.*—(to be licensed December 30, 1948).

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH,  
HENDERSON, NORTH CAROLINA,  
OCTOBER 19-20, 1948.

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## TUESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The 123rd Annual Session of the Eastern North Carolina Conference met with the First Congregational Christian Church, Henderson, North Carolina, and was called to order by President J. Frank Apple at 10:00.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. T. Fred Wright.

### ENROLLMENT.

*Ministers*—J. Frank Apple, Emory M. Carter, James A. Denton, C. Carl Dollar, Frederick B. Eutsler, Raymond T. Grissom, Tucker G. Humphries, Bernard V. Munger, Thomas D. Sutton, T. Fred Wright.

### *Churches and Delegates.*

*Amelia*—Leon Stevens, Mrs. Leon Stevens, Mrs. E. H. Adams, F. H. Adams.

*Antioch*—J. S. Whitby, Mrs. Roy Jones.

*Auburn*—By report.

*Bethlehem*—Luther Walker, Calvin Spragin.

*Bethel*—

*Beulah*—A. R. Perry, Mrs. A. R. Perry, A. W. Watkins, Mrs. A. W. Watkins.

*Christian Chapel*—

*Christian Light*—

*Damascus*—Reported.

*Ebenezer*—Reported.

*Fuller's Chapel*—Mrs. F. W. Grissom, Mrs. J. F. Coghill.

*Good Hope*—Miss Valda Davis.

*Hayes Chapel*—No report.

*Henderson*—C. D. Harton, I. H. Vickery, Mrs. E. T. Vickers.

*Hope Mills*—Reported.

*Lebanon*—Reported.

*Lee's Chapel*—Miss Doris Cashion, Miss Helen Luxton.

*Liberty (Vance)*—Mrs. J. D. Newman, W. S. Ayscue, Mrs. Tollie Smith.

*Martha's Chapel*—Reported.

*Moore Union*—Mrs. Woodrow Carter, Mrs. Gilbert Lett, Mrs. J. W. Lett.

*Morrisville*—Mrs. G. J. Green, J. F. Hilliard.

*Mt. Auburn*—J. A. Kimball, W. H. Moss.

*Mt. Carmel*—Hollis Mitchell.

*Mt. Gilead*—James Radford, Mrs. J. B. Hight.

*Mt. Hermon*—Reported.



*New Elam*—Reported.

*New Hope*—Joseph Denton, Mrs. Eleanor Wheelless, Perry Wheelless.

*Niagara*—

*Oak Level*—G. E. Ball, Mrs. G. E. Ball, W. H. Hudson.

*O'Kelly's Chapel*—Ernest Roberts, Eulis Bradley.

*Piney Plain*—No report.

*Pleasant Hill*—

*Pleasant Union*—

*Plymouth*—S. H. Ball, O. L. Bolling, T. G. Ogburn.

*Pope's Chapel*—J. W. House, Mrs. J. W. House, Miss Corrine Holmes.

*Raleigh*—Miss Susie Allen, Mrs. R. T. Jones, Sr.

*Sanford*—A. H. McIver, Mrs. A. H. McIver.

*Shallow Well*—S. S. Thomas, L. T. Sloan, Percy Sloan.

*Six Forks*—Inactive.

*Southern Pines*—

*Turner's Chapel*—D. V. Wicker.

*Wake Chapel*—Chas. A. Ballentine, S. A. Yancey, W. J. Ballentine.

*Wentworth*—

*Youngsville*—Mrs. W. G. Scarborough.

The following visitors were introduced and invited to seats as deliberative delegates: Dr. W. T. Scott, Supt., Southern Convention; Dr. C. E. Newman; Rev. G. C. Crutchfield, Rev. H. E. Crutchfield; Rev. Fred Register of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference; Chas. D. Johnston, Orphanage Superintendent; Dr. L. E. Smith, President of Elon College; Dr. John G. Truitt, President of the Southern Convention; Rev. W. B. O'Neill, Secretary of the Eastern Virginia Conference; Rev. Harold W. Case, in charge of the American Indian Work; Dr. Hiroshi Hatanaka, President of Kobe College, Japan; Dr. Alan Broadman Taylor, South Africa; Rev. D. P. Barrett; Pattie Lee Coghill, of New York.

The program as arranged by the Program Committee was by motion adopted as order of business, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

#### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee reports as follows: On April 18, we received a request from Rev. A. Greig Ritchie to the effect that his membership be transferred from the Eastern North Carolina Conference, to the St. Louis Association of Congregational Christian Churches. This request was granted and the Certificate was mailed to him on May 11, 1948.

J. F. APPLE, *Chairman*.

By motion the report was adopted.

The President appointed Special Committees as follows:

*Nominations*—J. A. Kimball, S. H. Bashnight, Mrs. W. G. Scarborough.

*Finance*—W. H. Hudson, E. W. Neville, Rev. T. Fred Wright.

*Press*—Rev. C. Carl Dollar, Rev. Frederick B. Eutsler.

*Place*—Miss Margaret Alston, Rev. T. D. Sutton, Mrs. J. B. Hight.

*Resolutions*—Rev. R. T. Grissom, W. H. Moss, Mrs. John House.

## REPORT OF TREASURER.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand October 17, 1947 .....	\$ 442.10
Collected for Conference Fund to October 16, 1948 .....	298.50
Collected Conference Mission Fund .....	15.00
Collected Student Fund .....	86.00

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\$ 841.60

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## DISBURSEMENTS.

Oct. 24	Rev. Martin L. Fogleman .....	\$ 200.00
24	Rev. E. M. Carter, Secretary .....	55.00
24	N. C. Council of Churches .....	75.00
22	Rev. Carl Dille .....	15.00

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May 5	Board of Publications for ANNUALS .....	124.85
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469.85

Balance on hand October 16, 1948 ..... \$ 371.75

W. J. BALLENTINE, *Treasurer.*

Address by Rev. Harold W. Case, in charge of the American Indian work.

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Church World Mission is our response as Congregational Christians to the cry of all people, both at home and abroad, who are still in darkness of sin. This mission spirit must start first in our lives and then in our churches, but must not stop there, but remember that the field is the world. Christ said, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers in to his harvest."

Year after year we listen to reports at conference of the various committees and then find at the end of the next conference year little or nothing has been done to carry out the recommendations, and thus some of the committees function only in name. Even though some of our churches in the Eastern North Carolina Conference have failed in the past to support the mission work as they should we pray that they may catch a vision of World Missions. Never before has the Foreign Mission work had such an opportunity to enter the open doors around the earth as today.

We should think of missionaries as bridge builders. They are building bridges for the people they are serving from ignorance and superstition to knowledge and faith, and from darkness to light.

The spread of the Gospel and self-support in the churches on the mission field are making enormous strides. But can they continue to do that unless we of the Eastern North Carolina Conference have the love of Christ in our hearts and are willing to continue to give more to Foreign Missions. By this we may be able, not only to maintain our mission field in Shaowu, China, where our own Richard and Dorothy Jackson are, but go into other remote areas of Asia, Africa and Europe.

Therefore, we recommend:

1. That our churches continue to support the program of our Foreign Mission work, by seeing that our apportionments for that purpose are paid in full and over.
2. May we, the churches of the Eastern North Carolina Conference show by our missionary interest and giving that we are conscious of the need of Foreign Mission work.
3. That the ministers stress the importance of Foreign Missionary work and urge the church members to become more interested in it by reading *The Christian Sun* and *Missionary Herald* and thus become better informed and so fulfill Christ's great command, "Go ye into all the world and preach my Gospel."

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET ALSTON, *Chairman.*

By motion the report was adopted.

Address by Dr. Hiroshi Hatanaka, President of Kobe College, Japan.

Address by Dr. Alan Broadman Taylor, South Africa.

Conference adjourned for lunch.

Benediction by Dr. John G. Truitt.

## TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was called to order by the President.

After singing a hymn, Rev. Tucker G. Humphries led in the prayer.

Dr. John G. Truitt, President of the Southern Convention was introduced and presented to the Conference the idea of changing Conference apportionment year so that it will end December 31 each year.

By motion and after some interesting discussion, it voted to change our fiscal year to end December 31 of each year.

Moved and carried that we recommend to the churches of the Conference to make the change to conform to that of the Conference.

### REPORT ON EDUCATION AND STANDING OF THE MINISTRY.

When I turn to the reports made in the previous ANNUALS to the several Conferences of our Southern Convention, I am reminded of the deacon of a local church who made the report of his board thus: "Mr. Pastor, our church is in usual standing." Our ministerial standing seems as usual. There has not been a student entering the Biblical Class at Elon College that this committee has record of, from this Conference within several years. Our ministers are absent from this session of Conference with no known adequate excuse. There are ministers in our Conference who never turn in to this Conference a report of their work as a minister. Many of our churches are served by ministers of other denominations, or of no denomination at all.

Within these United States of America that we call Christian America, there was spent in 1947 ten billion dollars for alcoholic beverages. There was fifteen billion dollars spent for, or as a result of, crime. When I see these astounding figures, I feel that we have cause to closely inventory the standing of our ministry.

Based upon the above data, we, your Committee on Education and Standing of the Ministry, make the following suggestions:

1. That our ministers seek closer fellowship in their efforts to fight the common enemy, sin, in their individual and several fields.
2. That the pastors, and churches encourage their people to unite in an effort to form full-time pastorates.
3. We recommend a high educational, and spiritual standard for our ministry.

Rev. Thomas D. Sutton comes to this committee asking that his present local ordination be continued for the next Conference year. We recommend this asking.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. GRISSOM, *Chairman.*

While the report was pending, it was moved and carried that the Committee on Education and Standing of the Ministry and the Executive Committee, in relation to the laws of our Conference and Convention, study the status of the ministers serving our churches and report to the next session of the Conference.

By motion the report was adopted.

Address by Dr. L. E. Smith concerning the Staley-Atkinson-Newman Memorial.



Rev. Tucker G. Humphries presented the report on North Carolina Council of Churches.

#### REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

On August 31, 1948, the North Carolina Council of Churches completed its twelfth year of service. This agency of cooperative Protestantism in North Carolina is officially constituted by eighteen Protestant denominational bodies representing the religious groups of our state.

The Rev. Ernest J. Arnold continued his able leadership of the growing Council program with the help of a week-day religious education consultant, overseas relief consultant and three secretaries until May, 1948. At that time he went to Davidson College as assistant to the president. Mr. Arnold's generous devotion to the Council's work has exemplified the spirit of cooperative Christianity in North Carolina.

As his successor, the Executive Committee of the Council has chosen the Rev. Carl Rollen Key, who assumed the leadership of the Council on September 1.

Descriptions of three activities of the Council will indicate the scope and type of service rendered by this agency, of which our Church is a part. One of its activities is the sponsorship of the week-day movement of the teaching of Bible in the public schools of North Carolina. The continued growth of and interest in Bible in the school has kept the Council's week-day religious education consultant busy. It is interesting to note that more than thirty-eight thousand children and young people in fifty-one of one hundred counties in North Carolina are enrolled in week-day religious education classes in 1947-48.

The Supreme Court's decision on the McCollum-Champaigne Case caused the week-day religious education committee to re-study the North Carolina program in light of that decision and make recommendations to the Executive Committee of the Council.

"The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Council of Churches, having seriously considered the implications of the Supreme Court decision in the McCollum-Champaigne Case, hereby records its conscientious conviction, with sincere respect for the authority and judgment of our country's highest tribunal, that the obscurity and ambiguity of the Supreme Court's decision entitle the North Carolina Council of Churches to continue their present program of Bible instruction in the public schools of this state until such time as implications of this decision have been authoritatively and explicitly clarified beyond any doubt as to their local application."

A second major activity of the Council has been the continuation of the material aid of goods for overseas relief. North Carolina has, this year, maintained her leadership in her per capita giving of materials for the relief of suffering abroad and from January to June led the nation in the total amount given. During this year the Council has employed a full time consultant on overseas relief, whose services have been available to any and all groups. Various items in the form of films, film strips, radio recordings and information on the general relief program and on particular relief projects have been distributed during the year from the Council's offices.

Reorganization of the women's part of the Council, known as the North Carolina Council of Church Women, took place during this year and increased the effectiveness of church women in united action. Mrs. C. C. Todd, as president, reports that the total contributions from the special observations sponsored—World Community Day, World Day of Prayer and May Fellowship—amounted to \$7,717.38. Among other Council activities that should be noted are:

1. The church radio institute and radio survey as a part of the radio committee, aided by Rev. W. D. McInnis.

2. The Christian Convocation, Duke University, June 7 to 11.

3. Regional Children's Workers Conference, Greensboro, April 7, 8, 9.

The North Carolina Council of Churches is not an outside organization, but rather the medium through which our own church and those of similar faith and interest have an opportunity to work together on projects of common concern.

Respectfully submitted,

TUCKER G. HUMPHRIES, *Representative.*



Dr. Humphries presented Miss Elliot who spoke on collection of clothing for overseas relief.

Rev. Carl Key spoke on the Church's Rural Overseas Program (CROP). By motion the report was adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations makes the following report:

*President*—Rev. C. Carl Dollar.

*Vice-President*—Rev. R. T. Grissom.

*Secretary*—Rev. E. M. Carter.

*Treasurer*—W. J. Ballentine.

*Representatives to North Carolina Council of Churches*—

Rev. B. V. Munger, Rev. Tucker G. Humphries, Miss

Susie Allen and A. H. McIver.

J. A. KIMBALL,  
MRS. W. G. SCARBOROUGH,  
S. H. BASENIGHT.

By motion the report was adopted and the Secretary was authorized to cast the vote of the Conference and each nominee was elected to his respective office, for the ensuing year.

By motion the Conference ratified the section in *Principles and Government*, page 25, Chapter III:

Local Church Property as follows: Local churches or trustees of local churches hold property in trust for the use of members of the local Congregational Christian Churches, the Conference and the denomination, and said property cannot be disposed of without the consent of the Conference to which the local church belongs."

Conference adjourned.

Benediction by Dr. C. E. Newman.

#### TUESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Devotional Service was conducted by the Young People of the host church.

Rev. Harold W. Case showed slides illustrating his work with the American Indians.

Dr. Hiroshi Hatanaka spoke on, "How I Became a Christian."

Dr. Alan Broadman Taylor showed slides in relation to his work in South Africa.

The session adjourned to meet Wednesday morning at 9:45.

Benediction by Rev. C. Carl Dollar.

#### WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Conference was called to order by the President, Rev. J. Frank Apple.

Devotional Services were conducted by Rev. T. Fred Wright.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Report on Evangelism as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

We, your Committee on Evangelism, submit the following report:

The Committee believes that more of Jesus and His spirit in the hearts and lives of mankind is the only help and cure for the sinful and chaotic condition of the world today.

Evangelism is the recruiting work of the Church and of the Kingdom. The work of the Church is three-fold, namely: the winning of decisions for Christ; the building up of lives in Christ; the sending out of lives in definite services for Christ.

The Committee rejoices in the growing interest our pastors are showing in the year-round program of evangelism.

We believe there is great need for lay evangelism in our churches and we are encouraged by the interest the laymen are taking in the general work of the church at this time. It would mean much to the Church and the kingdom of God if every church member would make sincere effort to win at least one soul to Christ this year. Not until the men and women of our churches accept their personal responsibility in evangelism can the Church have the power God wishes it to exercise in the world.

1. Your Committee recommends that pastors, Sunday school teachers, leaders of Christian Endeavor Societies, and young people's groups, constantly pray, and strive to win for Christ every unsaved person that comes under their influence.

2. That each church set as its evangelistic goal one new member per month for every 100 members in the church.

Respectfully submitted,

T. FRED WRIGHT, *Chairman*.

The report was adopted.

Address: "The Need of More Christian Education"—Rev. Tucker G. Humphries.

The report on Christian Education was presented by Rev. Tucker G. Humphries:

By motion the report was adopted and the Conference requested Dr. Tucker to allow the report published in *The Christian Sun*.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

We recommend that two specific stewardship education leaflets be placed in the hands of the worshippers in each of our churches during the coming months: "What Do You Do With Your Money?"—Dr. Douglas Horton, and "A Layman's Creed"—Dr. William C. Jones. (Both of these can be obtained free from The Commission on Stewardship of The Missions Council, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.)

We further recommend that the office of the Southern Convention prepare mimeographed copies of "Stewardship Messages from the Word of God," prepared by Rev. Millard Stevens of the Committee on Stewardship of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference. These mimeographed "Messages" should be furnished at cost to the churches of this Conference. The Chairman of the Board of Deacons in each of our churches should be urged to take responsibility for distributing this folder to the total church membership.

We recommend that each church in the Conference provide its pastor with a copy of "Stewardship Facts," a publication of the United Stewardship Council, Hillsdale, Michigan (price, 25c).

We further recommend that during the next few months, every church in this Conference hold a service of Holy Communion which shall include opportunity for each worshipper to sign the "Common Covenant" prepared for just such an occasion when the stewardship emphasis of the Communion Service is recognized. These "Covenants" are available to all churches, on order from The Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

We recommend that this Conference petition the editor of *The Christian Sun* to secure permission to reprint selected materials issued by our denominational Commission on Stewardship, and similar materials issued by other denominational Stewardship Commissions. If such materials are reprinted in *The Christian Sun* as a matter of continuing emphasis the Convention will benefit, and the Convention's weekly be co-operating with the whole denomination in its Christian Stewardship emphasis throughout the coming bi-ennium.

We of your Stewardship Committee, make these recommendations in the hope that by the use of these materials, surrounded always by the atmosphere of worship, the churches of this conference will be led to hear, and respond affirmatively to these words from our denominational Stewardship Commission: "We call the members of our churches to that kind of commitment which will issue in the systematic and proportionate giving of time, abilities and possessions to God as an act of worship and as an act of recognition of our responsibility to our fellow men."

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD V. MUNGER,  
I. H. VICKERY,  
W. H. MOSS.

By motion the report was adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We, your Committee on Religious Literature, wish to offer the following report:

Today there are more books, more magazines and more newspapers than ever before in the history of our land. People are reading, they are realizing that in order to be a well-rounded person they must know what is going on in the world today. There is no better way than through the printed pages. Yet, with all kinds of literature before us, we must pick and choose what we shall read. We cannot afford to throw away our time in reading trash.

Therefore, we recommend:

1. That each pastor stress the importance of daily reading of the Book of books.
2. That we strive to have our church paper in each home. Only through *The Christian Sun* can we know what our churches are doing for God and His Kingdom.
3. That some person in each church acquainted with good books, recommend them to the young people of our churches and stress the importance of daily reading the Word of God.
4. That if possible, we should like to see recommendations from time to time in *The Christian Sun*, about worthwhile books to read and study, also a literature committee in each church would mean more and better reading. This committee could acquaint themselves with good books and then pass them on to our members. They might call our attention to certain articles in our church paper and in other magazines.
5. That we stress the importance of using our own literature.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. L. ROSS.

The report was discussed and by motion it was adopted.

Out of the discussion of the next item—"Conference Missionary Association"—it was moved and carried that this session of Conference mark the beginning of and the organization of the "The Conference Missionary Association."

Rev. J. Frank Apple was elected president; Miss Margaret Alston, secretary and Mr. A. H. McIver, treasurer. There was an enrollment of 15 male members and 11 female members. A list of the amount of dues per member and further information is to be published soon.



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

The Board of Superannuation is to help serve the retired and disabled ministers and their dependents. We should recognize the servants of our church in the ministry, who through the years have given themselves to the service of our churches on small salaries. They should be honored for their services.

The Board of Superannuation has effected a merger with our National Board of Ministerial Relief whereby our Board's receipts are handled by the National Board and sent to those recommended by our Board. In addition to the regular quarterly grants to the superannuation, there goes a special Christmas check also. The Board further serves by providing special emergency grants to our ministers and their dependents in time of need.

The Board of Superannuation secures its funds through the regular apportionment given from our churches, and the special Christmas offering. We ask our churches to pay the apportionments in full. We recommend that each church take an offering during the month of December, on the Sunday you have services especially for this fund.

We would advise all of our young ministers to accept membership in the Annuity Fund with your church or churches paying half of your dues.

The committee has made three applications and they have also been recommended by the conference. The committee knows that one of them is not getting any aid.

Rev. Herbert Scholz is the only one that is receiving aid. We, the committee, recommend that Mrs. W. C. Wicker be granted aid from this conference.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. NEVILLE,  
W. H. HUDSON.

By motion the report was adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

Your committee recommends that each church in the Conference be asked to accept a slight but necessary increase in its apportionment for the year 1949 as shown on the Apportionment Schedule.

The small increase asked for the Convention Fund is necessary to meet an unavoidable increase in running expenses. The Orphanage increase is absolutely essential because of the rising cost of food, clothing, medical care, and other expenses involved in its operation. The increase for Elon College is to help provide more trained leaders for our churches.

The apportionment this year for the first time includes special offerings which we are accustomed to make in addition to our regular apportionment. They are, for instance, our Special Easter Offering for Church Extension under Home Missions, Shaowu under Foreign Missions, and Special Thanksgiving Offering for the Orphanage.

In many instances our churches have a practice of giving more than the total amount asked of them in the apportionment. Therefore, the total amount of increase asked for this year appears almost negligible when compared with the amounts the churches actually give.

Some churches over-pay their apportionment for some of the institutions of our church. This is a commendable policy and one that should be continued in order to make up for those churches that are negligent in meeting their obligation for those same institutions. It is also important that each church give due consideration to the support of those institutions and agencies in which some of our churches have shown but little or no interest in the past.

We recommend and strongly urge that all the ministers of our conference pledge themselves to keep the entire program, with all its financial requirements, constantly before the churches throughout the year, in order that our people may become more impressed with the importance of giving full support to every department of our work.

A. H. McIVER,  
C. CARL DOLLAR.

The report was discussed by Mr. McIver, the chairman, and by motion the report was adopted.



## APPORTIONMENT TABLE—EASTERN N. C. CONFERENCE.

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Home Missions*	Convention Foreign Missions†	Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Conference Fund	Totals
Amelia.....	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 22	\$ 22	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 18	\$ 8	\$ 3.50	\$ 7	\$ 154.50
Antioch.....	15	15	17	17	7	7	12	8	3.50	7	108.50
Auburn.....	56	56	48	48	14	14	29	8	6.50	13	292.50
Bethel.....	30	30	22	22	7	7	18	2	3.00	7	148.00
Bethlehem.....	13	13	6	6	3	3	11	6	1.50	3	65.50
Beulah.....	30	30	18	18	7	7	18	22	2.00	5	157.00
Catawba Springs.....	58	58	91	91	15	15	33	10	7.00	15	393.00
Chapel Hill.....	40	40	34	34	11	11	24	4	5.50	11	214.50
Christian Chapel.....	38	38	31	31	9	9	21	10	6.50	13	206.50
Christian Light.....	45	45	45	45	14	14	25	12	5.50	11	261.50
Clayton.....	35	35	33	33	11	11	21	10	3.50	7	199.50
Damascus.....	35	35	29	29	9	9	21	7	2.00	7	183.00
Ebenezer.....	38	38	45	45	11	11	24	10	4.00	9	235.00
Fuller's Chapel.....	38	38	33	33	9	9	24	9	4.50	9	206.50
Good Hope.....	25	25	18	18	7	7	15	8	2.50	5	130.50
Hayes Chapel.....	25	25	18	18	7	7	15	5	2.00	5	127.00
Henderson.....	63	63	94	94	20	20	35	19	8.50	15	431.50
Hope Mills.....	33	33	28	28	9	9	15	3	2.00	5	165.00
Lebanon.....	20	20	18	18	5	5	14	3	2.00	5	110.00
Lee's Chapel.....	20	20	19	19	5	5	14	5	2.50	5	114.50
Liberty, Vance.....	177	177	216	216	45	45	82	28	19.50	37	1,042.50
Martha's Chapel.....	20	20	12	12	7	7	14	6	2.00	5	105.00
Moore Union.....	30	30	12	12	9	9	18	8	3.50	7	138.50
Morrisville.....	13	13	21	21	9	9	11	4	4.50	9	114.50
Mt. Auburn.....	76	76	91	91	30	30	38	8	7.50	13	460.50
Mt. Carmel.....	30	30	21	21	7	7	18	8	3.00	5	150.00
Mt. Gilead.....	56	56	34	34	14	14	29	14	6.00	11	288.00
Mt. Herman.....	25	25	34	34	7	7	15	6	1.50	5	159.50
New Elam.....	88	88	62	62	18	18	43	22	8.50	17	426.50
New Hope.....	38	38	30	30	11	11	21	18	4.50	9	210.50
Niagara.....	13	13	10	10	4	4	9	2	6.50	13	84.50
Oak Level.....	38	38	31	31	11	11	21	8	4.50	9	202.50
O'Kelly's Chapel.....	8	8	5	5	1	1	9	2	1.00	3	43.00
Piney Plain.....	56	56	52	52	14	14	31	6	5.50	11	297.50
Pleasant Hill.....	30	30	39	39	9	9	18	7	3.50	7	191.50
Pleasant Union.....	56	56	61	61	14	14	26	12	3.00	6	309.00
Plymouth.....	30	30	39	39	9	9	18	11	3.50	7	195.50
Pope's Chapel.....	38	38	36	36	9	9	21	8	4.50	9	208.50
Raleigh.....	101	101	73	73	23	23	45	25	9.50	19	492.50
Sanford.....	63	63	82	82	14	14	32	16	6.50	13	385.50
Shallow Well.....	56	56	54	54	14	14	29	14	5.50	11	307.50
Six Forks.....	13	13	7	7	4	4	11	10	1.00	3	73.00
Southern Pines.....	63	63	63	63	14	14	32	16	7.50	13	348.50
Turner's Chapel.....	30	30	42	42	9	9	18	6	.....	7	193.00
Wake Chapel.....	114	114	220	220	20	20	55	18	14.50	25	820.50
Wentworth.....	30	30	56	56	14	14	18	8	2.50	5	233.50
Youngsville.....	20	20	15	15	9	9	14	4	3.00	5	114.00
Totals.....	\$1,999	\$1,999	\$2,087	\$2,087	\$ 536	\$ 536	\$1,103	\$ 464	\$220.50	\$ 448	\$11,479.50

\*Includes Church Extension.

†Includes Shaowu Project.

Address by Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent.

Conference adjourned for lunch.

Benediction by Rev. T. D. Sutton.

## WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was called to order by the President.

Rev. J. A. Denton led in the Devotional Service.

The Laymen's Work was presented by Mr. I. H. Vickery; and Mr. Vickery was re-elected to serve on the Convention Committee of the "Laymen's Work."

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION.

The Committee on Social Action wishes to make the following recommendations:

1. That wherever possible, Social Action Committees be organized in local churches for the purpose of studying the great, unsolved social problems of the world, the nation, and the region.

2. That at some time to be specified by each local church a genuine effort be made to secure subscriptions to *Social Action*, *The Washington Report*, and *Together*, publications of our Council for Social Action. These will be of invaluable assistance to the local Social Action Committee, or to church study groups, and will supply trustworthy information on the perplexed issues of our time to the sensitive Christian who is sincerely concerned to find and maintain a Christian attitude and conscience on questions of public policy.

3. That the Rev. Shirley Greene, Agricultural Specialist of the Council for Social Action be invited to hold at least one Rural Life Conference in the Eastern North Carolina Conference during the coming year.

4. Because of the mounting tension and hysteria over race relations, it is urged and recommended that our churches and their members keep sane and calm, renewing their efforts to keep open the lines of communication and fellowship between ourselves and our Negro brethren, and to refuse to be stampeded into actions based on secular standards and not on Christian principles.

FREDERICK B. EUTSLER, *Chairman*.

The report was adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAR VICTIMS AND RECONSTRUCTION.

As we come to this part of the program in the Eastern North Carolina Conference we need to be reminded of the needs that are prevailing in other nations which were caused by war, and also be reminded of the words of our Master in the parable of the Good Samaritan.

You remember that Jesus asked the lawyer which of these three was the man's neighbor, and the lawyer said, "He that shewed mercy on him." Then Jesus said, "Go and do thou likewise." Unless we go and do likewise, how can we call Jesus Lord and Master?

Due to the fact that this is the last year we have to contribute to C.W.V.R. in its present form, we offer the following recommendations:

1. That each church of our Conference take a special offering for C.W.V.R. before the end of this year, if it has not already done so.

2. That the churches who have already contributed to C.W.V.R. be requested, if it is as all possible, to receive another offering.

THOMAS D. SUTTON, *Chairman*.

The report was discussed by the Chairman and Rev. Frederick B. Eutsler and, by motion, the report was adopted.

Rev. C. Carl Dollar gave a verbal report of the General Council.

Dr. C. E. Newman was recognized. He brought information of the history of Rev. James O'Kelly, his birthplace and of the condition of the cemetery where James O'Kelly was buried.

The following was presented by Superintendent Scott, in accordance with Chapter II, Section 2:

A pastor shall be a member of some local church of the denomination and of the conference in which he works. Any exception to this requirement must be approved by the conference in which the church involved is a member.

BE IT RESOLVED That Rev. Fred P. Register, an ordained minister of the Western North Carolina Conference be approved as pastor of Amelia, Plymouth and Wake Chapel; and, that Rev. Martin L. Fogleman, a member of the Biblical Class of the Western North Carolina Conference and a student at Elon College, be approved as pastor of Martha's Chapel, Morrisville and O'Kelly's Chapel; and, that the Executive Committee of the Conference pass upon similar cases which may arise between Conference sessions.

By motion the foregoing was adopted.

Voted to have our minutes published in THE ANNUAL and that we purchase one hundred and twenty-five (125) copies.

It was moved and carried that the Treasurer be authorized to pay to the Convention Treasurer that amount of the Ministerial Loan Fund which he has on hand.

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Finance, have examined the books of the Treasurer and find the same correct.

We recommend the payment of the following bills:

E. M. Carter, Secretary .....	\$ 50.00
E. M. Carter, Secretary, for postage .....	5.30
Central Publishing Co., for programs .....	4.50
North Carolina Council of Churches .....	75.00
Total .....	\$ 134.80

W. H. HUDSON,  
E. W. NEVILLE,  
T. F. WRIGHT.

The Committee on Place of Meeting recommended that the invitation of the Southern Pines Church be accepted and that the 1949 session be held at the Church of Wide Fellowship, Southern Pines.

The Resolutions Committee made the following report, which was adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions submit the following; and resolve:

1. That we extend our thanks to the church of Henderson and especially those women who have provided meals for all of us and lodging for many of us.
2. That the florist, Mr. Chesson, have an expression of our grateful appreciation for the beautiful floral displays which have been here these two days.
3. That we extend our thanks to the Henderson Daily Dispatch and other papers in the vicinity for their generous coverage of this Conference.
4. That we express our appreciation to the Program Committee for providing the order of business and the speakers for this Conference.
5. That we go on record as notifying the host church of the next Conference that they have permission to charge for luncheons served to the delegates.

R. T. GRISSOM,  
W. H. MOSS,  
MRS. JOHN HOUSE.

The Treasurer reported that he had collected \$185.00 at this session of Conference.

The retiring President, Rev. J. Frank Apple, called to the chair the newly-elected President, Rev. C. Carl Dollar, and gave to him the authority for the ensuing year.

The President appointed Standing Committees as follows:

*Executive*—Rev. C. C. Dollar, Rev. R. T. Grissom, Rev. E. M. Carter, A. H. McIver, J. F. Hilliard.

*Education and Standing of the Ministry*—Rev. R. T. Grissom, Rev. E. M. Carter, Rev. Frederick B. Eutsler.

*Christian Education and Religious Literature*—Rev. G. T. Humphries, Miss Susie Allen, Mrs. R. M. Clime.

*Home Missions*—Miss Margaret Alston, Mrs. T. Fred Wright.

*Foreign Missions*—L. L. Vaughan, Miss Susie Allen.

*Apportionments*—A. H. McIver, R. T. Grissom.

*Stewardship*—Rev. T. D. Sutton, J. A. Kimball, Mrs. S. E. Kennedy.

*Evangelism*—Rev. J. F. Apple, Rev. T. Fred Wright.

*Social Action*—Rev. B. V. Munger, Rev. Frederick B. Eutsler.

*Program*—Rev. E. M. Carter, Rev. R. T. Grissom, Rev. C. C. Dollar.

Be it moved that the Executive Committee study the whole question of scheduling the annual program of the conference in order to obtain a better balance between the inspiration and business features of the conference.

By motion the Secretary was authorized to edit the minutes of the day's session and record same.

By motion the Conference adjourned to meet with the Church of Wide Fellowship, Southern Pines, on Tuesday after the third Sunday in October at 10:00 A. M., 1949.

Benediction by Rev. Frederick B. Eutsler.

REV. J. FRANK APPLE, *President*.

REV. E. M. CARTER, *Secretary*.

#### MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

*Apple, J. Frank*—Churches, Henderson, Mt. Carmel; sermons, 111; conversions, 17; members, 24; baptisms, 10; prayer meetings, 32; addresses, 4; weddings, 12; funerals, 7; salary, \$3,1555.

*Carter, Emory M.*—Churches, Mt. Hermon, Good Hope, Fuller's Chapel, Pope's Chapel, Pope's Chapel, Youngsville; sermons, 82; conversions, 10; members, 23; baptisms, 9; weddings, 5; funerals, 18; salary, \$1,712.

*Denton, James A.*—Churches, Ebenezer, Ramseur, Grace's Chapel; sermons, 75; conversions, 38; members, 39; Baptisms, 35; weddings, 6; funerals, 20; salary, \$2,000.

*Dollar, C. Carl*—Church, Sanford; sermons, 74; Conversions, 4; members, 8; baptisms, 6; addresses, 15; weddings, 5; funerals, 6; salary, \$2,400.

*Eutsler, Frederick B.*—Church, Raleigh; sermons, 55; members, 9; baptisms, 5; addresses, 15; weddings, 6; funerals, 3; salary, \$3,600.

*Franks, Jesse E.*—Retired.

*Grissom, Raymond T.*—Churches, Turner's Chapel, Shallow Well, Lee's Chapel (supply); sermons, 135; conversions, uncertain; members, 22; baptisms, 16; prayer meetings, 72; addresses, 10; weddings, 26; funerals, 17; salary, \$2,000.



*Howard, Britton J.*—No charge. Parole Supervisor for State.

*Humphries, Tucker G.*—No report as yet. Churches, Southern Pines, Niagara, Hope Mills.

*Johnson, J. Lee*—Churches, Catawba Springs, Bethel, Piney Plains, Pleasant Union; sermons, 70; professions, 20; members, 16; baptisms, 12; prayer meetings, 8; weddings, several; funerals, many; salary, \$1,600.

*Munger, Bernard V.*—Churches, Chapel Hill; sermons, 57; members, 13; baptisms, 1; addresses 25; weddings, 4; funerals, 1; salary, \$2,800.

*Scholz, Herbert*—Retired.

*Sorrell, M. T.*—Churches, Danville, New Lebanon, Kallam Grove, Supt. Faith Home Orphanage; sermons, 102; conversions, many; members, 90; baptisms, 35; prayer meetings, 10; addresses, 4; weddings, 85; funerals, 58; salary, \$4,860.

*Sutton, Thomas D.*—Churches, Antioch, Bethlehem, Beulah, New Hope, Oak Level; sermons, 100; conversions, 6; members, 22; baptisms, 17; prayer meetings, 90; weddings, 1; funerals, 7; salary, \$1,900.

*Wright, T. Fred*—Churches, Liberty (Vance), Mt. Gilead, Mt. Auburn; sermons, 104; conversions, 22; members, 33; baptisms, 28; addresses, 12; weddings, 3; funerals, 14; salary, \$2,286.

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SOUTH NORFOLK, VIRGINIA,  
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## WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met in its 128th annual session at South Norfolk Congregational Christian Church, South Norfolk, Virginia, on November 3-4, 1948. The Conference was called to order by the President, Dr. Frank H. Lewis, of Shelton Memorial Church, Portsmouth, at 10:00 A. M. on Wednesday. The opening hymn was led by the Rev. J. Frank Morgan of Windsor and prayer was offered by Rev. H. G. Councill, Jr., of the Rosemont Church.

The following ministers and delegates were enrolled:

### ENROLLMENT.

*Ministers*—R. E. Brittle, W. S. Carne, H. G. Councill, Jr., H. E. Crutchfield, H. S. Hardcastle, R. L. House, I. W. Johnson, R. M. Kimball, F. H. Lewis, J. E. McCauley, J. F. Morgan, Will B. O'Neill, D. D. Nash, J. E. Neese, N. G. Newman, O. D. Poythress, W. T. Scott, L. E. Smith, M. E. Taylor, J. G. Truitt, B. H. Watkins, W. L. Wood, Peter Young.

### *Churches and Delegates.*

*Antioch*—Mrs. W. E. Garrison, Mrs. W. K. Saunders.

*Barrett's*—

*Berea, Nansemond*—Mrs. C. P. Darden, Mrs. J. C. Matthews.

*Bethlehem, Disputanta*—

*Bethlehem, Nansemond*—Mrs. H. F. Schadel, Mrs. E. Johnson, Mrs. W. D. Austin, Mrs. J. E. Harris.

*Burton's Grove*—

*Centerville*—

*Cypress Chapel*—J. P. Byrd, Mrs. R. E. Brittle, Mrs. J. C. Lynch.

*Dendron*—E. T. Atkinson.

*Eure*—Mrs. W. N. Alexander, C. Greene, Mrs. T. A. Eure, Mrs. J. Artz.

*Franklin*—J. O. H. Daughtrey, Mrs. R. H. Rawles.

*Great Bridge, Berea*—Mrs. Rosalie Hall, Mrs. E. E. Waterfield, Mrs. Etta Daniels.

*Holland*—Mrs. A. L. Jolly, Mrs. W. B. O'Neill.

*Holy Neck*—Mrs. R. Warren, D. Felton, H. L. Weaver, Mrs. H. L. Worrell.

*Hopewell*—

*Isle of Wight*—Mrs. L. Wright.

*Johnson's Grove*—

*Liberty Spring*—Mrs. W. T. Harrell, Mrs. P. C. Brinkley, Mrs. J. C. Lynch, Mrs. J. E. Harrell.

*Mt. Carmel*—E. W. Beale, O. P. Joyner.

*Mt. Zion*—Mrs. C. W. Dixon, Mrs. J. R. Dixon, Jr.

*New Lebanon*—O. V. Cockes.

*Newport News*—Mrs. W. H. Baker, W. H. Baker, Mrs. C. Heath, Jr.

*Norfolk:*

*Bay View*—Mrs. W. H. Sydenstricker, C. R. Kessler, R. W. Gatewood.

*Christian Temple*—O. L. West, Mrs. T. E. Brickhouse, T. E. Brickhouse.

*First*—Mrs. E. Howard, W. A. Johnson, Mrs. B. F. Morgan, Frances Graves.

*Little Creek*—Mrs. W. H. Meyers, Mrs. M. E. Taylor.

*Rosemont*—Mrs. H. E. Roane, O. S. Mills.

*Second*—C. C. Etheridge, A. D. Cooper.

*Oak Grove*—

*Oakland*—G. W. Darden, Mrs. C. W. Morgan, T. Jones.

*Portsmouth:*

*Elm Avenue*—

*First*—Mrs. C. H. Brinkley, Mrs. R. E. Edwards, B. L. Sawyer.

*Shelton Memorial*—Mrs. W. F. Lawrence, Mrs. S. R. Moore, Mrs. F. H. Lewis.

*Richmond*—Mrs. R. L. House, J. T. Kernodle.

*South Norfolk*—T. R. Eason, Mrs. P. White.

*Spring Hill*—Adell Matthews, Mrs. H. J. Wheeler.

*Suffolk*—Mrs. W. V. Leathers, W. A. Daughtrey, Floyd A. Turner.

*Sunbury, Damascus*—Mrs. I. H. Pearce, J. M. Byrum.

*Union, Southampton*—S. M. Joyner, M. Whitley.

*Union, Surry*—

*Wakefield*—J. T. Brittle, W. C. Seeley.

*Waverly*—Mrs. L. Tomlinson, L. Tomlinson, Mrs. J. E. McCauley.

*Windsor*—Mrs. A. Beale, Mrs. J. M. Rabey, S. T. Holland.

The following new ministers and visitors were recognized: Rev. D. P. Barrett, missionary to Porto Rico; Timothy Chang of Shaowu, China; Rev. T. Fred Wright of the Eastern North Carolina Conference, and Rev. John L. Gwin, Rev. John Gallo and Dr. Luther B. Grice.

The Rev. O. D. Poythress on behalf of the South Norfolk Church extended a cordial welcome to the Conference to which Dr. John G. Truitt gave appropriate response.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by the secretary and on motion it was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee held four meetings during the year at Suffolk Christian Church:

November 17, 1947, Voted—That secretary order 300 copies of the ANNUAL; that secretary be authorized to name delegates to the Southern Convention from churches not reporting same.

December 15, 1947, Voted—Transfer of \$10.00 from Conference Fund to Virginia Council of Churches Fund. That note of Hopewell Church for \$1,500.00 be made on paper of Farmers Bank of Nansemond and deposited in that bank for collection.

March 22, 1948, Voted—On recommendation of Ministerial Education Committee that transfers be granted to Rev. James G. Graham and Rev. Shannon Morgan to Washington, D. C., and Iowa Associations respectively.

September 20, 1948, Voted—That Dr. H. S. Hardcastle be elected to S. C. Executive Board in place of Dr. J. G. Truitt who resigned on his election as President.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. LEWIS,  
I. W. JOHNSON,  
R. E. BRITTLE,  
H. G. COUNCELL, JR.,  
W. B. O'NEILL.

A motion was made and adopted that the printed program be adopted as the order of business with such changes as may be found necessary.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was read by Dr. H. S. Hardcastle and on motion it was adopted:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Today as always, "the fields are white unto harvest" and the laborers are all too few. Today as always the call comes, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for me?" And today as always the solution to the problem is to be found in prayer. The Master himself is authority for that statement, for He said, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into his harvest." This does not mean that ministers and teachers and parents and friends cannot help by speaking a word in season to young men and young women who have qualifications for Christian life service. But it does mean that prayer is the key. We need to pray more.

We present herewith the following recommendations:

1. That Paul Varga and Baxter Twiddy be continued as members of the Biblical Class at Elon College, and that M. A. Carson be continued as a member of the Biblical Class on condition that he continue a course of prescribed reading.
2. That Vivian Harrell and H. Allan Gleason, Jr., be continued as Licentiates of this Conference.
3. That Rev. Ellis Clarke be received as a minister in good standing by transfer from the North Carolina and Virginia Conference.
4. That Rev. Luther B. Grice be enrolled as a member of this Conference as an ordained minister in good standing on the strength of satisfactory credentials presented to the Committee by him.
5. That the Conference Ordinations of Revs. D. D. Nash and M. E. Taylor be renewed for another year.
6. That Mr. John Gallo be given Conference Ordination, and hereby ask the President of the Conference to appoint a Committee to do this at a session of this Conference.
7. That Rev. John Gwin be given recognition as a fully ordained minister, in lieu of Conference Ordination.
8. That the Rev. Henry E. Crutchfield be granted a Letter of Transfer to the North Carolina and Virginia Conference.

We report the following transfers during the past year:

- a. Rev. Francis Wise to the Southern California Conference of Congregational Christian Churches.
- b. Rev. J. J. Graham to the Washington, D. C., Association of Congregational Christian Churches.
- c. Rev. C. Shannon Morgan to the Iowa Conference of Congregational Christian Churches.



We report that we have not received the credentials of Rev. John W. Baggett but that his name has been dropped from our list of accredited ministers in good standing.

We submit herewith a Financial Statement of the funds committed to our trust:

1947		RECEIPTS.	
Oct.	29	Balance on hand .....	\$3,746.82
	29	H. G. Council, Jr., on Note .....	10.00
1948			
Jan.	15	Little Creek Loan .....	300.00
Apr.	29	Hopewell on Loan .....	280.00
July	22	Francis H. Wise on Note .....	10.00
Oct.	7	Hopewell on Loan .....	275.00
	9	Edward R. Day on Note .....	15.00
	21	Elm Avenue on Deed of Trust .....	200.00
		Total Receipts .....	\$4,836.82
1948		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Jan.	10	Hopewell Loan .....	1,500.00
		Balance on Hand .....	\$3,336.82
SCHEDULE OF NOTES AND BILLS RECEIVABLE.			
1.	4	Notes .....	\$ 500.00
2.	3	Notes .....	390.00
3.	6	Notes .....	900.00
4.	1	Note .....	150.00
5.	2	Notes .....	235.00
6.	4	Notes .....	750.00
7.	1	Note .....	100.00
8.		Little Creek Church .....	1,500.00
9.		Elm Avenue Note secured by Mission Board Deed of Trust .....	394.70
10.		Hopewell Church Note .....	1,000.00
		Total .....	\$5,919.70
		Cash Balance .....	3,336.82
		Total Assets .....	\$9,256.52
MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.			
		Received from Conference Fund .....	\$ 500.00
		Received from Churches .....	450.00
			\$ 950.00

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. HARDCASTLE, *Ch'm'n*,  
J. FRANK MORGAN,  
FRANK H. LEWIS,  
ROBERT LEE HOUSE,  
JOHN G. TRUITT.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education was presented by Rev. R. L. House and after considerable discussion regarding Sunday Schools, Leadership Training Institutes, and Summer Camps it was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Christian education has sustained a rather severe drubbing by its critics during recent years. Its critics stand both within and without the pale of organized religion. W. Burnet Easton, Associate Professor of Religion at Lawrence College, makes this bold assertion: "It is highly doubtful that what has passed for Christian education

in most of our churches for the past generation deserves to be called Christian or education." Again, Rev. Renel L. Howe of the Virginia Theological Seminary, Episcopal, confronts the church with this frank accusation: "The church is mistakenly permitting too many kindly but naive and unqualified people to teach in our Sunday Schools who do not know what Christian education really means and involves. They (the churches) unwittingly help to raise up a weak and ignorant generation of Christians."

Weldon Crossland speaks out of wide observation and study: "Some church schools are pitifully inadequate, in part because they have no clearly defined purposes. They aim at nothing in particular and hit it every time. They only scratch the surface of life with the ancient plow of custom."

Our first impulse is to deny or dismiss such statements. But there is an element of truth in these accusations which we dare not deny. Perhaps we should face them in humility and penitence.

Glancing back across the year, we note approximately a dozen Vacation Bible Schools conducted in our Conference, a smaller number of Leadership Training Schools and a few Pastors' Classes were held. A number of our churches participated in co-operative training schools. A carefully planned and largely attended Sunday School Convention was held. We regret that plans for our summer camp did not materialize. We rejoice in the fine work done through our Sunday Schools, but regret the high percentage of absentees on our rolls. One authority estimates that four out of every five church schools have attendance records that are, educationally speaking, highly unsatisfactory. They suffer severely when compared with the public schools, which could not operate on the basis of from 50 to 65 per cent attendance at their sessions.

We find ourselves inspired by the possibilities but somewhat skeptical of the probabilities in the field of Christian education. Unless we can do an enormously better job than we have done, the outlook is not altogether "rosy."

In an effort to avoid mere arm chair logic, we would direct the thinking of the Conference to the following basic factors in our program of Christian education.

1. Leadership training schools seem to come in cycles. The pendulum has swung so far away it is time for it to return in speed and power. During the next year we should have a veritable avalanche or epidemic (take your choice) of such schools. Religious Education Week offers an excellent opportunity. We call upon our Convention Board of Christian Education not only for assistance but for active leadership in the promotion and scheduling of the schools.

2. No effort should be spared in the promotion of Vacation Bible Schools, Choir Schools, Summer Camps and Conferences. Preparation for church membership is of course part of the whole larger question of Christian education. Therefore the importance of the Pastors' Class. Unfortunately, there are no short cuts to true character education. All available opportunities and resources must be used.

3. One great question mark in character education is the *home*. Religious educators are greatly disturbed about the condition of the American home. All the major denominations are striving for a greater correlation of the home and the church. One reason, it has been suggested, for the failure of many modern homes to produce great characters is that their concept of child training is negative, not positive. Until the child gets into some serious trouble, many parents rest assured that theirs are "just average children," and feel no deep need of doing anything very strenuous about them. The Church must enlist the home in its positive program of character education.

4. The Sunday School represents one of our major efforts in Christian education. Facing as we do an increasingly secular and pagan America, it behooves us to redouble our efforts. "We must strengthen our program all along the line, especially and specifically along the following lines: better equipment, more adequate literature, up-to-date teachers, additional classes and departments, increased budget, the use of audio-visual aids, improved handwork and drama, expanded program of recreation, diversified service projects, increased and more systematic attendance, revitalized Cradle Roll and Home Department, more skillful publicity, the procurement of volunteer, full-time and part-time workers. This testimony should be the goal of our striving: "Here trained teachers used tested techniques, well-written textbooks, and good equipment as keys to open the doors of knowledge and Christian experience to youthful minds."

Then we shall realize with great joy the truth of the statement: "If we double the thoroughness of our curriculum, we may quadruple our effectiveness."

5. Effective character education is a seven day a week job. Effective character education requires the actively integrated cooperation of all the major influences affecting the child: the home, church and school. Week-day religious education throughout the country presents a favorable picture in spite of the adjustments being made to comply with the Supreme Court ruling in the Champaign case. It is reported by Erwin L. Shaver that the "Majority of the states, including those in which the program has been most extensive, are continuing their work." Dr. Shaver said reports from representatives from all sections of the country indicate that not more than ten per cent of the communities having week-day religious teaching have had to make any changes in their programs. Most of these have simply changed to after-school hours, and only a few have had to discontinue their programs altogether.

6. Our primary and inescapable responsibility is to acquaint ourselves with the findings of specialists in the field of Christian education. These are available in books, pamphlets, and periodicals. It is unpardonable to proceed as if they did not exist. For instance, a new edition of Horace Bushnell's *Christian Nurture* has appeared. Other current books of merit included: *A Greater Generation* by Ernest Ligon, *How to Build Your Sunday School*, by Weldon Crossland, *One Generation and Another*, by Robert Russell Wicks.

7. Christian education should reach a cumulative and impressive climax on the college level. This ideal should be held constantly before the youth of home and church. The dichotomy between education and Christian education has obvious and far-reaching implications for civilizations. The truly educated man becomes decreasingly gullible, is not swept about by every wind of doctrine. He becomes the "man from Missouri," testing all things and holding fast to that which is good. The chain of denominational colleges is both familiar and famous. Elon is our immediate opportunity to uphold, support and propagate our great and indispensable heritage of Christian higher education. We urge every church in this Conference to acquit itself favorably in the current drive to establish adequately and firmly the Staley-Atkinson-Newman Memorial Foundation for Christian Education at Elon.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT LEE HOUSE.

President L. E. Smith told of the progress of Elon College and presented its needs in the light of an enlarged program of Christian higher education.

#### REPORT ON ELON COLLEGE.

The unusual emphasis placed on education by the United States Government has intensified the sense of the need of an education on the conscience of American youth. This emphasis has been expressed in financial subsidies by our National and State Governments. The result is increased and greatly improved facilities and higher salaries for teachers. Enrollment in schools and colleges has more than doubled since 1940. The increase in enrollment has been in all colleges, state and church related. The appropriations, however, have been made only to state schools. Some church colleges have been able to increase their income in proportion. Others have fallen far below. Increased financial support for our college, Elon College, has been negligible. However, the Convention has proposed to increase apportionments for the year 1949-50 ten per cent.

As we face confusion and uncertainty in social and national relations, the need for religion in education is increasingly apparent. Never before in our history has there been a greater need for religious education and the principles of religion in applied education than today. Our church is confronted with its greatest opportunity by giving our college necessary financial support and exerting our influence to see that the young people of our homes are educated in our church college. We, the constituency of our church, can make a great contribution to our denomination and society, as a whole, by giving our college generous support.

When all contributions and pledges are in for the churches of the Southern Convention for the Staley-Atkinson-Newman Memorial Fund, the total amount of \$100,000 will be raised in full. We have \$79,643.43 in cash to date.



Student enrollment is the largest in the history of the college. Seven hundred, ninety-three college students plus specials are enrolled. There are twenty-two ministerial students at Elon College, 134 are members of the Congregational Christian Church, and ten for full time Christian work. The support of the churches of this Conference is greatly appreciated. To date, \$3,786.30 is due on apportionments for the college from all conferences of the Southern Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. SMITH, *President*.

The Rev. R. E. Brittle was called to the chair and presided while Dr. Frank H. Lewis delivered the President's Address which was a carefully prepared statement on the Church and its Ministry.

Mr. C. D. Johnston, Superintendent of the Christian Orphanage, brought to the Conference a glowing account of the good work being done in that institution and requested a more generous support in order to meet the increased cost of living. With gracious words Dr. L. E. Smith paid warm tribute to the character of Mr. Johnston and highly commended him for the incomparable service he had rendered over the years.

A letter from the Berea (Norfolk) Church requesting that it be known and listed as Berea Christian Church, Great Bridge, was read, and on motion permission was granted.

The President appointed the following Special Committees:

*Nominations*—Rev. J. E. Neese, Rev. J. F. Morgan, Rev. R. L. House.

*Resolutions*—Rev. R. M. Kimball, Rev. B. H. Watkins, Mrs. W. B. Williams.

*Press*—Rev. Peter Young, Rev. John L. Gwin, Rev. W. S. Carne.

*Finance*—Mr. S. T. Holland, Mr. J. P. Dalton, Mr. W. H. Baker.

After prayer by Rev. Morris E. Taylor, the Conference adjourned for lunch at 12:40 p. m.

### WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The session was called to order at 2:00 p. m. The opening hymn was led by Rev. J. Frank Morgan. Dr. Luther B. Grice led in prayer.

Mr. John T. Kernodle presented the report of the Committee on Superannuation and on motion it was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

Since the last report of this committee, the plan uniting the program of Superannuation of the Southern Convention with that of the Ministerial Relief Division of the Board of Home Missions has been approved. Under this program our aged ministers and their widows are assured as large, possible larger, support as has heretofore been possible.

"In acting upon applications . . . the Ministerial Relief Division will be guided by the recommendations of the proper officers of the Southern Convention," i. e., the Convention Board of Superannuation, and it is assumed that this board, as in the past, will be guided by the recommendations of the conferences.

The action taken by the Convention has had the hearty approval of your committee, and we feel a justifiable pride in the small part we have had in its consummation.

We again remind you that this program of relief should be supplementary rather than basic, and that where it is at all possible and practicable, our ministers should be members of the Annuity Fund.

During the past year two of our ministers and two widows of ministers of this conference have been beneficiaries of the Superannuation Fund.



We wish to repeat our usual recommendations:

1. That all ministers eligible take advantage of membership in the Annuity Fund, and that local churches cooperate with their ministers in obtaining and retaining such membership.
2. That our churches continue their support of the supplementary plan of Ministerial Relief by seeing that their Apportionment for Superannuation is paid in full.
3. That a special "over and above" Christmas Offering be taken for the emergency fund of the Board of Relief.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. KERNODLE, *Ch'm'n*,  
B. H. WATKINS,  
L. H. JONES,  
W. H. BAKER,  
LETCHER ELEY.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by Rev. Robert Lee House and on motion the following officers were elected as named:

*President*—Dr. Frank H. Lewis, Portsmouth.  
*Vice-President*—Rev. R. E. Brittle, Suffolk.  
*Secretary*—Dr. Will B. O'Neill, Holland.  
*Treasurer*—Mr. G. C. White, Waverly.  
*Historian*—Dr. N. G. Newman, Windsor.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was presented by the chairman, Rev. R. E. Brittle, and on motion it was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

Your Stewardship Committee does not recommend any new or startling statement relative to the subject of stewardship. It simply wishes to re-emphasize an important fact which we must get into our minds and hearts before we can be good stewards. It may be that in matters of stewardship we have at times put the emphasis with a great deal of time and discussion on the idea first of all of things material. In so doing we have attacked and tried to get at the heart of our stewardship problems for solution from the most remote corners rather than beginning at the heart of things.

Your committee believes that the matter of stewardship is the matter of heart and life—of deeper consecration of heart and greater dedication of life to Jesus Christ, for out of the heart come the issues of life.

The great Apostle Paul suggests the real spirit and method of stewardship in writing of a church or group of people to whom he had made an appeal for a donation for the cause of Christ when he wrote, "This they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves unto the Lord and to us by the will of God." Paul saw when they gave themselves—heart and life—to Jesus Christ that the material things in their possession were used to the glory of Him to whom they had dedicated their lives.

Your Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the churches of our Conference seek to develop more Christ-like living, believing it to be the primary and fundamental and the over-all idea of stewardship.
2. That, as a Conference, we cooperate with the program of stewardship of our Convention, urging our churches to use available stewardship literature.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. BRITTLE,  
B. H. WATKINS,  
PETER YOUNG,  
M. E. TAYLOR.

The report of the Committee on Apportionments with its accompanying Schedule of Apportionments was presented by Honorable Shirley T. Holland who moved its adoption which was seconded by Dr. H. S. Hardcastle. After considerable discussion a substitute motion was made by Dr. I. W. Johnson,

and seconded, that this report be referred back to the committee with instructions that it be referred to the churches. After discussion a motion was made by Rev. Peter Young and seconded that the motion to refer be tabled. This motion was sustained. The original motion of the committee was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

Ambassador Francis B. Sayre, the representative of the United States in the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations who has had unequalled opportunity to observe world conditions, makes the following statement: "Millions of people are facing hunger and destitution. Far worse, hundreds of millions of people are losing their sense of the goodness of life. The precious values upon which happiness is built are being strangled. We stand today at the parting of the ways. On the one hand it is entirely possible that the present 'cold war' is only a second interlude in a fifty or hundred years' war which began in 1914 and which will make Western civilization but a memory and usher in a new Dark Age of savagery until in the distant future some new young civilization will evolve. This is not only possible but likely—if we remain indifferent or apathetic. Only a sense of the reality of God which gives to men and women common spiritual values and a common sense of direction can save. And the force which can achieve this is a virile and conquering Christianity. The fate of our civilization—of our country and of our homes and of our children—depends upon winning mankind to the teachings of Christ."

Our Christian World Mission is our response, as Congregational Christians, to the cry of all people, both at home and abroad. Our Christian World Mission is our 1949 program of local, national and world-wide Christian ministry. It is our enlarged missionary and rehabilitation work placed in the setting of overall Call to Evangelism and the total program of our churches. It is our sector of an Advance Movement of Protestantism in the United States and Canada toward a Christian Nation and toward One World in Christ.

Our Southern Convention in session at Liberty (Vance) Christian Church, April 27-28, 1948, unanimously voted to accept the challenge inherent in "Our Christian World Mission" resolving "that our spiritual, human, and financial resources be mobilized, committed and directed in a Program of Advance during the biennium 1948-50."

The accompanying Schedule of Apportionments includes our share in this urgent "Program of Advance" for Christian services at home and abroad, together with slight increases in the apportionments of the Christian Orphanage, Elon College, the Board of Christian Education and the Convention Fund.

A comparison of the new apportionment with the amounts paid by each church during the Conference year 1946-47 (the only figures available at this time) will reveal that your committee has not arbitrarily fixed the amounts but that they have been worked out on the most equitable basis.

Your committee is grateful for the hearty cooperation given in the past and urges each church that with high vision and prayer it will accept the challenge represented in the Schedule of Apportionments which is presented herewith.

SHIRLEY T. HOLLAND, *Cā'm'n*,  
J. P. DALTON,  
FLOYD A. TURNER,  
H. S. HARDCASTLE,  
R. E. BRITTLE.

Dr. William T. Scott, Superintendent, told of the enlarged program of the Southern Convention and made an impassioned plea for a deeper consecration and for increased giving on the part of individuals and churches that the Convention might the more adequately carry on its Christian World Mission.

## APPORTIONMENT TABLE—EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Home Missions *	Convention Foreign Missions†	Orphanage	Eton College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues	Conference Fund	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Conference Home Missions	Virginia Council of Churches	Totals
Antioch.....	\$ 60	\$ 57	\$ 12	\$ 85	\$ 22	\$ 13	\$ 22	\$ 10	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 10	\$ 5	\$ 317
Barrett's.....	15	14	6	20	11	7	5	5	5	5	5	2	100
Nerea (Nansemond).....	100	99	93	60	44	33	38	10	15	15	25	4	536
Berea (Norfolk).....	130	156	60	40	55	33	55	15	15	15	35	5	614
Bethlehem (Disputna).....	30	28	12	10	11	7	11	10	5	5	5	4	138
Bethlehem (Nans.).....	145	142	139	125	66	80	55	35	15	15	50	15	882
Burton's Grove.....	15	14	10	10	11	7	11	2	5	5	5	1	96
Centerville.....	15	14	6	15	10	5	5	4	5	5	5	2	91
Cypress Chapel.....	145	156	151	115	44	47	49	22	15	15	50	11	820
Dendron.....	20	20	60	15	10	7	5	2	3	3	2	1	148
Eure.....	50	50	50	50	10	10	30	15	10	10	10	10	305
Franklin.....	285	311	141	245	45	80	110	22	15	15	75	12	1,356
Holland.....	300	250	275	250	58	70	132	28	10	10	75	12	1,470
Holy Neck.....	110	100	140	140	45	45	80	20	10	10	25	9	734
Hopewell.....	30	24	6	10	11	7	5	10	5	5	4	6	123
Isle of Wight.....	35	42	30	75	11	7	22	5	10	10	10	2	259
Johnson's Grove.....	20	20	10	10	11	7	5	5	5	5	3	2	103
Liberty Spring.....	115	113	121	145	35	40	49	22	15	15	40	12	722
Mt. Carmel.....	145	142	82	105	44	27	55	15	15	15	35	7	687
Mt. Zion.....	15	14	6	15	11	7	5	4	5	5	5	2	94
New Lebanon.....	45	42	12	30	11	13	16	5	10	10	10	2	206
Newport News.....	435	600	250	400	120	150	200	30	25	25	100	15	2,350
Norfolk: Bay View.....	45	42	24	40	11	7	22	5	10	10	5	4	225
Christian Temple.....	940	940	300	850	132	157	400	80	35	35	100	31	4,000
First.....	100	100	140	140	40	40	71	20	10	10	35	9	715
Little Creek.....	20	20	30	5	5	3	5	5	2	2	2	1	100
Rosemont.....	500	600	800	480	90	81	175	30	25	25	80	14	2,900
Second.....	115	113	114	155	22	40	60	14	10	10	30	3	686
Oak Grove.....	60	57	24	60	11	7	27	7	5	5	10	3	276
Oakland.....	130	128	91	125	33	27	44	25	15	10	35	10	673
Portsmouth: Elm Ave.....	145	136	46	50	22	27	33	12	5	5	30	3	504
First.....	200	199	150	185	44	47	77	10	10	10	35	6	973
Shelton Memorial.....	45	43	24	15	22	14	22	5	10	10	5	3	217
Richmond.....	145	142	121	185	22	27	55	10	15	15	35	5	777
South Norfolk.....	240	241	161	230	44	33	93	42	15	15	60	20	1,194
Spring Hill.....	45	45	24	30	11	7	22	5	5	5	10	2	211
Suffolk.....	960	960	781	960	166	201	433	100	40	40	300	43	4,984
Sunbury, Damascus.....	75	57	63	75	11	13	33	12	10	10	15	5	379
Union, Southampton.....	85	85	72	75	11	13	27	10	20	20	15	5	438
Union, Surry.....	25	20	12	20	11	7	5	3	5	5	5	2	120
Wakefield.....	65	62	24	60	22	7	22	9	5	5	10	4	295
Waverly.....	170	170	72	185	22	13	88	15	10	15	25	5	790
Windsor.....	130	128	121	110	22	13	44	9	15	15	30	4	641
Totals.....	\$6,500	\$6,696	\$4,856	\$6,005	\$1,470	\$1,485	\$2,734	\$724	\$500	\$500	\$1,456	\$323	\$ 33,249
Convention Asking.....	6,500	5,500	4,800	6,000	1,470	1,470	2,725	862	500	500	1,456	323	33,106

\*Includes Church Extension.

†Includes Shaowu Special.

A motion by Rev. John L. Gwinn and seconded to the effect that all future apportionment schedules be published at least sixty days in advance of Conference was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was presented by the Chairman, Dr. John G. Truitt. This report was adopted as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee has tried to do the best it could with the funds available for this year.



We make the following recommendations:

1. To Little Creek \$300.00 to be applied on their loan from the Ministerial Education Fund.
2. To the Wakefield Pastorate \$500.00 if they arrange their schedule so as to have preaching services in the Wakefield Church every Sunday morning and at least two Sunday nights, and further provided that the Wakefield Church increase its salary by \$100.00 thus making the total salary for the pastorate \$2,600.00 and parsonage, in case the schedule is not so adjusted we recommend \$400.00 to said pastorate.
3. To Union, Southampton, \$1,000.00 to be applied on the parsonage debt provided they pay the debt in full this year and this being held as the last payment on the parsonage.

We further recommend that the Conference adopt the following policies concerning missionary-aided churches and their ministers:

1. That ministers of missionary-aided churches give full time to their fields.
2. That they make quarterly reports on blanks provided by the Conference.
3. That they support and promote the general program of the Conference and all its auxiliaries.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. TRUITT, *Ch'm'n*,  
R. E. BRITTLE,  
S. T. HOLLAND,  
J. PARKER CROSS,  
J. E. McCAULEY.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was presented by the acting chairman, Mrs. J. Frank Morgan, and pending its adoption an address was made by Dr. George W. Shepherd of Detroit, Michigan, former missionary to China, in which he realistically described the story of "The Struggle for the Soul of China."

Dr. W. T. Scott introduced Mr. Timothy Chang of Shaowu, China, now a student in Duke Divinity School, who briefly told of life in Shaowu and of the work being carried on by our missionary, Rev. R. L. Jackson.

The report as follows was adopted:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Foreign Missions is the evangelistic outreach of the Church. This movement has much to do with the health of your church and mine. We face a world in desperate need. If food and clothing were its only need the condition would not be so serious. America apparently is enjoying a period of great prosperity despite inflation. But let us remember that we, too, are a part of the world and we cannot long remain prosperous and free if the rest of mankind suffers from hunger and turmoil. Thus we should be concerned as never before with our Program of Foreign Missions. In order to save ourselves we must save others. More than money is needed. There is not enough friendship and good will among individuals and nations. Every one of us needs to spread good will among ourselves to such an extent that it will overflow in our relationships throughout the world.

Then the second and most important urge to the church for Foreign Missions is obeying Christ's command to preach the Gospel to the whole creation. We have failed to give ourselves wholeheartedly to this task. Many of our churches have members who actually say they do not believe in missions. We are getting ready for a third war and still do not realize the vital relationship between missions and World Order. The Ecumenical Church is the hope of our world today. The realization of this church is our surest way to peace.

Our program of Foreign Missions is threatened today. First, by spending too much on ourselves. Larger salaries and better equipment are alright but not if our



gifts to Missions have to be curtailed. There are too many paid workers in our churches. We need to consecrate ourselves anew to Christian service. A second threat to this program is Communism. This movement is casting a black shadow over our world. It is anti-Christian and its goal is world conquest. May God give us wisdom and courage to face this great power which is threatening our freedom as well as our religion.

This year we shall study China in our missionary groups. Our interest here has increased because of Shaowu, which is the special project of the Southern Convention where the Jacksons and Riggs are doing such good work. We shall find that China has become important in solving problems of world order. Western ideas have shaken the foundation of this oldest living civilization, she has passed through a terrible war with Japan and now she faces the threat of being pulled into the Russian orbit. China may be the area where the conflict between two great world forces shall be decided.

Finally, in view of the great importance of this Foreign Missions Program, your committee urges that we do our best to support, strengthen and enlarge it through individual effort, through missionary groups and through Conference Apportionments and gifts. May we have the vision to give ourselves to a movement that so affects not only ourselves but all mankind.

MRS. J. F. MORGAN,  
*Acting Ch'm'n,*  
 MRS. JOHN G. TRUITT,  
 ROBERT M. KIMBALL,  
 D. D. NASH,  
 H. E. CRUTCHFIELD.

Mr. G. Chapman White, Treasurer of the Conference, presented his report as follows, which was received with commendation and referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

	Conference Fund	Conference Home Missions	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Ministerial Education Fund	Virginia Council of Churches	Special
Balance Brt. Fwd. ..	\$1,133.34	\$1,548.69	\$ 500.00	\$3,746.82	\$ 296.00	\$2,211.97
Conference Collections	100.00	60.00			19.00	258.00
Collections, C.W.V.R.						175.60
Antioch .....	5.00	10.00	5.00		5.00	
Barrett's .....	7.00	5.33	5.00		2.00	
Berea (Nans.) .....	15.00	25.00	15.00		4.00	
Berea (Norfolk) ....	15.00	35.00	15.00		5.00	
Bethlehem (Disp.) ..	5.00	5.00	5.00		4.00	
Bethlehem (Nans.) ..	15.00	50.00	15.00		15.00	
Burton's Grove .....	5.00	5.00	5.00		1.00	
Centerville .....	5.00	5.00	5.00		2.00	
Cypress Chapel .....						
Dendron .....	3.00	2.00	3.00		1.00	
Eure .....						
Franklin .....	15.00	75.00	15.00		12.00	
Holland .....	10.00	75.00	10.00		12.00	
Holy Neck .....	10.00	10.00	10.00		9.00	
Hopewell .....				555.00		
Isle of Wight .....	10.00	10.00	10.00		2.00	

Johnson's Grove . . . .	5.00	3.00	5.00	2.00
Liberty Spring . . . . .	15.00	40.00	15.00	12.00
Mt. Carmel . . . . .	15.00	35.00	15.00	7.00
Mt. Zion . . . . .	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00
New Lebanon . . . . .	10.00	10.00	10.00	2.00
Newport News . . . . .	25.00	100.00	25.00	15.00
Norfolk: Bayview . . . .	10.00	5.00	10.00	4.00
Christian Temple . . . .	35.00	100.00	35.00	31.00
First . . . . .	10.00	35.00	10.00	9.00
Little Creek . . . . .	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00
Rosemont . . . . .	25.00	80.00	25.00	14.00
Second . . . . .		30.00		
Oak Grove . . . . .	5.00	10.00	5.00	3.00
Oakland . . . . .	10.00	35.00	10.00	10.00
Portsmouth: Elm Ave.			200.00	
First . . . . .	10.00	35.00	10.00	6.00
Shelton Memorial . . . .	10.00	5.00	10.00	3.00
Richmond . . . . .	15.00	35.00	15.00	5.00
South Norfolk . . . . .	15.00	60.00	15.00	5.00
Spring Hill . . . . .	5.00	10.00	5.00	2.00
Suffolk . . . . .	40.00	300.00	40.00	43.00
Sunbury, Damascus . . . .	10.00	15.00	10.00	5.00
Union (South.) . . . . .	20.00	15.00	20.00	5.00
Union (Surry) . . . . .	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00
Wakefield . . . . .	5.00	10.00	5.00	4.00
Waverly . . . . .	10.00	25.00	10.00	5.00
Windsor . . . . .	15.00	30.00	15.00	4.00
Francis H. Wise . . . . .			10.00	
H. G. Councill . . . . .			10.00	
E. & R. Day . . . . .			15.00	
Trfd. from Christian				
Home Missions . . . . .			300.00	
Trfd. from Conference				
Fund . . . . .				10.00
	<u>\$1,685.34</u>	<u>\$2,956.02</u>	<u>\$ 950.00</u>	<u>\$4,836.82</u>
			<u>\$</u>	<u>600.00</u>
				<u>\$2,645.57</u>

## CONFERENCE FUND.

*Receipts.*

As per foregoing table . . . . . \$1,685.34

1947

*Disbursements.*

Oct. 31	W. B. O'Neill, Salary . . . . .	\$ 50.00
Nov. 4	Dr. Fred Buschmeyer . . . . .	25.00
13	West & Withers, Treasurer's Bond . . . . .	5.00
13	Ministerial Scholarship Fund . . . . .	500.00
13	Treasurer's Expense . . . . .	10.00
13	Secretary's Expense . . . . .	12.00
13	Bank Service Charge . . . . .	.23
Dec. 15	Bank Service Charge . . . . .	.13
15	Treasurer, Va. Council of Churches . . . . .	10.00

1948

May 29	W. J. Andes, ANNUALS . . . . .	237.03
Oct. 14	Bank Service Charge . . . . .	.10

849.49

Balance per Bank Voucher . . . . . \$ 835.85

## HOME MISSIONS FUND.

*Receipts.*

As per foregoing table ..... \$2,956.02

1947

*Disbursements.*

Dec. 15 Transferred to Ministerial Education Fund—

a/c Little Creek .....\$ 300.00

1948

Jan. 12 - Oct. 31 B. H. Watkins—a/c Union (South) ..... 250.00

Oct. 15 W. L. Wood—a/c Wakefield ..... 33.33

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583.33

Balance per Bank Voucher ..... \$2,372.69

## MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

*Receipts.*

As per foregoing table ..... \$ 950.00

Balance as per Bank Voucher ..... \$ 950.00

## MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND.

*Receipts.*

As per foregoing table ..... \$4,836.82

1948

*Disbursements.*

Jan. 10 Draft No. 165—Hopewell Loan ..... 1,500.00

Balance as per Bank Voucher ..... \$3,336.82

## SPECIAL FUND.

*Receipts.*

Oct. 27 Bal. previously reported, certified Farmers Bank of Nansemond \$2,211.97

29 Conference Collections ..... 258.00

30 Conference Collections for C.W.V.R. .... 175.60

Total ..... \$2,645.57

1948

*Disbursements.*

Nov. 13 Draft No. 160—W. T. Scott (Account closed) ..... \$2,645.57

## VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

1947

*Receipts.*

As per foregoing table ..... \$ 296.00

Conference Collections ..... 19.00

Draft No. 161—Transfer ..... 10.00

1948

Receipts ..... 275.00

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\$ 600.00

1947

*Disbursements.*

Draft No. 162—Virginia Council of Churches .....\$ 250.00

Draft No. 163—Religious Work ..... 75.00

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325.00

Balance on hand ..... \$ 275.00

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND—SCHEDULE OF NOTES AND  
BILLS RECEIVABLE—1947-1948.

1. 4 Notes .....	\$ 500.00
2. 3 Notes (Balance) .....	390.00
3. 6 Notes .....	900.00
4. 1 Note .....	150.00
5. 2 Notes (Balance) .....	235.00
6. 4 Notes (Balance) .....	750.00
7. 1 Note (Balance) .....	100.00
8. 1 Note a/c Little Creek (Balance) .....	1,500.00
9. 1 Note—Mission Board, a/c Elm Avenue (Principal & Interest) ....	394.70
10. 1 Note—Hopewell Church (Balance Principal) .....	1,000.00
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	\$5,919.70
Balance per Bank—October 30, 1948 .....	3,336.82
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	\$9,256.52

RECAPITULATION.

	Oct. 27, 1947 <i>Balance</i>	1947-1948 <i>Receipts</i>	1947-1948 <i>Disbursements</i>	Oct. 30, 1948 <i>Balance</i>
Conference Fund .....	\$1,133.34	\$ 552.00	\$ 849.49	\$ 835.85
Conf. Home Missions .....	1,548.69	1,407.33	583.33	2,372.69
Ministerial Education Fund	3,746.82	1,090.00	1,500.00	3,336.82
Va. Council of Churches ..	296.00	304.00	325.00	275.00
Special A/C .....	2,211.97	433.60	2,645.57	
Ministerial Scholarship Fd.		950.00		950.00
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	\$8,936.82	\$4,736.93	\$5,903.39	\$7,770.36
Balance October 27, 1947 .....	\$ 8,936.82			
Total Receipts 1947-1948 .....	4,736.93			
Total Balance .....	\$13,673.75			
Disbursements for Year .....	5,903.39			
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	\$ 7,770.36			

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. WHITE, *Treasurer.*

The part played by *The Christian Sun* in promoting the program of the Southern Convention and its churches, institutions and boards was ably told by Superintendent Scott who further told that there must be an increased subscription list in order to prolong its usefulness.

The following motion was offered by Dr. I. W. Johnson, and seconded:

That the name of this Conference shall be "The Eastern Virginia Congregational Christian Conference" and it shall be the successor of the Eastern Virginia Conference in all its rights and privileges.

The motion was adopted.

After prayer by Rev. H. E. Crutchfield the Conference adjourned at 4:30 p. m. to meet at 7:30 in the evening.



## WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The President called the Conference to order and presented Rev. O. D. Poythress, pastor of the South Norfolk Church who, assisted by his choir, conducted the service of worship.

An ordaining presbytery, previously appointed by the President of the Conference, consisting of Drs. H. S. Hardcastle, J. G. Truitt, W. T. Scott and Rev. R. L. House, assisted by Rev. Will B. O'Neill, ordained to the Christian ministry as a Conference elder Mr. John Gallo in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Ministerial Education. The candidate was presented by Rev. Will B. O'Neill, the ritual of ordination was in charge of Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, the prayer of ordination was offered by Dr. J. G. Truitt, the charge to the candidate was given by Dr. W. T. Scott, and Rev. R. L. House presented the Bible. Dr. Frank H. Lewis gave the newly-ordained minister the right hand of fellowship.

The Conference sermon was preached by Dr. I. W. Johnson from the text, Romans 1:16. It was a thoughtful exposition of this great text.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. W. Stanley Carne assisted by a number of ministers who served as deacons. Mr. Carne closed the service with the benediction.

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## THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Conference was called to order at 9:30 a. m. by the President, Dr. F. H. Lewis. The opening hymn was led by Mr. W. H. Baker and Rev. Ellis Clark offered prayer.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous day which were approved.

As Messrs. S. T. Holland and J. P. Dalton were unable to be present and to act as members of the Finance Committee the president substituted the names of Dr. H. S. Hardcastle and Rev. R. E. Brittle.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was presented by Rev. O. D. Poythress and pending its adoption Mr. Poythress and Dr. I. W. Johnson spoke to the report. Adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

Today the eyes of the world turn toward America. If America is Christian, then there is hope. Today America is not Christian. When we realize that more than forty million souls in these United States do not know Christ as their personal Saviour, how can we call America Christian? The call to evangelize is clearer and louder today than ever before. We must evangelize or confess we do not care enough to obey the commands of our blessed Lord, who said, "Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all nations."

Evangelism is the process of "making disciples" for Christ. Only Christ can save our world from the hell which it is making itself.

We recommend:

1. That we as ministers and members of the church give ourselves anew to God in prayer and consecration.
2. That we organize in each church a personal soul saving band.
3. That pastors and leaders seek to secure new members each month.

4. That each church hold at least one revival meeting annually for the purpose of getting conversions and new members.

5. That each Sunday School have a "Decision Day" in which an effort is made to secure decisions for Christ and His Church.

6. That we set as our goal for this conference year one soul for Christ for every ten active members of our church.

Respectfully submitted,

O. D. POYTHRESS,  
W. L. WOOD,  
W. S. CARNE,  
J. E. McCAULEY,  
H. E. CRUTCHFIELD.

The report of the Christian Missionary Association was presented by the president of the Association, Rev. Robert M. Kimball, and on motion it was adopted.

#### REPORT OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

The 56th annual meeting of the Christian Missionary Association was held at the Suffolk Christian Church on Tuesday, December 9, 1947, with an afternoon and evening session. The main features of the program were as follows: Dr. John G. Truitt, President, spoke on the subject, "The Value of Lay Leadership; Superintendent William T. Scott spoke on "The Challenge of the C.M.A."; Mr. Mills E. Godwin, Jr., spoke on "The Layman and His Church;" and five-minute reports were given by the churches assisted by the C.M.A.

The following churches contributed \$2,470.00 to the C.M.A. this past year: Antioch, Bay View, Berea (Nans.), Berea (Norfolk), Bethlehem (Nans.), Christian Temple, Cypress Chapel, Damascus, Eure, Portsmouth, Franklin, Holland, Holy Neck, Isle of Wight, Liberty Spring, Little Creek, Mt. Carmel, Newport News, Oak Grove, Oakland, Richmond, Rosemont, Second, Norfolk, Shelton Memorial, Portsmouth, South Norfolk, Suffolk, Union (Southampton), Wakefield, Waverly.

Dr. I. W. Johnson's field gave \$700.00, the largest from any pastorate. Newport News Church (Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, pastor), was second with \$540.00.

The annual meeting will be held at the First Congregational Christian Church, Portsmouth (Rev. Stanley Carne, pastor) on Tuesday, December 7, 1948, with an afternoon and evening session.

One of the calls of the Christian World Mission (the Program of Advance in our Denomination) is to build new churches and undergird the work of those that are not yet self supporting. That is the work the C.M.A. has been doing through the years. We are proud of what it has accomplished in the past, but the challenge of the future is greater than ever before. Let us work toward this goal: Every church in the Eastern Virginia Conference a contributor to the C.M.A., and every church represented at its annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT M. KIMBALL, *President.*

The report of the Woman's Missionary Conference was read by Mrs. L. W. Stagg, and on motion it was adopted.

#### REPORT OF EASTERN VIRGINIA WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

The 36th annual session of the Woman's Missionary Conference of the Eastern Virginia Congregational Christian Churches met on Thursday, October 7, 1948, at 10:00 in the First Congregational Christian Church at Newport News, with an attendance of about three hundred.

The theme for the day was "Horizons Unlimited."

Very encouraging reports were made by all District Superintendents, Departments and Committees. We have forty woman's organizations, one new one, Mt. Zion, thirty-

one young people's organizations, twenty-five junior organizations and twenty-seven cradle roll organizations, which reported a total giving for the year of \$9,414.10. The Conference voted to make our financial goal for next year \$10,000.00.

We had as our speakers for the Conference, Mrs. O. H. Paris, our Woman's Convention President; Dr. Stanley U. North, Secretary of the Home Mission Board; Dr. W. T. Scott, our Convention Superintendent; and Miss Annie Campbell, who had just returned from England, having worked there a year for C.W.V.R.

Our Conference voted that our Thank Offering this year go for C.W.V.R. Our officers for 1948-49 were installed by Dr. Frank H. Lewis, President of the Eastern Virginia Conference as follows: President—Mrs. Robert Lee House; First Vice-President—Mrs. W. T. Harrell; Second Vice-President—Mrs. Ray Gordan; Secretary—Mrs. L. W. Stagg; Treasurer—Mrs. W. B. Williams; Superintendent of Literature—Mrs. Robert Kimball; Superintendent of Young People—Mrs. R. E. Brittle; Superintendent of Children's Work—Mrs. Walter Seeley; Superintendent of Cradle Roll—Mrs. L. P. Waldo; Superintendent of Spiritual Life—Mrs. Rollie Gayle; Superintendent of Life Memberships and Memorials—Mrs. Roy Brinkley; Superintendent of Family Life—Mrs. Charles E. Heath, Jr.; Waverly District Superintendent—Mrs. J. F. Brown; Suffolk District Superintendent—Mrs. A. C. Moore; Norfolk District Superintendent—Mrs. W. B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN G. TRUITT,  
*Retiring President.*

Dr. John G. Truitt introduced the following resolutions in tribute to Dr. I. W. Johnson which were adopted by standing vote. Dr. Johnson made fitting response.

#### RESOLUTIONS PASSED IN COMMENDATION OF DR. I. W. JOHNSON'S FIFTY YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE.

WHEREAS, The Rev. I. W. Johnson, D. D., continuously as active pastor for fifty years of one church and nearly as long at the other two churches making up the pastorate of Oakland-Liberty Spring-Berea, which for over half a century he has developed into an outstanding pastorate; and

WHEREAS, He has rendered an outstanding service in several official positions in our Conference and Convention, giving freely of his brilliant mind and consecrated spirit; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we congratulate and commend Dr. Johnson on his half century of continuous service in one pastorate, and commend him for his faithful, consecrated and efficient service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be placed upon our Conference minutes, and a copy be presented to Dr. and Mrs. Johnson with the prayers and best wishes of our Conference for many more years of joyous service.

The report of the Committee on Social Action was presented by the acting chairman, Rev. Herbert G. Councill, Jr., and on motion it was adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION.

In his 1947 annual report, Ray Gibbons, Director of the Council for Social Action, set forth this basic conviction, "Deep faith in the majestic purpose of God has inspired the members of the Congregational Christian Churches to undertake many deeds of social service in times past. In an earlier era our fathers sought to establish communities in which the whole citizenry would be knit together into a holy commonwealth. It is hardly to be expected that such transformation of modern society, if it were possible, would eliminate the social problem. There is no blueprint for applying Christian principles to our complex, twentieth century situation. Our best achievements of justice and order only approximate God's will, they do not fulfill it. The social imperative of the Christian Gospel is to strive continually for the redemption of society and to do less is to fail in our Christian duty."



The Section on Social Action, Vernon Holloway, New York Chairman, made the following report at the biennial meeting of the General Council held this past June at Oberlin, Ohio: "The Christian Gospel requires a change in men rather than merely a change in laws and social institutions. The fundamental strategy of our churches, for the redemption of society, is to call men to repentance and to proclaim a moral law higher than the statutes and policies of public life. Since man is conditioned by the society in which he dwells, all public practices which affect the welfare of men are of significance for the Christian conscience. The world of great historic events, where nations, races, and classes of men are in conflict, is the field of Christian moral responsibility no less than the family and the small personal group."

Setting forth this basic assumption the Committee went on to state what it considered our Christian Social Responsibility to be. "Our world has failed as yet to achieve the stability and security for which we have hoped and prayed. The problem of achieving justice and peace in modern society remains unsolved. Mindful of the Christ who died for every man, and who taught us that all men are our brothers, we call for a rededication of ourselves to vigorous application of the Christian ethic to the social problems of our day.

"Social education and citizenship, dedicated to the glory of God and to the service of mankind, are an integral part of the total Christian testimony. . . .

"We call upon our churches to strengthen the ability of our nation to serve the United Nations and the common interests of mankind. Economic recovery abroad, the lowering of barriers to world trade, the growth and protection of human rights, the achievement of collective security and international control of armaments, the lowering of immigration barriers, and other such problems, are issues for the Christian conscience. As Christians in the United States it is our special obligation to speak and to act for American policies which will serve the universal need for order, justice and freedom.

"We recognize that our churches and our society are involved in racial divisions and injustices which are contrary to God's will. We will call our churches to confess their own guilt, and to acknowledge their responsibility for renewed efforts toward the integration, in our churches and in our society, of all persons on the basis of equality and mutual respect. Employment practices and real estate covenants that discriminate against peoples because of their race, creed, or national origin, are problems which the Christian conscience cannot evade.

"We believe and declare that all institutions and resources of society must be rededicated to serve the needs of our common life. We call upon our churches to fulfill their responsibility for religious education and social action which will reinvigorate the sense and practice of democracy. Liberty, freedom, and order must regulate the economic and political organizations of our people. We appeal to Christians to assume earnestly their obligations as members of business, professional, farm, and trade union groups, and to seek to direct the policies and activities of these associations in Christian ways. In particular, we point to the unsolved problems of housing, of continuing full employment and production, of inadequate income for all workers, and medical care, as demanding the active concern of all those who share in the Christian faith.

"We call upon our churches to implement the above principles by appropriate actions, whereby these bodies acting in their own name seek to clarify the Christian conscience and to relate it to the affairs of the community and the State.

#### *Procedures.*

We recommend to our churches the following procedures of social education and action:

1. Forums or discussion groups which relate Christian principles to current public questions.
2. Special services of commitment to Christian principles of social justice and to their current application, such as World Order Sunday, Race Relations Sunday, etc.
3. Appointment of a social action committee to provide leadership in study, discussion, and action on local and national questions of moral significance.
4. Expression of conviction on public matters by individual or group communications to state officials.



"This call and suggested procedures are issued with the conviction that our responsibility in the field of Christian social teaching and citizenship is a vital part of our Christian World Mission."

Your Committee on Social Action wishes to submit this report for your consideration and adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT G. COUNCELL, JR.,  
HARRY W. LEE,  
J. EVERETTE NEESE,  
ROBERT M. KIMBALL.

Dr. W. T. Scott presented a report on Laymen's Work in the Convention. On motion Mr. Charles E. Heath and Mr. Harry W. Lee were elected chairman and secretary respectively of Laymen's Work in this Conference. The laymen present were recognized and several participated in the discussion on Laymen's Work which followed.

The report of the Committee on Religious Literature was read by Rev. Robert Lee House and on motion it was adopted. Dr. George W. Shepherd spoke to the report giving a word of personal testimony as to the worth and significance of *The Christian Sun* as a denominational organ.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

There is sufficient literature available today to provide the discriminating reader with material which is both enlightening and inspiring. Your Committee reiterates the dire necessity of wise choosing. First, on one's reading list should be the *Bible*—source-book of poetry and prose, prophecy and pageantry, promise and power. This great literary masterpiece is directly or indirectly the basis for all good reading.

Therefore, your Committee recommends the Bible as a basis for your daily reading. This may be supplemented by the regular use of devotional materials wherein one challenges the problems of each day by the help of the best from the minds of Christian leaders.

For up-to-date information concerning our church work at home and abroad, we recommend *Advance*, *Missionary Herald* and *The Christian Sun*.

To our Eastern Virginia churches, as throughout the Convention, *The Christian Sun* has become an institution. Its wide variety of materials, its coverage of local, national and ecumenical news should command the attention of the constituency of our church. News concerning the activities of our respective churches should be reported faithfully. We urge your cooperation in every way possible with the editorial staff and the Board of Publications, and that each church endeavor to increase its number of subscribers. We further urge individuals and organizations to contribute to *The Christian Sun* Endowment Fund, and that all new members received into our churches be given an introductory copy or a one year's subscription to *The Christian Sun*.

The magazines, *Pilgrim Youth*, *Children's Religion*, *Social Action* and the *International Journal of Religious Education* are unsurpassed in materials for children, young people, Sunday school teachers, officers and administrative leaders.

The minister will find that the *Seminar Quarterly* contains helpful suggestions and good reading.

We further recommend, whenever practical, the use of our own denominational Sunday school literature.

Respectfully submitted,

J. EVERETTE NEESE, *Ch'm'n*,  
R. L. HOUSE,  
MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS,  
MRS. R. M. KIMBALL,  
MRS. WM. T. HARRELL.

The report of the Sunday School Convention was read by Dr. John G. Truitt in the absence of the president, Mr. Mills E. Godwin, Jr., and on motion it was adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Sunday School Convention of the Eastern Virginia Congregational Christian Churches held its annual session on Tuesday, July 20, 1948, at Holy Neck Christian Church, near Holland, Virginia. The meeting was unusually well attended with over 300 present. Enthusiasm and spirit at the meeting was high and an interesting and inspiring program was presented around the theme of "Live Christ—Teach Christ."

The reports from the various Sunday schools within the conference were received and splendid achievements were shown. Forty-two out of the forty-three Sunday schools in our conference made reports and financial contributions to the work of the convention. It was gratifying to see several of the Sunday schools have a part in the convention that had not been previously participating. The sum of \$881.95 has been collected and under the vote of the convention the usual contribution was made to the Virginia Council of Religious Education and the sum of \$700.00 has been forwarded to Dr. W. T. Scott for the work of the Southern Convention.

The treasurer of the convention has a nice balance on hand and we feel that there will be many places where this money can be well utilized and results shown in our Sunday school work. We are much interested in having more and better leadership training classes for our Sunday school workers. With that help which can be expected from the office of the Southern Convention, it is hoped that progress can be made along this line in the coming year. We feel keenly that a strong Sunday school means a strong church and that if we continue to build our Sunday schools with this thought in mind, our churches will benefit therefrom in many ways.

Respectfully submitted,

MILLS E. GODWIN, JR., *President*.

In the absence of the president, Mr. Jack Byrd, the secretary of the Conference read the report of the Pilgrim Fellowship and on motion it was adopted.

#### REPORT OF EASTERN VIRGINIA PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP.

It seems customary for many of our reports to paint pictures as we would like our activities and achievements to be rather than what we have actually accomplished. Dare we look at our past year's work through rose colored glasses, or shall we face our laxity and inertia which caused our failure?

Let us face the issue squarely and see the picture as it is. Our record for the past year was not good. The attendance at our rallies was too poor to discuss. Interesting and inspiring programs had not been previously planned. Nothing has been accomplished toward reaching our home and foreign mission projects, and the support of our National Pilgrim Fellowship Council.

Our failure was not due to lack of talent or ability in our group of young people. Past work has shown that. Splendid work has been done by the Eastern Virginia Pilgrim Fellowship in recent years, and equally fine work can be done.

Therefore, we are calling upon every pastor, every adult leader, every member of the Executive Committee, and every young person to do their part in helping to make this year's work a success.

Our past records are a challenge! Let us renew our efforts, revive our spirit, and accomplish something really worthwhile in our work in the Eastern Virginia Pilgrim Fellowship.

The officers for the present year are: President—Jack Byrd; Vice-President—Jean Bradshaw; Secretary—Margaret Taylor; Treasurer—John Truitt; Counsellors—Dr. H. S. Hardcastle and Mrs. John G. Truitt; Publicity Committee Chairman—Clarice Bradshaw; Interdenominational Committee Chairman—Hugh White; Social Action

Committee Chairman—Harry Lee Weaver; Missionary Action Committee Chairman—Anne Johnson; Personal Action Committee Chairman—Audrey Dulin.

Respectfully submitted,

JACK BYRD, *President*.

The report of the Historian was presented by the Conference Historian, Dr. N. G. Newman, which was adopted.

### REPORT OF HISTORIAN.

The Eastern Virginia Christian Conference met in 1876 at the Suffolk Christian Church with Rev. C. A. Apple, president and Rev. J. T. Whitley, secretary. The ministers reporting were Revs. J. T. Whitley, M. B. Barrett, E. W. Beale, R. C. Luck, J. C. Ralston, C. A. Apple, J. P. Barrett, J. T. Kitchen, Robert Rawles, J. N. Manning and S. S. Barrett. Dr. W. B. Wellons was confined to his home by illness. The churches at that time were: Antioch, Barretts, Bethlehem, Berea (Nans.), Berea (Norfolk), Cypress, Damascus, Hebron, Holy Neck, Ivor, Jerusalem, Johnson's Grove, Liberty Spring, Liberty, Mt. Carmel, Oakland Providence Sharon, Spring Hill, Union (South.). This was a total of twelve ministers and twenty-one churches. There were ten active ministers serving nineteen churches, three of the ministers being retired and three of the churches without pastors. The total of money raised for all purposes was \$4,391.60, average salary of ministers was \$325.00. Rev. E. W. Beale received the highest salary, \$700.00, and Rev. J. T. Whitley the second highest, \$600.00. Antioch was by far the largest and strongest church, having 564 members and a full time pastor receiving a salary of \$600.00. This conference faced two serious and depressing conditions—the fatal illness of Dr. Wellons and the precarious situation of the Suffolk Collegiate Institute. Dr. Wellons had been the guiding spirit and wisdom of the conference for twenty-five years. It seemed there was none to take his place. The Suffolk Colligate Institute had been established a few years before for the higher education and training of our youth and especially young ministers. It had done a good work. But the financial condition now threatened its existence. Arrangements were made that started it on a new and useful career. This institution meant much to the Conference during this decade. J. P. Barrett, J. W. Barrett, R. E. Barrett, John T. Kitchen, John U. Newman, H. H. Butler, M. W. Butler, C. C. Peele, R. H. Peele and N. G. Newman were students there during this period.

In 1877 the conference met at Mt. Carmel in Isle of Wight County. There was nothing encouraging or unusual. The reports showed the work almost static. The next annual session was held at Barrett's Church in Southampton County amidst deepening gloom. The work of the Conference seemed at its lowest ebb. Two prominent ministers withdrew from the conference at this session and joined another denomination. One act of the conference, however, though of little note at the time, projected itself into the next half century with great service to the Southern Convention—the licensure of an eighteen-year-old student at the Suffolk Collegiate Institute, John Urquhart Newman.

From 1876 to 1882 there is little gain. The reports showed an increase of only \$500.00 in the value of church property and \$1,024.00 in the total money raised. The average salary of the ministers had decreased from \$325.00 in 1876 to \$213.00 in 1882. The churches may have trusted the Lord to keep their pastors humble, but they assumed the full responsibility of keeping them poor. A few ministers and churches were added in this period, but almost as many lost.

The year 1881 was marked by the death of Rev. E. W. Beale, one of the most useful and consecrated pastors. Conference met at Liberty Spring, Nansemond County, and was the stormiest session of the decade. A minister who was opposed to the president behaved after such fashion when the president was re-elected that charges were preferred against him and brought before the conference.

Two other ministers, perhaps the most prominent in the conference, were engaged in a serious controversy and were obstinate in their attitudes. The matter was brought to the conference. One party had a lawyer from another state to represent him. The other was his own counsel and "made a speech which would have done credit to any lawyer in the state but not to a preacher." But all was not bad. R. E. Barrett, M. W. Butler, R. A. Ricks and M. L. Williams were ordained at this conference and J. W.



Barrett, H. C. Moore and J. W. Patton were licensed. Rev. Z. A. Post from the Eastern New York Conference was received into membership as an elder.

The conference at Bethlehem in 1882 was uneventful, but it marked the beginning of a new era of progress which has continued to the present day. A factor in this was the coming of two ministers from the North Carolina and Virginia Conference to labor in the Eastern Virginia, W. W. Staley at Suffolk and M. L. Hurley at Holy Neck and other churches. The conference had no full college graduate in its ministry. W. W. Staley was a high honor graduate of Trinity College, N. C. (now Duke University), and had done post-graduate work at the University of Virginia. He was a hard student and thorough scholar, accurate and painstaking in all his work, and a man of untiring energy and sound judgment. His ability and worth were soon recognized and he was for the next forty years the leading minister of the conference. M. L. Hurley was W. W. Staley's opposite. He was brilliant, witty, an orator and popular and progressive. He did a fine work in the conference till his health failed ten years later.

The 1883 conference met at Union, Southampton County. The most prominent feature of this session was the strong opposition to the licensure of candidates without adequate preparation. The late John U. Newman was ordained at this conference. The conference of 1884 met at Spring Hill in Sussex County and was of even tenor. Two incidents are remembered. Dr. W. W. Staley was fined and paid \$8.00 for failing to take up a certain collection in his church (Suffolk), and one lone man giving his standing vote against the temperance report. He was a brandy distiller.

The 1885 conference was not marked by anything of great importance. When the president was elected an aged minister took up his hat, walked out, and rode home. He claimed that the president did not "stand square" on the matter of temperance. There was a vigorous controversy over the ordination of a minister on account of his limited education. The conservatives won. Dr. James Maple from Ohio visited this conference and contributed much by preaching and lecturing. He was a great impelling dramatic orator.

In 1886 the closing year of this decade, the conference met at Berea, Nansemond. The reports showed some progress. Thirty churches reported. The value of church property had increased from \$2,478.00 in 1876 to \$3,341.00, total money raised from \$4,391.00 to \$7,728.99, and the total paid pastors from \$2,840.00 to \$4,366.00. The average paid pastors, however, had been increased only \$91.00.

Rev. G. A. Beebe from the Eastern New York Conference and Rev. M. L. Hurley from the North Carolina and Virginia Conference were received into Conference. One new church was received—Burton's Grove in Sussex County. Rev. Phillip Cushman from Michigan was a visitor and preached to the conference. In this decade things were different. It lasted four days and included a Sunday. It exercised more authority. All delegates coming in late were required to give an excuse and all delegates or ministers leaving before adjournment must obtain permission. Churches were required to send their record books to the annual conference to be inspected by a committee appointed for that purpose. The home mission committee's chief function was to see that the churches were supplied with pastors. There was no foreign mission enterprise. There was a constant demand for better educated ministers, but no definite organized system for accomplishing this purpose. The practical organization of the educational and mission enterprises were left to the next decade.

A personal leadership seemed essential at this period of history. In 1876 Dr. W. B. Wellons had been the undisputed leader of the Christian denomination in Eastern Virginia. He died in 1877. Rev. J. T. Whitley was his logical successor. But two years later he left the denomination. J. Pressley Barrett, a rising young minister, became leader. He was a man of great energy and loyalty, and a gifted agitator. He was the strongest and most outstanding minister of the conference until he moved to another state. The late Dr. W. W. Staley became his successor and as I have already said, continued for the next forty years.

Respectfully submitted,

N. G. NEWMAN, *Historian*.

Dr. H. S. Hardcastle presented the report of the Committee on Finance which on motion was adopted. Rev. R. L. House in speaking to the report



told of the needs of the Virginia Council of Churches and of the Religious Work Foundation.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, the Committee on Finance have carefully examined the records of the Treasurer, and have found them to be correct in every detail. We commend Mr. G. C. White on the efficient way and the fine spirit in which he does his important work.

The records of the Treasurer show the following amounts on hand and in the bank:

Conference Fund .....	\$ 835.85
Home Missions Fund .....	2,372.69
Ministerial Scholarship Fund .....	950.00
Ministerial Educational Fund .....	3,336.82
Virginia Council of Churches & Work in State Inst'ns	275.00
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	\$7,770.36

We also report that the Treasurer has received at this session of the Conference checks and cash totaling \$176.00 from churches on Conference Apportionments.

We recommend the payment of the following bills:

West and Withers, Treasurer's Bond .....	\$ 5.00
Office Equipment Co., File and Supplies .....	80.65
Secretary's Salary .....	50.00
Dr. G. W. Shepherd, Expenses .....	25.00
Virginia Council of Churches & Work in State Inst'ns	75.00

Also any incidental bills incurred by Secretary and Treasurer.

We authorize the Treasurer to pay from Conference Fund the amount necessary to pay in full appropriations to the Virginia Council of Churches and Work in State Institutions, approximately \$20.00.

We authorize the payment of the following appropriations as recommended by the Home Missions Committee and as approved by the Conference on conditions embodied in the report:

Little Creek .....	\$ 300.00
Wakefield Pastorate .....	500.00
Union, Southampton .....	1,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. BAKER, *Chairman*,  
H. S. HARDCASTLE,  
R. E. BRITTLE.

Mr. W. H. Baker moved to reconsider the vote of yesterday regarding the name of the Conference. His motion was sustained. He then presented a motion, seconded by Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, that the motion passed yesterday be amended to read:

That the name of this Conference shall be the Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches and it shall be the successor of the Eastern Virginia Christian Conference in all its rights and privileges.

The motion was adopted.

Mrs. I. W. Johnson reported as having received a cordial invitation for the Conference to meet in its 129th Annual Session with the First Congregational Christian Church of Portsmouth. On motion the report was adopted.

Adjournment for lunch after prayer by Rev. John Gallo.

## THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference reconvened. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. L. Wood.

The Committee on Resolutions presented its report through Rev. B. H. Watkins. A rising vote of thanks was accorded the South Norfolk Church for its generous hospitality. On motion the report was adopted as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

1. RESOLVED, That we extend our sincere appreciation to the pastor and people of the South Norfolk Christian Church for the gracious manner in which they have entertained the 128th annual session of the Eastern Virginia Conference, for the delicious meals which were served, and for their hospitality in entertaining delegates in their homes.

2. RESOLVED, That we express our appreciation to the officers of the Conference for the splendid program presented. That we also express our appreciation to Dr. George W. Shepherd for his stimulating and inspiring address, and to all the speakers who have helped to make this annual session of Conference a success.

3. Knowing that reports, and good ones at that, are often forgotten almost as soon as they are read, and little emphasis is made in regard to much that is in these reports from year to year, be it resolved that the delegates to our Conference make a thorough report of the actions of the annual session to their respective churches and that we as delegates and ministers make a conscientious effort to carry out the plans and suggestions made at this Conference for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS,  
B. H. WATKINS,  
ROBERT M. KIMBALL.

Voted that the minutes be printed in the ANNUAL and that the secretary order three hundred copies of same.

Voted that Conference adjourn following prayer and benediction by Dr. N. G. Newman, and that it meet in its 129th annual session at First Congregational Christian Church, Portsmouth, Virginia, on Wednesday and Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1949.

The Conference adjourned following the benediction.

FRANK H. LEWIS, *President*.  
WILL B. O'NEILL, *Secretary*.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Executive*—Frank H. Lewis, R. E. Brittle, H. S. Hardcastle, John G. Truitt, Will B. O'Neill.

*Ministerial Education*—H. S. Hardcastle, John G. Truitt, Frank H. Lewis, Robert Lee House, Will B. O'Neill.

*Apportionment*—S. T. Holland, J. P. Dalton, Floyd Turner, H. S. Hardcastle, R. E. Brittle.

*Home Missions*—Will B. O'Neill, S. T. Holland, Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Dr. J. Parker Cross, R. E. Brittle.

*Foreign Missions*—Mrs. J. Frank Morgan, Mrs. John G. Truitt, D. D. Nash, John Gallo, Luther B. Grice.

*Evangelism*—J. Frank Morgan, O. D. Poythress, W. L. Wood, W. S. Carne, J. E. McCauley.

*Religious Literature*—John L. Gwin, R. L. House, Mrs. W. B. Williams, Mrs. W. T. Harrell, Baxter Twiddy.

*Stewardship*—J. Everette Neese, B. H. Watkins, Ellis Clark, M. E. Taylor, Dr. Darden W. Jones.

*Social Action*—H. G. Councill, Jr., Harry W. Lee, Peter Young, John L. Gwin, Luther B. Grice.

*Superannuation*—John T. Kernodle, B. H. Watkins, Ellis Clarke, W. H. Baker, Letcher Eley.

*Program*—Frank H. Lewis, R. E. Brittle, H. S. Hardcastle, John G. Truitt, Will B. O'Neill, W. S. Carne.

*Place of Meeting*—Mrs. W. B. Williams.

*Memoirs*—J. Frank Morgan.

## MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

- Brittle, R. E.*—Churches served, Bethlehem (Nans.), Cypress Chapel; sermons preached, 131; members received, 66; prayer meetings held, 0; weddings performed, 133; conversions, 54; baptisms, 33; addresses, 6; funerals, 62.
- Carne, W. Stanley*—Church served, First Christian, Portsmouth; sermons preached, 150; members received, 43; prayer meetings held, 52; weddings performed, 12; conversions, 13; baptisms, 16; addresses, 52; funerals, 5.
- Carson, Murray A.*—Churches supplied, Suffolk First, Shelton Memorial, Bay View, Berkley, Richmond First, Harrisonburg Valley Circuit.
- Clark, Ellis N.*—Church served, Berea (Norfolk); sermons preached, 75; members received, 24; prayer meetings held, 3; weddings performed, 6; conversions, 13; baptisms, 13; addresses, 2; funerals, 5.
- Councill, Herbert George, Jr.*—Church served, Rosemont; sermons preached, 81; members received, 22; prayer meetings held, 28; weddings performed, 4; conversions, 8; baptisms, 8; addresses, 5; funerals, 2.
- Crutchfield, Henry E.*—Churches served, Holy Neck, Apples Chapel, Bethlehem (N. C. & Va.); sermons preached, 82; members received, 8; prayer meetings held, 0; weddings performed, 2; conversions, 12; baptisms, 5; addresses, 6; funerals, 6.
- Gallo, John*—Church served, Bethlehem (Disputanta); sermons preached, 56; members received, 6; prayer meetings held, 0; weddings performed, 0; conversions, 6; baptisms 3; addresses, 25; funerals, 3.
- Gwin, John L.*—Church served, First Church, Norfolk; sermons preached, 46; members received, 18; prayer meetings held, 0; weddings performed, 3; conversions, 11; baptisms, 11; addresses, 5; funerals, 5.
- Hardcastle, H. S.*—Church served, First Church, Newport News; sermons preached, 90; members received, 44; prayer meetings held, 0; weddings performed, 21; conversions, 15; baptisms, 15; addresses, not known; funerals, 10.
- Harrell, V. B., Jr.*—Churches served, Barrett's, Burton's Grove, Wakefield; sermons preached, 48; members received, 2; prayer meetings held, 0; weddings performed, 0; baptisms, 2; addresses, 15; funerals, 0.
- House, Robert Lee*—Church served, First, Richmond; sermons preached, 120; members received, 14; prayer meetings held, 0; weddings performed, 10; conversions, 5; baptisms, 5; addresses, 10; funerals, 5.
- Johnson, I. W.*—Churches served, Berea (Nansemond), Liberty Spring, Oakland; sermons preached, 72; members received, 106 conversions, 65; baptisms, 65; addresses, 3; funerals, 16.
- Jones, Elwood W.*—Churches served, supply minister Methodist churches; sermons preached, 25; weddings performed, 1; addresses, 45.
- Kimball, Robert M.*—Churches served, Franklin, Johnson's Grove; sermons preached, 87; members received, 14; prayer meetings held, 0; weddings performed, 4; conversions, 4; baptisms, 6; addresses, 5; funerals, 5.
- Lewis, Frank H.*—Church served, Shelton Memorial; sermons preached, 150; members received, 15; prayer meetings held, not known; weddings performed, not known; conversions, not known; baptisms, 12; funerals, not known.
- Joseph E. McCauley*—Churches served, Waverly, Spring Hill, Centerville; sermons preached, 117; members received, 17; prayer meetings held, 5; weddings performed, 6; conversions, 8; baptisms, 14; addresses, 2; funerals, 17.
- Morgan, J. F.*—Churches served, Second (Norfolk), Windsor, Mt. Carmel, Antioch, Isle of Wight; sermons preached, 96; members received, 24; prayer meetings held, 30; weddings performed, 17; conversions, 16; baptisms, 10; addresses, 15; funerals, 12.



*Nash, Durant D., Sr.*—Church served, Hopewell; sermons preached, 159; members received, 7; prayer meetings held, 46; weddings performed, 11; conversions, 4; baptisms, 4; addresses, 3; funerals, 8.

*Neese, J. Everette*—Church served, Bay View; sermons preached, 89; members received, 30; weddings performed, 6; conversions, 12; baptisms, 12; addresses, 9; funerals, 5.

*Newman, N. G.*—Retired; sermons preached, 6; weddings performed, 1; funerals, 1.

*Olejar, George*—Retired.

*O'Neill, Will B.*—Church served, Holland; sermons preached, 61; members received, 16; prayer meetings held, 40; weddings performed, 2; baptisms, 8; addresses, 8; funerals, 3.

*Pearce, G. A.*—Church served, none; sermons preached, 3; supply minister.

*Poythress, O. D.*—Church served, South Norfolk; sermons preached, 106; members received, 52; prayer meetings held, 40; weddings performed, 61; conversions, 42; baptisms, 42; addresses, 26; funerals, 72.

*Scott, William T.*—Superintendent of The Southern Convention; sermons preached, 31; addresses, 40.

*Smith, L. E.*—President of Elon College; sermons preached, 16; weddings performed, 5; addresses, 22; funerals, 6.

*Taylor, Morris E.*—Church served, Little Creek; sermons preached, 74; members received, 3; prayer meetings held, 52; weddings performed, 0; conversions, 1; baptisms, 4; funerals, 1.

*Truitt, John G.*—Church served, Suffolk; sermons preached, 99; members received, 81; prayer meetings held, 35; weddings performed, 22; conversions, 40; baptisms, 40; addresses, 68; funerals, 38.

*Twiddy, C. Baxter*—Church served, Mebane; sermons preached, 9; addresses, 7.

*Watkins, B. H.*—Church served, Union Christian, S. H.; sermons preached, 106; members received, 15; prayer meetings held, 0; weddings performed, 3; conversions, 15; baptisms, 15; addresses, 8; funerals, 4.

*Wood, William L.*—Churches served, Sunbury, Eure, Oak Grove, Wakefield, Burton's Grove, Barrett's; sermons preached, 84; members received, 8; prayer meetings held, 2; weddings performed, 2; conversions, 2; baptisms, 0; addresses, 2; funerals, 4.

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## THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The seventy-eighth annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met at Pleasant Union Christian Church on Thursday morning, November 11, 1948. The session began at 10:00 a. m., with President George T. Gunter presiding. Rev. M. A. Pollard was the song leader and Mrs. Quinton Hicks the pianist.

The opening prayer was led by Rev. B. H. Lowdermilk, host pastor.

Rev. B. J. Earp presented the printed program, which was adopted as the order of the day with such changes as should prove necessary.

The following Special Committees were appointed by the president:

*Nominations*—Rev. M. A. Pollard, Rev. B. H. Lowdermilk, Mrs. E. P. Boroughs.

*Resolutions*—Rev. F. C. Lester, Rev. E. C. Brady, Rev. W. W. Hall.

*Finance*—Rev. P. W. Fisher, W. H. Freeman, Jack Shoffner.

*Press*—Mrs. F. C. Lester, Rev. W. T. Scott, Roland Farrell.

*Place*—S. H. Pell, Ivey Luck, Clarence Snider.

Mr. Gunter presented as "A Program of Advance for Our Conference" the idea of listening to the still, small voice of God and following its leading, the providing of parsonages for our ministers, the formation of pastorates so the minister can live with his churches, enlarging the enrollment of our Sunday schools and the membership of our churches, and increasing our giving to enterprises of the Church.

The vice-president, Rev. B. J. Earp, introduced the following visitors: Dr. W. T. Scott, superintendent of the Southern Convention; Dr. L. E. Smith, president of Elon College; Mr. C. D. Johnston, superintendent of the Christian Orphanage; Dr. John G. Truitt, president of the Southern Convention; and Revs. G. C. Crutchfield, H. E. Crutchfield, Clyde Fields and J. L. Neese of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference. It was voted that they should be welcomed to the Conference and seated as deliberative members.

Dr. L. E. Smith spoke concerning the history and present situation of Elon College, asking that it be given a proportionate share of Southern Convention funds.

Mimeographed reports of the committees of the Conference were distributed and registration cards collected. Registration showed five officers, 72 delegates, 104 visitors and the following ministers present: E. Carl Brady, H. V. Cox, Ben Joe Earp, Park W. Fisher, J. U. Fogleman, W. Walter Hall, F. C. Lester, B. H. Lowdermilk, A. L. Lucas, W. T. Madren,

M. A. Pollard, L. M. Presnell and John Q. Pugh. The three members of the Biblical Class—C. Fred Allred, Martin Fogleman and Roy Harper—were also present.

Delegates from the churches were enrolled as follows:

*Albemarle*—Roy Harper, G. A. Russell, Jack McSwaim, Mrs. J. F. Hill.  
*Antioch (C)*—  
*Antioch (R)*—  
*Asheboro*—Mrs. J. M. Farlow, Mrs. E. P. Boroughs.  
*Bailey's Grove*—Mrs. D. F. Allred, D. F. Allred.  
*Bennett*—Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Routh.  
*Big Oak*—Edgar Brewer, E. K. Freeman.  
*Biscoe*—  
*Brown's Chapel*—C. G. Sanders, R. E. Brewer.  
*Ether*—Mrs. C. V. Kerns, C. V. Kerns, W. H. Freeman.  
*Flint Hill (M)*—Quentin Britt.  
*Flint Hill (R)*—W. R. Lanier.  
*Grace's Chapel*—Mrs. Paul Foushee, Mrs. John Bullard, R. B. Coggin.  
*Hank's Chapel*—Tommie C. Farrell, Harold Boone, Roland Farrell.  
*High Point*—Mrs. B. P. Moffitt, Roy Johnson.  
*Liberty*—Mrs. Winfred Butler, Jack Shoffner.  
*Mt. Pleasant*—  
*Needham's Grove*—Melba Ruth Owen, Ruth Comer.  
*New Center*—A. L. Davis, David Chriscoe, J. Z. Garner, L. B. Craven.  
*Parks Cross Roads*—  
*Patterson's Grove*—  
*Pleasant Cross*—Mrs. D. G. Craven, Mrs. John Q. Pugh, Sr.  
*Pleasant Grove*—Mrs. J. R. Brown, J. R. Brown, L. H. Brady.  
*Pleasant Hill*—T. R. Pickard, M. G. Murchison, Mrs. B. D. Hargis, Mrs. O. T. Wicker.  
*Pleasant Ridge*—Mrs. Quinton Hicks, Mrs. L. H. Williams.  
*Pleasant Union*—Lewis Trotter, Grace McDowell (alt.), I. L. McDowell, Hayes McDowell.  
*Providence Chapel*—Mrs. J. R. Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Jason Moore, John Brewer.  
*Ramseur*—E. A. Cox, C. W. Craven.  
*Randleman*—Mrs. W. G. Lamb, Mrs. O. L. Stout, L. V. Dorsett, Mrs. J. E. Brown (alt.).  
*Seagrove*—Mrs. Ivey Luck, Mrs. Boyd King.  
*Shady Grove*—Mrs. E. B. Cochran, Mrs. Charlie Singleton.  
*Shiloh*—  
*Smithwood*—Ruby Amick, Mrs. W. D. Curtis, Mrs. J. H. Crutchfield.  
*Sophia*—Mrs. Troy Hall, Mrs. O. J. Webster.  
*Spoon's Chapel*—  
*Union Grove*—Mrs. J. H. Ferree, J. H. Ferree, Ava Lee Brown.  
*Zion*—

Dr. John G. Truitt, president of the Southern Convention, introduced by Rev. B. J. Earp, gave an inspirational address in which he stressed the fact

that many will never know that "Christ is all in all" unless we make it known to them. He challenged the Western North Carolina Conference members to be able to say, "I can depend on Jesus Lord, and he can depend on me."

Mr. C. D. Johnston, superintendent of the Christian Orphanage, gave a picture of present conditions at that institution, including the fact that 80 children are being cared for, and that the farm acreage totals 275 acres. He made a plea for a generous Thanksgiving offering.

Rev. Carl R. Key, director of the North Carolina Council of Churches, was introduced by Rev. E. Carl Brady, his former pastor at Brown's Chapel. Mr. Key told of the work of the Council which unites fifteen denominations in cooperative Christian action in our state, emphasizing the program of CROP, which is sponsoring a Friendship Train of food for Overseas Relief.

In the absence of Rev. F. C. Lester, who was meeting Conference speakers at the train in High Point, N. C., Mrs. F. C. Lester conducted the morning worship. Following the benediction by Rev. Clyde Fields, the morning session adjourned.

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#### THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Following a hymn, Rev. L. M. Presnell, president of the Western North Carolina Ministerial Association, led in prayer.

The president appointed Rev. P. W. Fisher and Tommie Farrell to serve on the Home Missions Committee.

The report of the Foreign Missions Committee was given by Rev. M. A. Pollard as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

There never was a time when the need for foreign missions was as great as today. There comes a call not only for money, but clothing, wearing apparel of all sorts that can be used to keep some aged person or some helpless child warm. Destruction by war has made it necessary for many people who otherwise would never ask for aid, to do so.

The churches of America cannot simply look on, and say let them rebuild, and then we will help. They cannot rebuild unless American churches help them to do it. We feel that it is our Christian duty to do our best for them, not simply through pity, but for Christ's sake. We are all brothers and sisters in Him.

The experience of the Christian movement around the world confirms our faith that the Spirit of Jesus Christ is the one great factor so much needed to redeem and preserve all mankind. Jesus' spirit in reality is the hope of the world. We, therefore, should be willing to give of our time, prayers and means to every needy field to promote this Spirit. Because of the cries coming from every direction, we should be in a position to think in terms of a world-wide program of Missions. Through our own cooperation, wise planning and sacrificial giving we can have a vigorous and progressive program of foreign missions that will be effective throughout the whole world.

Hate and destruction have had their time in the world, and have not done one thing to help the people. Now it is time for Christian people everywhere to rise up with the spirit of goodwill and brotherly kindness and show the world what a difference there is between the principles of Christ's Kingdom and those that are not. In



our missionary program we should take into consideration the need of the body as well as the soul.

Therefore, we recommend:

1. That all missionary agencies in our Conference not only continue their efforts but that they increase their efforts and contributions to foreign missions.
2. That the laymen of our churches and Conference assume the responsibility of raising at least five dollars per member for missions during the year 1949.
3. That any organized group, which can do so, support native pastors and workers in foreign fields.
4. That every church try to see the foreign mission need from a world standpoint.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. POLLARD,  
H. V. COX,  
VANCE DORSETT.

It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted.

The report of the Woman's Mission Conference was presented by Mrs. E. P. Boroughs as follows:

#### REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

The wise writer of Proverbs long ago said, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." With that thought in mind, our North Carolina Woman's Conference has for its theme this year (along with all the women of our denomination), "Horizons Unlimited." We are going to try to broaden our vision to include all the world, to reach as high as God, and to serve in our local communities.

During the past year we studied and thought about "Open Doors"—doors which we could open for God and with God. There are still many of those doors to be opened in various areas of the world—and in our own Conference.

One way in which we can open doors for others is by giving money to send missionaries to them. Last year sixty-three women's societies gave \$7,814.82 for missionary work. Additional gifts from young people and children and cradle roll groups brought the total up to \$8,722.32.

Another way in which doors can be opened for the women in our churches is by having an organized women's group in each local church. Of the thirty-eight churches listed in the Western North Carolina Conference, eleven have women's missionary societies which report through the North Carolina Woman's Mission Conference. Thus we see that much needs to be done toward opening more doors within our own Conference. Two of our newest societies in the state are in this Conference, Liberty and Pleasant Grove.

We open doors for ourselves through study. During the past year we have used the Sermon on the Mount for our Bible study, and World Evangelism as our mission study theme. During the coming year we will extend our horizons through a study of *The Gospel Unlimited*, our Bible study book on Galatians, prepared by Dr. Ferris Reynolds of Elon College, and through our mission study about China and the possessions of the United States.

Our Thank Offering each year provides us with a special project for which we can make an extra gift. Last year our Thank Offering went to help pay for the Superintendent's parsonage, a home mission project. This year we are to give our Thank Offering to help the homeless and suffering people of the world, through the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction. The giving of such a special offering might be the way in which a new society could begin work in a local church.

We urge the women of our churches to take advantage of every opportunity for broadening their horizons. Since Mrs. F. C. Lester, our state president, lives in the Western North Carolina Conference, we can feel free to call on her to meet with our local women's groups at any time. Mrs. S. E. Kennedy of Sanford, superintendent of the Sanford District (Chatham-Lee-Moore Counties), and I, as superintendent of the Asheboro District (formerly Randolph), are especially eager to meet with groups hoping to organize new societies. Call on us whenever we can be of help.

The past year's work, which culminated in the State Conference at Asheboro on October 5, when 270 women and ministers met for a day of inspiration and business, has opened many doors of usefulness and service. We hope that through prayer, study service, and giving the horizons of the women of the Western North Carolina Conference may be broadened during this year which lies ahead.

Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. E. P. BOROUGHS, *Supt., Asheboro District.*

It was moved and seconded that this report be received and made a part of our records.

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, educational secretary of the Missions Council in New York City, presented the background for "Our Christian World Mission," stating that our denomination is trying to raise \$6,000,000 for home and foreign missions, reconstruction and relief in the next few years.

Miss Coghill introduced the three members of a mission team which is sharing in the assemblies of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, being held in the principal cities of the United States. They were: Dr. Alan B. Taylor, medical missionary, superintendent of the McCord Hospital, Durban, South Africa; Rev. Harold Case, missionary to the American Indians at Elbowoods, North Dakota; Dr. Hiroshi Hatanaka, president of Kobe College, Japan.

Rev. Harold W. Case told of his work at our Indian Mission where he works with the remnants of three tribes. He told of the immediate problem of adequate compensation to the Indians for their land which is being taken by the government. He stressed that the only security the Indians have in their thinking is the Church; it is the only thing they can depend on.

Dr. Hiroshi Hatanaka gave as the cause of the war between Japan and the United States the fact that there were not enough Christians in Japan, being only 300,000 Protestants and Catholics among 80,000,000 people. Since the war the demand for Bibles has been very great, Christian churches are crowded, Bible study classes have been organized in government offices, colleges, factories. He emphasized the importance of prayer as the golden cord which binds Christians together in spite of national differences.

It was voted to adopt the report on Foreign Missions.

It was voted to receive the Woman's Mission Conference report and make it a part of our records.

The Home Mission report was given as follows by Rev. J. Q. Pugh:

#### REPORT OF HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE.

In studying the home mission work we find that there are a number of ministers that are having to drive a long distance to their churches for the meager salary they receive. Therefore, they are only able to contact their members at the appointed service.

Your committee believes it will be a great help to these churches, also their pastors, for them to be able to live on the field in which they work. This can be made possible through the cooperation of the churches within these fields of work. For instance, one pastorate might be Brown's Chapel, Big Oak, Flint Hill (M) and Providence Chapel. If it could be made possible for a pastor to live in such a field of work, he could render a much greater service to the people and the Church.

Your Committee believes it can be made possible through cooperation of churches and Conference. We, therefore, recommend that this Conference, with the cooperation of the churches, take steps to find parishes for such ministers. If these steps are taken, our ministers and the lay leadership of our Church will have to interest themselves in the C.M.A. and secure C.M.A. memberships.

We also commend the people of the Asheboro Church for the progress they have made with their church. We also commend the Women's Missionary Societies and the C.M.A. for the good work they are doing. Pleasant Hill is also to be commended for building a parsonage, making it possible for a pastor to live on the field; also High Point for its splendid work in securing a parsonage, and Pleasant Ridge for its progress towards a parsonage.

We have had requests from the following churches for aid on pastor's salary: Shady Grove, Flint Hill (M), and Bennett. We recommend that the same be granted as last year, when the church has raised \$50 or more, the Conference to grant \$50.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN Q. PUGH,  
TOMMIE FARRELL,  
PARK W. FISHER.

Following discussion by Mr. Pugh, W. H. Freeman and Rev. W. T. Scott, the report was adopted.

APPORTIONMENT TABLE—WESTERN N. C. CONFERENCE.

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Home Missions*	Convention Foreign Missions†	Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Ministerial Scholar- ship Fund	Per Capita Dues	Conference Fund	Totals
Albemarle.....	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 50	\$ 5	\$ 10	\$ 20	\$ 475
Antioch (C).....	25	25	20	25	10	10	20	5	10	10	160
Antioch (R).....	25	25	10	10	10	5	5	5	5	5	105
Asheboro.....	100	125	50	50	20	20	20	5	10	20	420
Bailey's Grove.....	25	25	20	25	10	10	20	5	10	20	170
Bennett.....	25	25	20	25	10	10	20	5	10	10	160
Big Oak.....	25	25	20	20	10	10	20	5	10	15	160
Biscoe.....	40	40	30	30	10	10	15	5	10	10	200
Brown's Chapel.....	40	40	20	20	10	10	30	5	10	15	200
Ether.....	60	60	40	40	10	10	40	5	10	25	300
Flint Hill (M).....	25	25	20	20	10	10	15	5	10	10	150
Flint Hill (R).....	25	25	20	20	10	10	15	5	10	10	150
Grace's Chapel.....	60	60	50	50	20	20	30	5	10	35	340
Hank's Chapel.....	100	100	60	60	20	20	30	5	10	25	430
High Point.....	40	40	30	30	10	10	20	5	10	20	215
Liberty.....	50	50	30	35	10	10	20	5	10	20	240
Mt. Pleasant.....	30	30	25	25	10	10	20	5	10	15	180
Needham's Grove.....	30	30	20	20	10	10	20	5	10	20	175
New Center.....	30	30	20	25	10	10	20	5	10	20	180
Parks Cross Roads.....	30	30	20	20	10	10	20	5	10	20	175
Patterson's Grove.....	25	25	20	20	5	5	10	5	5	10	130
Pleasant Cross.....	25	25	20	20	10	10	15	5	10	10	150
Pleasant Grove.....	40	40	35	35	20	20	20	5	10	25	250
Pleasant Hill.....	120	120	75	75	35	40	60	5	20	50	600
Pleasant Ridge.....	110	110	65	65	20	20	50	5	20	65	530
Pleasant Union.....	25	25	20	20	10	10	15	5	10	20	160
Providence Chapel.....	25	25	10	10	5	5	5	5	5	5	100
Ramseur.....	100	100	60	60	20	20	30	5	15	30	440
Randleman.....	50	50	35	35	10	10	20	5	10	25	250
Seagrove.....	40	40	40	40	20	20	30	5	5	25	265
Shady Grove.....	25	25	20	15	5	5	15	5	5	5	125
Shiloh.....	40	40	35	30	10	10	20	5	10	20	220
Smithwood.....	50	50	45	40	10	10	30	5	10	25	275
Sophia.....	25	25	20	20	20	10	20	5	10	25	180
Spoon's Chapel.....	25	25	20	20	10	10	10	5	10	15	150
Union Grove.....	25	25	20	20	10	10	20	5	10	25	170
Zion.....	25	25	20	20	10	10	20	5	10	15	160
Totals.....	\$1,660	\$1,685	\$1,160	\$1,170	\$ 470	\$ 460	\$ 840	\$ 185	\$ 370	\$ 740	\$ 8,740

\*Includes Church Extension.

†Includes Shaowu Special.



The report of the Committee on Stewardship and Apportionments was presented by Rev. B. J. Earp as follows:

#### REPORT ON STEWARDSHIP AND APPORTIONMENTS.

God's plan for financing his kingdom is with tithes and offerings. No church which will honestly follow God's plan and bring all the tithes and offerings into the storehouse, or Church of Christ, need ever go begging. And if their members will be honest with God and bring to Him his share, there will be no necessity for soups, suppers, fairs, frivolities, tea-pots, coffee-kettles, and ice cream socials, for the purpose of mixing up with the world and securing the money the world did not aim for the Church to get.

God says his people are a peculiar people. He says they should come out from the world. Surely that means worldly methods. An honest Christian Steward is an example in his church and before the world. His Christian influence cannot be hidden. He lives after he dies. He is counted faithful like Abraham of old who paid tithes after the order of Melchizadek, who was priest of the most high God. Jesus said ye ought to do this. Our Southern Convention says you ought to raise the apportionment suggested. We recommend you do it.

Respectfully submitted,

B. J. EARP,  
A. L. LUCAS,  
CYRUS SHOFFNER.

Following discussion by Mr. Earp and Rev. W. T. Scott, the report was adopted.

The president expressed his appreciation for the fine spirit of cooperation found in the monthly ministers' meetings.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Miss Coghill and the three members of her team for their contributions to our Conference.

Rev. F. C. Lester conducted the devotional service on the theme, "We Hear God's Call," after which the afternoon session of Conference adjourned.

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#### THURSDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The young people of the Albemarle Congregational Church led by Crawford Earnhardt conducted the worship service for the evening session. Those sharing in the service were: Bill Simmons, Odell Russell, Mrs. Ramelle Simmons, Cicero Crump, Louise McCleod, Dolan Talbert, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Whitley, Mrs. Gazelle Mann, and Lougene McCleod.

Jack Shoffner presented the report on Sunday Schools and Pilgrim Fellowship as follows:

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP.

The Sunday School is a recruiting and educational organization within the church. With this in mind, the Sunday School Convention met at Asheboro, July 22, in order to find ways and means whereby we might more nearly fulfill our purpose. There was a fair representation of the Sunday Schools.

The program was planned in conjunction with the other Sunday School Conventions of the Southern Convention. A very helpful program was given. New officers include S. H. Pell, president; Rev. M. A. Pollard, vice-president; Betty Robbins, secretary-treasurer.



According to the reports, our Sunday Schools show an increase in attendance. More Sunday Schools are contributing to the support of the Convention.

The following recommendations arise from the needs expressed at the Convention:

1. We recommend that the Sunday Schools seek some way of encouraging pupils to study the Bible, Sunday school lessons, and church literature.
2. The need of better Sunday school organizations was evident. We suggest that the Sunday school officers and teachers together with their pastor form a Workers' Council that should meet at least once a quarter to discuss needs of their Sunday School and ways of meeting those needs.
3. We suggest that our Sunday Schools in cooperation with the Allied Church League study the alcoholic problem that we might wisely do our part in ridding ourselves of its evil.
4. It would be well if our Sunday Schools that do not use our denominational literature would order samples of it and compare it with the literature that they are now using.

#### *The Pilgrim Fellowship.*

The Pilgrim Fellowship has been meeting separately from the Sunday School Convention. It was evident that for greater interest our Pilgrim Fellowship should meet several times a year, and that at least one day be given to the Sunday School Convention.

The young people's work under the leadership of its president, Jack Shoffner, has had a very successful year. Three rallies have been held that were fairly well attended. At the Greensboro meeting new officers were elected: President—Cicero Crump, Albemarle; Vice-President—Charlesanna Robbins; Secretary—Louise McCloud; Treasurer—Harold Boone.

We should encourage the young people to continue their rallies and to put forth a great effort to organize youth groups within the local churches.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. MADREN,  
E. CARL BRADY,  
FRANCES BILES.

Mr. Shoffner emphasized the increased interest in the Pilgrim Fellowship as evidenced by attendance at the rallies, stating that 11 churches were represented by 135 young people at the Greensboro Rally held on October 31. It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted.

S. H. Pell presented the report on Laymen's Work as follows:

#### REPORT OF LAYMEN'S WORK.

The laymen of the Western North Carolina Conference have taken three great steps since beginning work in 1947. The first step was a rally and banquet meeting held at Asheboro, with Walter A. Graham, executive director of the National Laymen's Fellowship, as the speaker.

The second step came September 18, 1948, when we met at Asheboro and organized, electing the following officers: Chairman, S. H. Pell, Route 1, Ramseur; Vice-Chairman—A. G. Plyler, Albemarle; Secretary—Hubert Beane, Asheboro; Treasurer—Jack Shoffner, Liberty.

The third step came on October 17, "Laymen's Sunday," when Albemarle, Asheboro, High Point, Pleasant Ridge, Sophia and Spoon's Chapel observed the day by having laymen in charge of the services. There are probably more churches that observed "Laymen's Sunday," but the above were the ones which had reported at the time this report was written.

As a whole in the Southern Convention twenty-five churches participated in "Laymen's Sunday," which is a good beginning.

The laymen of Western North Carolina are now building the foundation of a great organization that can and will do a work that needs to be done in our Church of

today. To do the job we must apply ourselves to the task. The officers must be the mortar or cement which unites us into a society of Christians. The rest of the laymen must represent material; now placing the cement and material in the hands of the Great Architect of the Universe, we will find every layman in his place in his own church doing the job that needs to be done.

I think you will agree with me that the laymen are more awake to the needs and dangers of the world than we are to the needs of our own church. So let's wake up, let's open our eyes to the task that is ours. Now is the time for all laymen to come to the aid of their churches.

Therefore, the purpose of the Laymen's Fellowship is to unite the men of the Convention, Conferences, Districts and local churches in personal devotion to Jesus Christ in putting the spirit of Christ into business and social relationships, in winning others to Christ and the Church, and in laboring for the success of the whole program of the Church at home and abroad.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. PELL, *Chairman.*

It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted.

Rev. Dallas McDowell of the Pilgrim Holiness Church and Rev. Charlie McDowell of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, both from the Pleasant Union community, were welcomed and seated as deliberative members.

Dr. Alan Taylor gave an excellent address in which he stressed the importance of laymen's work in this country, and gave a picture of the importance of Christian medical work in South Africa. He closed with these words: "When a man talks to a man about God he ought to give him the Bible; when a man talks to God about men he ought to give him his pocketbook."

The report on Sunday Schools and Pilgrim Fellowship was adopted.

The report on Laymen's Work was adopted.

It was voted that the Western North Carolina Conference ratify the action of the Southern Convention as found in Chapter III of the Government (*Manual*, page 25) as follows:

Local churches or trustees of local churches hold property in trust for the use of members of the local Congregational Christian Church, the Conference and the denomination, and said property cannot be disposed of without the consent of the Conference to which the local church belongs.

Rev. B. J. Earp conducted Holy Communion, being assisted by Rev. B. H. Lowdermilk, Rev. W. W. Hall, Roy Johnson and George T. Gunter. Mrs. B. P. Moffitt served as pianist. An offering was received for our aged ministers, amounting to \$28.16. Following the very impressive service, the session adjourned.

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### FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The session was called to order at 10:00 a. m. by the president. Following hymns, Rev. A. L. Lucas led in prayer.

It was voted that badges be secured for the Conference next year, so that each person would be identified with his name and name of his church.

The minutes of the previous day's sessions were read, corrected, and approved. It was voted that Dr. W. W. Sloan of Elon College be welcomed and seated as a deliberative member of Conference.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial and Church Relations was presented by Rev. W. W. Hall as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL AND CHURCH RELATIONS.

"Ministerial and Church Relations" is a subject about which no hard and fast rules may be laid down, for different elements and circumstances are present in any case or problem. The relationship between the pastor and church in any case should be one of freedom and understanding on the part of each. When there is a "charged" or "strained" atmosphere between the pastor and the church, between various members of the church, or between groups making up the church, then there can be little fellowship and no real progress in that church.

The church in any community makes up a large spiritual family in that community, and problems and differences should be worked out with the same spirit of patience, understanding, and love that is to be expected in the normal family. As a normal family is expected to prosper only as they work together—each member doing his share well—just so will the church grow and prosper only as there is cooperation and interest on the part of each member and the pastor. Most all of us have seen the illustration of the two donkeys that were tied together and each pulling against the other trying to reach his respective pile of hay until they finally got their heads together, talked the situation over, and then went together to each pile of hay and enjoyed them peacefully. The main difference between the donkeys and the members of some of our churches is that the donkeys finally got their heads together.

It is to be hoped that there will be more and more cooperation of efforts and co-ordination of interests among the churches, their individual pastors, and the Conference. We must realize that individual churches, though separated from others sometimes by many miles, are not in a strict sense separate units, but are vital parts of an organization called the Conference—which in turn joins other Conferences to form the Convention, etc.

We make the following recommendations for your consideration and future reference:

1. That local churches cooperate fully so far as is possible in all efforts, enterprises, and programs of the Conference and Southern Convention.
2. That when a change in pastoral personnel becomes necessary, the local church work with the Superintendent in securing someone to fill the pulpit, either temporarily or permanently.
3. That no pastor make any change in his pastoral relationships without notifying the Superintendent.
4. That a committee be appointed by the Conference to prepare a grouping of our churches into pastorates to be presented to the churches for their consideration.
5. That the theme of this Conference, "Our Christian World Mission," become the vision and working pattern of each local church of this Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

W. WALTER HALL,  
H. VANCE COX,  
MRS. TROY HALL.

Following discussion by Mr. Hall and Revs. E. C. Brady, F. C. Lester and B. J. Earp, the report was adopted.

It was voted that the President of the Conference and Superintendent of the Convention be ex officio members of the Committee on Pastorates.

The report on Evangelism was presented by Rev. F. C. Lester as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

Jesus invited fishermen to help him "take men alive." The call to the disciples was to a life of service in winning the lost. They were to be evangelists. In his final talk with the disciples, Jesus commissioned them to "make disciples" of all nations.



That commission is still binding on the Church. The redeemed are to be witnesses for the Redeemer, and thus help to save the sinner.

Sometimes we forget our mission, or so it would seem from the record of churches that win no converts in a year. We become accustomed to being among those who reject God's grace; and the multitude in all nations who are not Christian seem so numerous, so far away, and so fixed in their habits that we feel defeated before we begin to work, and we do not begin. This mental attitude is a sin on our part for which we should seek forgiveness as we work diligently and pray sincerely in an effort to win people to the Christian way of life.

The highest purpose of all preaching, teaching and praying is to make Christians. We begin with ourselves, but we must not stop there, lest our religion become selfish and we lose our own souls.

God alone can save sinners. But he uses human beings to make known his message and to be witnesses of his grace.

Your Committee suggests that a gain of thirty, as reported last year, is not an indication of a healthy condition in our Conference. We believe that the increase should be more than one per church. We note with interest that some churches are reporting a considerable increase this year, and it is our hope that all the churches will seek to increase their membership during the coming year. One new member per month for every 100 members on the roll, as recommended by the Southern Convention, is not an impossible goal.

We recommend:

1. That each church place special emphasis on developing the spiritual life of its members and increasing their membership during this year.

2. That pastors call together their deacons, Sunday school teachers, and other leaders for a discussion of this important matter, and that plans be made at once for a year of intensive work.

3. That the Conference sponsor a meeting in which we are given expert leadership in the field of evangelism, spiritual life and stewardship.

4. That literature be made available to the churches. This will give the committee on Evangelism a specific task to do.

5. That the growth of our church membership become an object of daily prayer by the ministers, church officers, and all who will join in this crusade for progress.

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. LESTER,  
FRED REGISTER,  
ALFRED PLYLER.

It was adopted following discussion by Mr. Lester, Rev. B. J. Earp, W. H. Freeman and Tommie Farrell.

The report on Christian Education and the Ministry was presented by Rev. E. Carl Brady as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND THE MINISTRY.

The uncertainties about us accentuate the need for religious instruction. Few, if any, periods in our national existence have brought to us a greater challenge than our own present. Our Church is confronted with its greatest opportunity. If order comes out of deep chaos the Church will have to lead the way. National and international church gatherings indicate the fact that the Church realizes its opportunity and that it is willing to undertake to solve the problems confronting it.

If we are to maintain our place of leadership and furnish direction not only in this national and international crisis, but also in the days that lie ahead, we need to capitalize on the opportunities and assets that are ours. Elon College occupies a strategic place in the world of today. She has existed on the meager offerings of the Church and her friends. Financial contributions to the church schools have not been increased in the same proportion as financial subsidies to non-church related institutions of higher learning. Our people have a golden opportunity in making a greater financial



contribution to our denomination and society by giving our college the support it so richly deserves. Recent figures indicate that the Conferences of the Southern Convention will pay their college apportionments in full this year.

When all contributions and pledges for the Staley-Atkinson-Newman Memorial Fund are accounted for, the goal of \$100,000 will be reached.

Student enrollment in Elon is the largest in the history of the college. Seven hundred ninety-three plus specials are enrolled. This number includes 22 ministerial students and ten who expect to do full time Christian work. However, there are only 134 students from the membership of the Congregational Christian Church. This proportion of 134 out of almost 800 is far too small. But who is to blame? We urge our constituency to consider Elon when our young people are about to go away. It is our privilege and our responsibility to support our college with our prayers, our money and our children.

Martin Fogleman is continuing his studies at Elon. He is in his sophomore year. Upon the completion of his sophomore year we recommend his licensure, at such time and place as may be agreeable to him, the Committee on the Ministry, and the president of the Conference.

Roy Harper has held some services in county jail and some in churches. Some conversions have resulted. We commend him for his efforts. We recommend that he further prepare himself as a member of the Biblical Class.

Fred Allred continues his studies in Elon. Upon the completion of his sophomore year we recommend his licensure, at such time and place as may be agreeable to him, the Committee on the Ministry, and the president of the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

E. CARL BRADY,  
J. Q. PUGH,  
F. C. LESTER.

Pending its adoption, Dr. W. W. Sloan, of the Religion Department of Elon College, made an address on the importance of Christian Education. He was introduced by one of his students, C. Fred Allred. Dr. Sloan emphasized the fact that Elon College has a president and dean who are interested in religion, that the religion department is the strongest department in the college. He also stated that there are more Methodists and more Baptists in Elon College as students than there are Congregational Christians.

The report on Christian Education and the Ministry was discussed by Martin Fogleman, Rev. E. C. Brady, Rev. M. A. Pollard, Rev. F. C. Lester, Rev. W. T. Madren and Fred Allred.

It was voted to adjourn the morning session. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. F. C. Lester.

### FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The session was called to order at 1:30 by the president. Following several hymns, the opening prayer was led by Rev. Park W. Fisher.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by the secretary and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the Western North Carolina Conference has held two meetings in Asheboro, one on February 16 and the other on October 18, 1948.

The following items of business have been transacted:

1. A letter of transfer was granted to Rev. G. C. Crutchfield to become a member of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference.

2. It was reported that the Supreme Court of North Carolina upheld the decision of the lower court in the case of the Pleasant Cross Christian Church, and that the group loyal to the Conference now had complete possession of the property.

3. It was decided to change the dates of Conference from October 10-11 to October 11-12 in order to be able to have as speakers Miss Pattie Lee Coghill and her mission team.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. T. GUNTER,  
MRS. F. C. LESTER,  
CYRUS SHOFFNER,  
M. A. POLLARD,  
W. H. FREEMAN.

The report of the Treasurer was presented by Cyrus Shoffner as follows:

#### REPORT OF TREASURER.

Balance in Treasury, November 6, 1947 ..... \$ 725.22

##### DISBURSEMENTS.

Rev. Carl Grimm, Expenses .....	\$ 10.00
Geo. T. Gunter, Secretary, Salary .....	35.00
North Carolina Council of Churches .....	50.00
Lambert Printing Co., for Programs .....	6.00
Rev. E. Carl Brady, Home Missions, Flint Hill (M) .....	50.00
Dr. W. T. Scott, Supt., Convention Fund .....	200.02
Minnie Hoover, Copying Court Records .....	96.00
Rev. W. J. Andes, ANNUALS .....	133.60
Rev. H. V. Cox, Home Missions, Shady Grove .....	50.00
Cyrus Shoffner, Salary and Postage .....	10.00
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	\$ 84.60
Collected from November 7, 1947 to November 8, 1948 .....	462.00
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Balance in Treasury, November 8, 1948 .....	\$ 546.60
Conference Offering for Superannuation .....	28.16
Collected November 8-12, 1948 .....	239.03
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Balance on hand, November 12, 1948 ..... \$ 813.79

NOTE: Thirty churches reported up to November 12, 1948.

CYRUS SHOFFNER, *Treasurer.*

The report was received, subject to the report of the Finance Committee.

The report of the Finance Committee was presented by Rev. P. W. Fisher as follows:

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Finance, have examined the Treasurer's report and find it to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,

PARK W. FISHER,  
JACK P. SHOFFNER,  
W. H. FREEMAN.

It was voted to adopt this report and the Treasurer's report.

The report of the Committee on Moral Reform was given by Rev. L. M. Presnell as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MORAL REFORM.

We, your Committee on Moral Reform, believe that Christian people should practice the teaching of the Holy Bible.

In I John 4:8 we read, "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."

If that be true then we should practice love, one toward another. We should also love them that are of the world and do our best to lead them unto the Kingdom of God. If we can do this, there will follow a great Moral Reform.

To love people does not mean that we should love sin; we should refrain from it, defy it wherever we see it.

We believe we should continue our fight against the legalized sale of alcoholic beverages in any form; and that we should continue to try to protect the use of the Lord's Day for anything other than the use of the Sacred Service of the Lord; that we as church people, pastors, laymen, and laywomen use our influence to stand for the things that we believe are good and just, and that we oppose all things that we believe are not good.

We, therefore, recommend:

1. That this Conference go on record as approving the Allied Church League in its efforts to stamp out the legalized sale of beer and wine, or alcoholic beverages of any kind, and that we join forces with it in its efforts.

2. That we oppose the operation of moving pictures, ball games, races or amusements of that nature on the Lord's Day, which will affect the sacredness of it.

3. That we continue to oppose any form of compulsory military training.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our Representatives in our law-making bodies.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. PRESNELL,  
PARK W. FISHER,  
W. R. JONES.

The report of the Committee on Superannuation was given by Rev. B. H. Lowdermilk and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

It is the obligation of our churches and our Conference to assist in a financial way our retired ministers and their widows, who have given their time and service to preach the gospel that this world might be a better place in which to live. This is one way we can express our regard for the service they have rendered.

We recommend that our churches take an offering at Christmas and at Communion Services through the year for this purpose.

We also recommend that Mrs. T. E. White, Dr. G. O. Lankford and Rev. T. J. Green share in this worthy cause. We also recommend that Rev. D. R. Moffitt be added to the list.

Respectfully submitted,

B. H. LOWDERMILK.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education and the Ministry was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Religious Literature was read by the secretary and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

True religion envelops the entire life of the individual—mind, body and soul—and should govern our lives. At the core of our religion is the Deity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This causes man's chief concern to be centered upon God and one's fellowmen. We should be loyal to God and helpful to the brotherhood. In James 1:27 we are told that "Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." Then Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:20 that unless our righteousness exceeds that of the Pharisees and Sadducees we shall in no wise enter the Kingdom of God.

So we can easily see that to live the good life one needs to be properly instructed. One only needs to take a glance at most of our daily newspapers and magazines to



realize that they do not give the proper instruction for good moral and spiritual living. The Holy Bible and our other religious literature are the chief sources for instruction in Christian living.

The Bible is not only the inspired word of God, but as the Psalmist said, "A lamp unto my feet, and light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105). It is also our waybill from earth to Glory. Herein we learn about God, His Son Jesus, eternal life to be experienced in immortal Glory. It warns about sin, Satan and eternal death. Here we are assured of spiritual victory if we follow its instructions.

Then we have our religious literature, such as the Sunday school quarterlies, leaflets, and magazines, all of which will help us to better understand the Bible and to put its teachings into practice. Our church papers, and magazines, will keep us informed about the activities of our Convention, the work of our Church College, missions, and our Church's program in general.

Our church hymnal is also a form of religious literature which plays a very prominent part in our Christian life. The songs which we sing give opportunity for deep soul expressions, and if properly used will lead us on to higher planes of useful and joyous living.

We, your Committee, recommend the following:

1. That every minister and layman make a practice of reading and studying the Bible.

2. That every church provide as many as two copies of the Bible for the church.

3. That ministers, superintendents, and teachers encourage that Sunday school pupils read additional scripture in lesson study.

4. That all of us practice more thoroughly what the Bible teaches in our daily living.

5. That the Sunday school provide all necessary literature ahead of time, and that superintendents and teachers encourage that it be taken home for study and returned to church each Sunday.

6. That all ministers and church officials subscribe for and read at least one church paper, preferably *The Christian Sun*, and that the minister seek to get *The Christian Sun* into every home of his parish.

7. That if possible the church have a small book shelf containing a part or all of the following literature: *The Christian Sun*, *The Missionary Herald*, *The Advance*, *The Upper Room*, *The Fellowship of Prayer*, *The Quiet Hour* and *Daily Devotions*. These helps can be purchased from The Pilgrim Press.

8. That our churches include in their yearly budgets the necessary funds for the purchase of said literature.

9. That both the church and Sunday schools be very careful in selecting their hymnals, and that only those books which contain songs that are soul-feasting and inspiring be used.

Respectfully submitted,

J. U. FOGLEMAN,  
A. L. LUCAS,  
ARTHUR COX.

The Nominating Committee, of which Rev. M. A. Pollard was chairman, recommended the reelection of the present officers. This recommendation was adopted, and the officers elected.

At the suggestion of Rev. W. W. Hall, a rising vote of confidence was given to the officers for their work during the past year.

On motion of Mr. Clarence Snider, it was voted to go to Asheboro for the Conference in 1949.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was presented by Rev. F. C. Lester as follows:

#### REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.

1. In keeping with the request of the Southern Convention, we recommend that the apportionment year of this Conference be the calendar year.



2. Since this Conference is a constituent part of the Southern Convention, we recommend that the Manual of the Southern Convention be approved as the Manual with rules and regulations for this Conference.

3. We note with pleasure the progress made by the Layman's Fellowship during the past year. We recommend that the churches observe Layman's Sunday annually, and that laymen be encouraged to take responsibility in all types of church work.

4. Since our denomination is this year launching an enlarged program on "Our Christian World Mission," be it resolved by all in attendance that we endeavor to do our full share in this program, and that we endeavor to enlist all our church members in "Our Christian World Mission."

5. In response to the request from Rev. Harold W. Case, we recommend that a letter go from this Conference to the Chairman of the sub-Committee on Indian Affairs in the House of Representatives, expressing our hope that adequate compensation be made to the American Indians for lands taken from them for public works.

6. We wish to express appreciation to the officers of the Conference for their successful leadership, to the speakers for their excellent messages, and to the pastor and people of the Pleasant Union Christian Church for the cordial fellowship, abundant food, and open homes for our pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. LESTER,  
E. CARL BRADY,  
W. WALTER HALL.

It was adopted following discussion by Mr. Lester, Revs. W. W. Hall, W. T. Madren, M. A. Pollard, E. C. Brady, L. M. Presnell, Mr. W. H. Freeman and Mrs. Lester.

On motion of Rev. E. Carl Brady it was voted to have the minutes printed in THE ANNUAL, to secure 150 copies, and to distribute them on a pro rata basis.

Rev. F. C. Lester, pastor of the Asheboro Congregational Christian Church, thanked the churches of the Conference for the gifts to the Asheboro Church during the past year. Those contributing were as follows:

Albemarle, \$25.00; Bennett, \$8.51; Big Oak, \$24.00; Brown's Chapel, \$11.21; Ether, \$11.43; Flint Hill (M), \$11.61; High Point, \$5.00; Liberty, \$27.50; New Center, \$4.18; Pleasant Cross, \$7.20; Pleasant Grove, \$18.12; Pleasant Ridge, \$50.00; Pleasant Union, \$20.00; Randleman, \$15.31; Seagrove, \$10.00; Spoon's Chapel, \$15.00. Total, \$264.07.

On motion of Rev. W. W. Hall, it was voted that the secretary and treasurer be paid the usual salary and reimbursed for any expense, and that \$75.00 be sent to the North Carolina Council of Churches.

The secretary was instructed to send greetings to the ministers who were absent on account of illness: Revs. Edward F. Green, T. J. Green, G. O. Lankford and D. R. Moffitt.

Rev. F. C. Lester conducted the installation service for the following officers: George T. Gunter, president; Rev. B. J. Earp, vice-president; Mrs. F. C. Lester, secretary; Rev. M. A. Pollard, assistant secretary; Cyrus Shoffner, treasurer.

The Conference adjourned to meet on the Wednesday and Thursday following the first Sunday in November at the Asheboro Congregational Christian Church, unless otherwise decided by the Executive Committee.

GEORGE T. GUNTER, *President*.  
MRS. F. C. LESTER, *Secretary*.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

- Executive*—George T. Gunter, H. V. Cox, B. J. Earp, M. A. Pollard, Cyrus Shoffner, W. H. Freeman, Mrs. F. C. Lester.
- Home Missions*—J. Q. Pugh, T. J. Green, Herbert Farrell.
- Foreign Missions*—M. A. Pollard, H. V. Cox, Vance Dorsett.
- Evangelism*—F. C. Lester, Fred Allred, Mrs. Ira L. McDowell.
- Christian Education and the Ministry*—E. Carl Brady, J. Q. Pugh, F. C. Lester.
- Religious Literature*—J. U. Fogleman, A. L. Lucas, Arthur Cox.
- Superannuation*—B. H. Lowdermilk, P. E. Coble, Tommie Farrell.
- Stewardship and Apportionments*—B. J. Earp, A. L. Lucas, Cyrus Shoffner.
- Moral Reform*—L. M. Presnell, P. W. Fisher, W. R. Jones.
- Ministerial and Church Relations*—W. W. Hall, H. V. Cox, Mrs. Troy Hall.
- Church Grouping*—W. W. Hall, L. M. Presnell, F. C. Lester, Jack Shoffner, B. S. Lawrence.
- Sunday Schools*—S. H. Pell, W. T. Madren, Betty Robbins.
- Pilgrim Fellowship*—Cicero Crump, Harold Boone, Louise McCloud.
- Program Committee*—George T. Gunter, B. J. Earp, Mrs. F. C. Lester.

## MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

- \**E. Carl Brady*—Served Flint Hill (M). Sermons preached, 15; conversions, 3; baptisms, 3; members received, 3; field for next year, Flint Hill (M).
- \**H. V. Cox, Sr.*—Served Ether and Shady Grove. Sermons preached, 20; conversions, several; members received, 10; funerals conducted, 4; salary received from churches, \$471.78; field for next year, Brown's Chapel.
- Ben Joe Earp*—Served High Point. Sermons preached, 114; conversions, 25; baptisms, 26; members received, 33; prayer meetings, several; addresses, several; weddings performed, 3; funerals conducted, 6; salary received, \$2,184; field for next year, High Point.
- \**Park W. Fisher*—Served Providence Chapel and Mt. Pleasant; sermons preached, 27; conversions, 1; baptisms, 1; funerals conducted, 3; salary received, \$312.92; field for next year, Providence Chapel and Mt. Pleasant.
- \**James U. Fogleman*—Served Pleasant Cross. Sermons preached, 34; conversions, 1; baptisms, 1; members received, 1; weddings performed, 1; funerals conducted, 1; salary received, \$332.00; field for next year, Pleasant Cross.
- Edward F. Green*—Retired.
- T. J. Green*—Retired. Sermons preached, 3; prayer meetings held, 1; weddings performed, 1; funerals conducted, 4.
- W. Walter Hall*—Served Albemarle. Sermons preached, 107; conversions, 27; baptisms, 5; members received, 24; prayer meetings held, 50; addresses, 3; weddings performed, 3; salary received, \$2,400; field for next year, Albemarle.
- G. O. Lankford*—Retired. Addresses, 10; weddings performed, 5; funerals conducted, 5.
- F. C. Lester*—Served Asheboro and Big Oak. Sermons preached, 90; conversions, 9; baptisms, 9; members received, 24; addresses, 12; weddings performed, 4; funerals conducted, 3; salary received, \$3,150; field for next year, Asheboro and Big Oak.
- \**A. L. Lucas*—Served Beacon Community. Sermons preached, 30; conversions, 2; baptisms, 3; members received, 4; prayer meetings held, 25; addresses, 4; weddings performed, 2; funerals conducted, 7; salary received, \$600.
- B. H. Lowdermilk*—Served Randleman, Pleasant Union, Union Grove, Bailey's Grove. Sermons preached, 215; conversions, 39; members received, 3; prayer meetings

held, several; addresses, 6; weddings performed, 2; funerals conducted, 35; salary received, \$2,063.80; field for next year, Randleman, Pleasant Union, Union Grove, Bailey's Grove.

*W. T. Madren*—Served Pleasant Ridge (R), Sophia, Flint Hill (R). Sermons preached, 85; conversions, 12; members received, 14; prayer meetings held, several; addresses, 2; weddings performed, 3; funerals conducted, 2; salary received, \$2,000; field for next year, Sophia, Flint Hill (R), Ether, Shady Grove.

*D. R. Moffitt*—Retired.

*M. A. Pollard*—Served Pleasant Hill, Smithwood, Liberty. Conversions, 34; baptisms, 34; members received, 34; prayer meetings held, 52; addresses, 4; weddings performed, 11; funerals conducted, 18; salary received, \$3,160; field for next year, Pleasant Hill, Smithwood and Liberty.

\**L. M. Pressnell*—Served Pleasant Grove, Seagrove, Spoon's Chapel. Sermons preached, 114; conversions, 11; baptisms, 10; members received, 10; prayer meetings held, several; addresses, 2; weddings performed, 2; funerals conducted, 12; salary received, \$1,326.50; field for next year, Pleasant Grove, Seagrove, Spoon's Chapel.

\**John Q. Pugh*—Served Brown's Chapel, New Center, Bennett. Sermons preached, 64; conversions, 92; baptisms, 4; members received, 9; prayer meetings held, several; addresses, 1; weddings performed, 1; funerals conducted, 2; salary received, \$501; field for next year, New Center and Bennett.

\**Fred P. Register*—Served Wake Chapel, Plymouth, Amelia. Sermons preached, 85; conversions, 13; baptisms, 9; members received, 12; prayer meetings held, 15; weddings performed, 2; salary received, \$2,340; field for next year, Wake Chapel, Plymouth and Amelia.

#### MEMBERS OF BIBLICAL CLASS.

*Fred Allred*—

*Martin Fogleman*—

*Roy Harper*—

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\*Giving part time to the ministry.

# Proceedings of the One Hundred Twenty-Third Annual Session of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference.

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH,  
LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA,  
NOVEMBER 16-17, 1948.

## TUESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The 123rd Annual Session of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met in Lynchburg, Virginia, November 16-17, 1948, and was called to order by the President, Rev. K. D. Register, at 10:00 A. M.

The hymn and prayer were led by Rev. Clyde Fields.

The roll of ministers and churches was called and a quorum was found present. The complete enrollment for the session included twenty-two ministers, and eighty-six delegates representing thirty-three of the forty-seven churches of the Conference.

### ENROLLMENT.

*Ministers*—J. B. Allen, M. W. Andes, W. J. Andes, Thurman Bowers, G. C. Crutchfield, Earl Farrell, Joe A. French, S. C. Harrell, J. L. Neese, C. E. Newman, K. D. Register, W. W. Sloan, W. M. Stevens, W. W. Snyder, Mary Frances Thelen, G. H. Veazey, E. D. Weed, M. V. Welch, W. E. Wisseman.

*Licentiates*—Clyde Fields, W. H. Morgan.

*Biblical Class*—R. G. Cook, B. A. Leebrick, Staley Sorrell.

### *Churches and Delegates.*

*Apple's Chapel*—R. M. Cook, Martha Ingold, Mrs. R. M. Murrell, Mrs. John Troutman.

*Asheville*—Dr. Wm. H. Morgan.

*Belew Creek*—By letter.

*Berea*—Mrs. J. M. McIntyre, Mrs. W. S. Franks, Mrs. W. L. Iseley.

*Bethel*—Mrs. Joe King, Morris Fuqua, Mrs. U. L. Hooper, Mrs. J. M. Hurdle.

*Bethlehem*—Mrs. Glynden Moore, Sara Catherine Simpson, C. H. Sutton.

*Burlington*—R. Wayne Morton, J. V. Simpson.

*Carolina*—Ella Marie Councilman, Josephine Baker.

*Concord*—Mrs. Allen Tate, Mrs. Sam Travis.

*Danville*—R. G. Cook, S. M. Sorrell, P. H. Ricketts.

*Durham*—O. F. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Estes.

*Elk Spur*—By letter.

*Elon College*—A. L. Hook, J. A. Hailey, Dorothy Foltz.

*Gibsonville*—

*Graham, Providence Memorial*—Mrs. O. J. Stuckey.



*Greensboro, First Church*—Mrs. W. B. Truitt, Mrs. Taylor E. Barron, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, W. W. Tate, Effie Lowe.

*Greensboro, Palm Street*—Mrs. P. R. Hall, Mrs. W. E. Hinshaw, Mrs. J. L. Neese.

*Happy Home*—Louise Sparks, Theodosia Carter, Mrs. Thurman Bowers.

*Haw River*—Mrs. J. C. Wilkins, Mrs. Frank M. Bain.

*Hebron*—Mrs. J. H. Williamson, C. T. Chandler.

*Hines Chapel*—Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Kellam, Mrs. M. V. Welch.

*Hopedale*—

*Howard's Chapel*—

*Ingram*—G. I. Satterfield, L. E. Carlton, Mrs. H. B. Satterfield, Mrs. J. K. Landrum.

*Ivy Hill*—

*Kallam's Grove*—By letter.

*Lebanon*—F. E. Wells, O. H. Winstead.

*Liberty*—Mrs. C. B. Wilkins, Mrs. Barkley Perkins.

*Long's Chapel*—Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Anderson.

*Lynchburg*—Mrs. Floyd H. Dunn, W. T. Dunn.

*Mebane*—By letter.

*Monticello*—J. E. Cumbie.

*Mt. Bethel*—By letter.

*Mt. Zion*—Patsy Tate, Frances Poole, Mrs. Hattie Lynch.

*New Lebanon*—G. S. Barham, R. A. Sharpe.

*Pfafftown*—James Cohn, Lee Grubbs.

*Pleasant Grove*—By letter.

*Pleasant Ridge*—By letter.

*Reidsville*—Mrs. D. E. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. George Pruitt, K. L. Smith.

*Rocky Ford*—By letter.

*Salem Chapel*—By letter.

*Shallow Ford*—W. R. Routh, Ethel Mae Barber, Mrs. A. G. Penley.

*Tryon, Erskine Memorial*—By letter.

*Union (N. C.)*—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pace, J. R. Walker, Mrs. A. H. Blacklock.

*Union (Va.)*—A. A. Morris, Mrs. R. S. Royster, R. A. Dunkley.

*Winston-Salem*—Mrs. S. L. Mauldin, Mrs. W. J. Andes.

*Zion*—Mrs. E. L. Pitts.

Rev. W. M. Stevens presented the printed program as the report of the Program Committee. It was moved and carried that the printed program be adopted as the order of this session subject to such changes as Conference may find it necessary to make.

The report of the Executive Committee was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Executive Committee, completed the list of delegates from our churches to the Southern Convention.

We, on recommendation of the Committee on Ministry, licensed Dr. Wm. H. Morgan of our Asheville Church to preach. The president of the Conference appointed Dr. S. C. Harrell and Rev. W. J. Andes to license Dr. Morgan. The service took place September 21, 1948, at Elon College.

We approved the recommendation of the Committee on Ministry to receive Dr.

Mary Frances Thelin of Randolph-Macon College faculty into full ministerial standing of the Conference from the New York City Association of Congregational Churches.

We granted the following letters of ministerial standing: Rev. A. C. Todd to the Missouri State Conference of Congregational Christian Churches and Rev. LeGrand Moody to the Methodist Church.

We agreed to meet with Rev. G. C. Crutchfield and the newly organized church, Zion, to receive the deed of the church property on September 25, 1948. The President of the Conference received this deed for the Conference.

We recommend that the above actions of the Executive Committee be approved by this Conference.

K. D. REGISTER,  
W. M. STEVENS,  
W. J. ANDES,  
S. C. HARRELL.

Pending the adoption of the report of the Committee, Rev. G. C. Crutchfield presented a petition, signed by 18 members of Zion Church, as follows:

#### PETITION OF ZION CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Zion Congregational Christian Church to the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches:

We, whose names are hereunto affixed, members, as we trust, of the Body of Christ, having exercised repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 20:21), being desirous of associating ourselves together as a church, agree to be governed by the following principles:

1. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only head of the Church.
2. Christian is a sufficient name for the Church.
3. The Holy Bible is a sufficient rule of faith and practice.
4. Christian character is a sufficient test of fellowship and of Church membership.
5. The right of private judgment and the liberty of conscience is a right and a privilege that should be accorded to and exercised by all.

T. L. CHEEK  
MRS. T. L. CHEEK  
LEROY PITTS  
MRS. LEROY PITTS  
ROBERT A. BLANCHARD  
W. M. SMITH  
MRS. W. M. SMITH  
ALFRED D. LASSITER  
MRS. ALFRED D. LASSITER

JERRY PITTS  
ALBERT SHARP  
MRS. ALBERT SHARP  
LINDA K. SHARP  
CONNIE PITTS  
ROY HOOVER  
MRS. ROY HOOVER  
MRS. ADA CRANE  
WALTER DICKENS

It was moved and carried that the report of the Executive Committee be adopted and that the Zion Congregational Christian Church be received into full Conference membership.

The following visitors and new pastors were introduced to the Conference and accorded the privilege of the floor: Dr. W. T. Scott, H. E. Crutchfield, Robert Woodruff, Carl R. Key, Dr. F. C. Lester, W. T. Madren, T. Fred Wright, Pattie Lee Coghill, Dr. A. B. Taylor, Harold Case, Dr. Hiroshi Hatanaka, Dr. Thomas Anderson, Dr. L. E. Smith, C. D. Johnston, William B. Smith, and Mary Frances Thelen.

The report of Conference Historian was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF HISTORIAN.

This church, in which we are meeting, began in 1924 under the leadership of Rev. M. F. Allen. They worshipped under a bush arbor, then in a storehouse and later in a private home, under the name of The Community Mission. In that same year they purchased a lot at the cost of \$800 and built a house of worship costing \$4,000.

Some of the members knew of the Christian Church and thought they could carry on as a member of this body. On January 4, 1925, Drs. J. O. Atkinson and C. H. Rowland organized The United Church, which became a part of this Conference. Dr. Atkinson came back on June 30, 1925, Rev. G. C. Crutchfield being pastor, and dedicated the church. It was then clear of debt. On February 1, 1937, the name was changed to the Congregational Christian Church to conform to our general name since the merger. In 1940 lots on the corner near by were purchased and paid for. The membership was divided into groups to raise money to build a new house of worship. This is one of our best organized churches. The total amount of money raised by the church in 1947 was \$14,000. The value of the church property is \$30,000. The future of the church is encouraging. The present pastor, Rev. J. B. Allan, has served the church for a little more than one year.

As a religious body we have not grown as some others. There are causes for this made clear in MacClenny's *Life of James O'Kelly*. Our people sometimes wonder why we do not have more churches in the towns and cities. In the memory of older people there was a time when we had scarcely half a dozen churches in towns and cities. To-day in our conference there are fifteen. In the five conferences in North Carolina and Virginia there are forty. More than half of our membership is urban. Value of church property in towns and cities is \$677,200; in the entire conference, \$880,250. We contributed for all purposes in 1947, \$265,439, over sixty per cent coming from the urban churches. Twenty-five years ago there were very few parsonages. Our own Conference has today twenty.

The year 1948 has been a fairly prosperous year for the churches of this Conference. Some have improved church property, others have increased building funds. Our people have responded to the Shaowu Mission work. Much needed improvements have been made on the Orphanage property at the cost of several thousand dollars. Elon College has the largest enrollment in its history. The new power house is in operation and ground has been broken for the new gymnasium. On April 11, 1948, a new church was organized four miles north of Burlington in Westmoreland Heights and has been named "Zion Church." Rev. G. C. Crutchfield is the pastor. Ground has been broken for the Sunday school building which is to be thirty-two by fifty feet, two stories high with seven class rooms.

The Southern Convention has recently taken steps to build up our Church History Department at Elon College. We have a well-lighted corner room in the Library Building. It is a place for historical literature and historical collections. Much valuable literature in the nature of books and pamphlets, written or owned by the early leaders of our Church as well as by those of later times, is being placed there.

C. E. NEWMAN.

It was moved and carried that the report of the Historian be received and admitted to record as edited by the secretary of the Conference.

The report of the Treasurer was presented as follows:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

1947		
Nov. 25	Balance in Treasury (Received from Dr. Waldo Boone, Retiring Treasurer) .....	\$2,413.39

RECEIPTS.

Nov. 25	Mebane .....	7.00
Dec. 23	Elk Spur .....	12.00
	Apples Chapel .....	39.00
	Belew Creek .....	22.00
	Bethel .....	12.00
	Concord .....	23.00
	Danville .....	31.00
	Durham .....	108.00
	Elon College .....	77.00
	Greensboro (Palm Street) .....	23.00
	Happy Home .....	34.00
	Haw River .....	33.00

	Hebron .....	22.00	
	Hines Chapel .....	32.00	
	Ingram .....	46.00	
	Kallam Grove .....	20.00	
	Lebanon .....	22.00	
	Liberty .....	23.00	
	Lynchburg .....	25.00	
	Monticello .....	20.00	
	Mt. Zion .....	23.00	
	New Lebanon .....	34.00	
	Shallow Ford .....	28.00	
	Union, N. C. ....	57.00	
	Union, Va. ....	33.00	
	Winston-Salem .....	32.00	
1948			
Jan. 23	Rocky Ford .....	11.00	
Mar. 23	Ingram .....	7.00	
July 16	Pfafftown .....	16.00	
Sept. 27	Tryon-Erskine Memorial .....	33.00	
	Burlington .....	135.00	
Oct. 6	Winston-Salem .....	32.00	
Oct. 8	Salem Chapel .....	18.00	
Oct. 27	Mt. Bethel .....	13.00	
	Greensboro (First) .....	86.00	
	Graham-Providence Memorial .....	18.00	
	Berea .....	22.00	
	Concord .....	23.00	
	Monticello .....	20.00	
	Belew Creek .....	22.00	
	<b>Total</b> .....		<b>\$3,707.39</b>
1947	<b>DISBURSEMENTS.</b>		
Dec. 16	Draft No. 191—Dr. S. C. Harrell .....	\$ 60.00	
	Draft No. 192—N. C. Council of Churches .....	200.00	
	Draft No. 193—Va. Council of Churches .....	50.00	
	Draft No. 194—Treasurer, Southern Convention .....	500.00	
	Draft No. 195—Treasurer, Southern Mission Board ..	15.00	
	Draft No. 196—Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer .....	15.00	
1948			
June 11	Draft No. 198—W. J. Andes (postage) .....	2.40	
Mar. 23	Draft No. 197—Treasurer, Southern Convention .....	500.00	
	Draft No. 199—Treasurer, Board of Publications .....	173.85	
			<b>1,516.25</b>
Nov. 1	Balance in Treasury .....		<b>\$2,191.14</b>
	<b>BALANCE DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS.</b>		
	Ministerial Loan Fund .....	\$ 502.22	
	New Hope Church Sale .....	185.43	
	Conference Fund .....	1,503.49	
	<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$2,191.14</b>	
	<b>RUSSELL V. POWELL, Treasurer.</b>		

On motion the report of the Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Special Committees were appointed as follows:

*Finance*—W. W. Snyder, Robert Walker, Henry Satterfield and J. L. Neese.

*Place*—Mrs. W. J. Pace and Mrs. W. J. Andes.

*Resolutions*—Mrs. M. W. Andes, Mrs. A. H. Blalock and Mrs. Clyde Fields.



*Press*—W. T. Scott, W. J. Andes and Mrs. J. H. Dollar.

*Collectors*—Russell Powell and W. J. Andes.

*Nominations*—W. E. Wisseman, Earl Farrell, W. W. Sloan, E. D. Weed and G. D. Colclough.

Dr. W. T. Scott, superintendent of the Southern Convention, presented *The Christian Sun* and asked for subscriptions.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read. Pending the adoption of this report, the following spoke:

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill introduced the national team of speakers and presented the program of "Our Christian World Mission."

Dr. A. B. Taylor, medical missionary to South Africa, presented the hopes of Africa in Christ.

Rev. Harold Case, Director of Indian Work at Elbowoods, South Dakota, described the conditions of the Indian life, their needs and hopes.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Our Christian World Mission" is our denomination's approach to our world-wide responsibility. For 1949 it calls for a benevolence budget of \$6,280,126. It represents our sector of an Advance Program of major Protestant Churches of the U. S. A. and Canada toward a "Christian Nation" at the home base and toward "One World in Christ" for all people.

Your share and your church's share will be seen in the new apportionment table.

We welcome Timothy Chang from Shaowu, China, to Duke Divinity School and to our Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. ANDES,  
MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN,  
C. L. FIELDS,  
J. A. FRENCH.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was adopted.

Rev. Carl R. Key, Director of the North Carolina Council of Churches, was presented and he spoke on the aims and needs of the North Carolina Council of Churches.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Though the Home Missions Committee did not meet as such, we did meet as officers of the Conference Missionary Association and provided for a student assistant at Providence Memorial Church in Graham last summer.

Through the efforts of Rev. G. C. Crutchfield and others a Sunday School has been started on the Birch Bridge road out from Burlington and services of worship are being conducted. We are informed that a lot has been secured for the erection of a church house there.

The chairman of this committee and the Superintendent of the Convention have been endeavoring to establish one or two new churches in Burlington.

The Mission Board of the Convention has set a very courageous budget for the next year which includes Home Mission projects within this Conference. We urge your support of the Convention Mission Board and of the Conference Missionary Association (dues \$5 per year).

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. STEVENS,  
W. T. DUNN,  
W. W. SNYDER,  
H. R. CLEM.

The above report was adopted.

The Conference gave way to the Conference Missionary Association.  
Conference reconvened at 12:00 noon.

Dr. W. W. Sloan conducted the devotional service and gave thanks for the noon meal.

The Conference recessed for lunch.

## TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference reconvened at 1:45 p. m.

The hymn and prayer were led by Rev. K. D. Register.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was presented as follows:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

The General Council of Congregational Christian Churches in its June, 1948, session voted to emphasize Christian Stewardship during the next biennium. This emphasis reveals three objectives:

1. To grow in individual spiritual stature.
2. To advance our local churches in spiritual power and moral influence.
3. To see more clearly the world-wide program of our fellowship.

Your Committee recommends:

1. The seven-fold program of Personal Christian Stewardship as suggested by the Commission on Stewardship:

- (1) Reading the Bible daily, together with the "literature of power."
- (2) Worshipping weekly with fellow Christians.
- (3) Arranging recreation, physical and mental, to balance the main vocational interests.
- (4) Giving a certain number of hours of Christian work each week for which no pay is received.
- (5) Making certain one's income is a result of constructive activity. . . .
- (6) Assigning a definite percentage of one's income for Christian purposes.
- (7) Telling others of Christ, and helping them to lead disciplined Christian lives.

2. The scriptural methods of finance, particularly tithing.

3. The program, "Stewardship on the Air," broadcast over ABC stations each Friday until March 25, 1949, at 8:45 a. m. and 11:30 p. m.

4. The systematic program of Stewardship education fitting local needs in every church.

5. The securing of Stewardship literature from our denomination and other agencies.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. WISSEMAN,  
M. W. ANDES,  
A. H. BLALOCK,  
E. D. WEED.

The above report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was presented as follows:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

Following a Conference on Evangelism at Elon College last winter, ministers and churches were called upon to conduct a simultaneous conference-wide evangelistic campaign, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter Sunday. This period was not observed by every church in this conference, but a large number of our churches did follow the direction of the conference. The spiritual life of our churches was quickened. From the following figures, it would seem that the campaign was worthwhile. From reports from more than half of our churches in the conference, we gather that 201 were received into the churches by letter of transfer and 229 were

received on confession of faith, making a total of 430 received by letter and by confession. The reports revealed a total loss in membership in the churches of this conference by dismissals, withdrawals and deaths of 136. On the basis of the figures above given, a gain of 294 is indicated.

It is recommended that Supt. W. T. Scott, the Executive Committee, and the Committee on Evangelism of this conference call a meeting of all pastors of the conference. The purpose of this meeting is the question of a new emphasis on Evangelism; the organization of the membership of our church for evangelistic efforts preceding Easter; to devise the ways and means of this special effort in the interest of our church and of Kingdom enlistment.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. SMITH,  
M. V. WELCH,  
THURMON BOWERS,  
J. L. NEESE.

It was moved and carried that the above report of the Committee on Evangelism be adopted.

The report of the Committee on Social Action was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION.

Our report this year limits itself to an emphasis upon some important social issues that were faced by the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches, meeting at Amsterdam from August 22 to September 4, 1948. Your Committee hereby lifts out for our particular attention some of the major actions that were taken by Section III—"The Church and the Disorder of Society," and Section IV—"The Church and the International Disorder." The particular headings are ours, but the text consists of direct quotations.

1. *The Social Crisis.* "The world today is experiencing a social crisis of unparalleled proportions. The deepest root of that disorder is the refusal of men to see and admit that their responsibility to God stands over and above their loyalty to any earthly community and their obedience to any worldly power." (Sec. III, pt. 1.)

2. *The Renewal of the Church.* "The greatest contribution that the church can make to the renewal of society is for it to be renewed in its own life in faith and obedience to its Lord. . . ." (Sec. III, pt. 5.)

3. *Communism and Capitalism.* "The Christian churches should reject the ideologies of both communism and *laissez faire* capitalism, and should seek to draw men away from the false assumption that these extremes are the only alternatives. . . . It is the responsibility of Christians to seek creative solutions which never allow either justice or freedom to destroy each other." (Sec. III, pt. 4.)

4. *War and the Will of God.* "War as a method of settling disputes is incompatible with the teaching and example of our Lord Jesus Christ. . . . The churches have a responsibility to educate men to rise above the limitations of their national outlook and to view economic and political differences in the light of the Christian objective of insuring to every man freedom from all economic or political bondage. Such systems exist to serve men, not men to serve them." (Sec. IV, pts. 1 and 2.)

5. *Christ Our Hope.* "Great are the tasks and fateful the responsibilities laid on Christians today. In our own strength we can do nothing; but our hope is in Christ and in the coming of his Kingdom. . . . For he is the Prince of Peace and the risen and living Head of the Church." Sec. IV, pt. 5.)

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. SMITH,  
D. J. BOWDEN,  
J. A. FRENCH,  
W. H. GARRISON.

It was moved and carried that the above report of the Committee on Social Action be adopted.



The report of the Committee on Apportionments was presented as follows:

APPORTIONMENT TABLE—N. C. &amp; VA. CONFERENCE.

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Home Missions*	Convention Foreign Missions†	Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues	Conference and Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Totals
Apple's Chapel.....	\$ 165	\$ 140	\$ 136	\$ 135	\$ 44	\$ 43	\$ 86	\$ 34	\$ 39	\$ 822
Asheville.....	37	52	25	27	8	8	15	8	6	186
Belew Creek.....	64	43	29	46	18	22	44	9	22	297
Berea.....	64	43	29	46	19	13	44	10	22	290
Bethel.....	60	60	71	73	14	13	25	14	12	342
Bethlehem.....	168	140	127	141	41	40	82	27	33	799
Burlington.....	490	1,399	2,735	607	156	148	264	64	135	5,998
Carolina.....	44	20	13	27	14	11	38	6	20	198
Concord.....	71	50	43	55	22	13	38	9	23	324
Danville.....	410	401	59	61	27	74	56	64	31	1,183
Durham.....	672	635	369	534	125	151	251	35	108	2,880
Elk Spur.....	24	10	12	11	7	3	18	2	12	99
Elon College.....	467	435	246	427	97	94	196	35	77	2,074
Gibsonville.....	81	60	44	61	20	27	51	17	25	386
Graham-Providence.....	40	17	10	23	14	7	20	6	18	155
Greensboro, First.....	578	545	312	534	95	101	239	36	86	2,526
Greensboro, Palm Street.....	124	120	119	115	27	24	45	21	23	618
Happy Home.....	138	113	104	109	41	38	69	22	34	668
Haw River.....	131	100	92	107	27	26	56	13	33	585
Hebron.....	67	43	32	49	14	13	26	9	22	275
Hines' Chapel.....	84	84	59	61	20	27	37	10	25	407
Hopedale.....	47	27	20	32	14	11	26	8	20	205
Howard's Chapel.....	17	7	12	11	7	7	6	2	12	81
Ingram.....	191	160	149	165	44	38	82	17	46	892
Ivy Hill.....	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	14
Kallam Grove.....	47	27	18	30	14	11	20	7	20	194
Lebanon.....	71	47	42	55	16	13	38	11	22	315
Liberty.....	71	47	38	55	19	13	38	16	23	320
Long's Chapel.....	91	67	56	70	20	19	44	13	25	405
Lynchburg.....	91	67	56	69	22	19	50	10	25	409
Mebane.....	13	7	12	21	14	7	7	2	14	97
Monticello.....	50	27	24	30	15	11	32	7	2	198
Mt. Bethel.....	74	74	71	67	16	16	28	5	13	364
Mt. Zion.....	81	60	50	63	22	16	50	13	23	378
New Lebanon.....	121	94	86	97	27	24	50	15	34	548
Pfafftown.....	34	13	12	18	14	8	20	2	16	137
Pleasant Grove.....	104	80	71	79	29	30	56	21	28	498
Pleasant Ridge.....	50	27	24	35	16	8	25	4	20	209
Reidsville.....	228	194	187	194	34	54	106	44	55	1,096
Rocky Ford.....	24	10	12	11	7	3	18	2	12	99
Salem Chapel.....	50	30	24	36	14	8	38	10	18	228
Shallow Ford.....	104	80	74	80	22	22	64	16	28	490
Tryon, Erskine Memorial.....	134	110	95	107	35	27	64	16	33	621
Union, North Carolina.....	121	90	82	97	35	24	71	26	57	603
Union, Virginia.....	138	114	104	115	35	34	64	35	33	672
Winston-Salem.....	71	23	14	27	10	16	26	2	32	221
Totals.....	\$6,005	\$5,995	\$6,005	\$4,814	\$1,352	\$1,336	\$2,724	\$ 756	\$1,419	\$ 30,406

\*Includes Church Extension.

†Includes Shaowu Special.

Pending the adoption of the report of the Committee on Apportionments, Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of the Southern Convention, spoke on the subject, "A Spirit, A Plan, A Commitment."

On motion, the report of the Committee on Apportionments was adopted as the schedule of apportionments for the churches for the Conference Year of 1948-49. (Later in the Conference session, the Conference voted to



adopt the suggestion of the Executive Board of the Convention, making the calendar year the conference year, thus making the apportionment year for the churches the calendar year, 1949.)

Conference recessed for a meeting of the Conference Missionary Association.

Conference reconvened at 3:15.p. m.

Dr. Hiroshi Hatanaka, president of Kobe College, Kobe, Japan, addressed the Conference on "Japan's Greatest Need."

W. T. Dunn presented to the Conference Rev. Walter Griswold and Dr. Harrywood Gray of the Disciples of Christ.

The report of the Committee on the Ministry was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY.

We, your Committee on the Ministry, would call to the attention of our churches the provision of the Government and Principles of the Southern Convention relative to pastors of our churches, as set forth in the latest edition of the Manual, Chapter II, Section 2, Item 2, which reads as follows: "A pastor shall be a member of some local church of the denomination and of the Conference in which he works. Any exception to this requirement must be approved by the Conference in which the church involved is a member."

We offer the following relative to Ministerial Personnel:

1. The Reverend Miss Mary Frances Thelen, Professor of Bible in Randolph-Macon Woman's College of Lynchburg, Va., has presented a letter of transfer of her ministerial standing from the New York City Congregational Church Association to this Conference. Your Committee has recommended that Miss Thelen be enrolled as a minister of this Conference.

2. Dr. William H. Morgan, a member of the First Congregational Church of Asheville, N. C., was recommended by his church as eminently qualified for the ministry. Dr. Morgan appeared before the Committee and requested licensure and ordination. Your Committee recommended to the Executive Committee of Conference that he be licensed at Elon College, N. C., on September 21, 1948. This was done by authority of the Executive Committee. Your Committee recommends that Dr. Morgan be ordained at this session of Conference.

3. The Reverend William P. Smith, an ordained minister of the Baptist Church, presented his certificate of ordination as a Baptist minister and expressed the desire to be received as a minister of the Congregational Christian Churches. Mr. Smith is an honor graduate of Wake Forest College, and a second-year student in the Duke Divinity School. He is well acquainted with the spirit and polity of our church. It is recommended that this Conference recognize his ordination, and that he be duly enrolled as a minister of this Conference.

4. The Reverend Carl R. Key is now Director of the North Carolina Council of Churches and a member of the Durham Congregational Christian Church. The Puritan Association of Congregational Christian Churches has issued a letter of transfer of Mr. Key's ministerial standing to this Conference. It is recommended that the transfer be accepted and that Mr. Key be enrolled as a minister of this Conference.

5. The Reverend Robert T. Woodruff, Jr., an ordained minister of the Baptist Church, presented his certificate of ordination as a Baptist minister, and requested that he be received into the fellowship of this Conference. Mr. Woodruff's early background was Congregational. He is now a first-year student in the Duke Divinity School. It is recommended that this Conference recognize his ordination, and that he be enrolled as a minister of this Conference.

6. The Reverend Clyde L. Fields, a licentiate of this Conference and a member of the senior class in Elon College, appeared before this Committee and requested ordination. Brother Fields meets all requirements for ordination except graduation from college. It is recommended that he be continued as a licentiate, and that his request for ordination be considered after he has graduated from college.

7. Brother Richard G. Cook is a member of the Biblical Class of this Conference. He is a member of the junior class of Bob Jones University, and is recommended by the Third Avenue Christian Church, Danville, Va., of which he is a member, as a suitable candidate for the ministry. Brother Cook requests that he be licensed. After due examination, it is recommended that he be licensed at this session of Conference.

8. Brother Bland A. Leebrick is a member of the First Congregational Christian Church of Lynchburg, Va., and a member of the junior class in Elon College. He is recommended as a suitable candidate for the ministry. After due examination it is recommended that Brother Leebrick be licensed at this session of Conference.

9. Brother James R. Hailey is a member of the Elon College Community Church and a member of the junior class in Elon College. He requests that he be licensed, and is recommended by his church. After due examination, it is recommended that Brother Hailey be licensed at this session of Conference.

10. It is recommended that Reverend I. T. Underwood be continued as a licentiate for another year.

11. The Reverend L. P. Rippy was licensed by this Conference four years ago. During that time the services which he has rendered, in the main, could have been performed as a layman. It is recommended that his license be discontinued until such time as he may be in a position to engage in the active ministry.

12. Brothers William T. Scott, Jr., and W. Staley Sorrell are continuing their work as students. It is recommended that they be continued as members of the Conference Biblical Class.

13. The Reverend H. E. Crutchfield is now serving as pastor in this Conference. The Eastern Virginia Conference has issued a letter of transfer of his ministerial standing to the North Carolina and Virginia Conference. It is recommended that the transfer be approved, and that he be enrolled as a member of this Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. HARRELL,  
D. J. BOWDEN,  
F. E. REYNOLDS,  
W. M. STEVENS.

The report of the Committee on the Ministry was adopted.

By authority of the vote of Conference in adopting the report of the Committee on the Ministry, the President of Conference licensed Brothers Bland A. Leebrick, a member of the Lynchburg Church; James A. Hailey, a member of the Elon College Community Church; and Richard G. Cook, a member of the Danville Church, as probationers to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

By authority of the vote of Conference in adopting the report of the Committee on the Ministry, the president appointed the following presbytery to assist him in the ordaining to the full gospel ministry Dr. Wm. H. Morgan: Rev. Earl D. Weed to present the candidate, Dr. C. E. Newman to lead the ordination prayer, Dr. W. T. Scott to deliver the charge to the candidate, and Dr. W. E. Wisseman to present the Bible to the candidate. The ordination service followed.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations presents the following to serve in the offices named for the Conference Year of 1948-49:

*President*—Rev. Kenneth D. Register.  
*Vice-President*—Rev. W. M. Stevens.  
*Secretary*—Rev. W. J. Andes.  
*Assistant Secretary*—Mrs. Odessa Penley.  
*Treasurer*—Mrs. Russell Powell.

*Representatives to the North Carolina Council of Churches—*  
 Ministerial: Dr. D. J. Bowden, Rev. Earl T. Farrell;  
 Alternates: Dr. W. W. Sloan and Rev. W. W. Snyder;  
 Lay: A. H. Blalock, B. B. Fort; Alternates: L. L. Mer-  
 chant and Jim Simpson.

*Representatives to the Virginia Council of Churches—*Ministerial:  
 Rev. M. W. Andes; Lay: W. T. Dunn.

*Home Mission Board—*W. W. Snyder, Mrs. J. D. Strader, W. T. Dunn, Mrs. O. H. Paris, W. M. Stevens, Mrs. Howard Gerringer, J. A. French, C. R. Wicker.

*Representative on Convention Laymen's Council—*J. Hinton Rountree.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. WISSEMAN,  
 E. D. WEED,  
 W. W. SLOAN,  
 E. T. FARRELL.

It was moved and carried that the report of the Nominating Committee be adopted and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for the nominees.

The Secretary cast the ballot as directed, and the President declared the officers elected.

The report of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Conference was presented by Mrs. W. J. Andes as follows:

#### REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

. The Annual Fall Conference of our North Carolina Woman's Missionary Conference was held in the Asheboro Church, October 5, 1948, with a large number in attendance.

The theme for the day, "Horizons Unlimited," is our theme for the coming year. The main speaker, Dr. Stanley U. North, told of the horizons of our Mission Boards and particularly of our work in Hawaii.

The Conference adopted \$8,250 as our apportionment goal for the coming year. To reach this amount, each church or woman's group should increase its apportionment by one-third. The total amount given this past year by women, young people, children, and cradle roll groups was \$8,722.32. Of this total, \$7,814.82 was given by the women.

Our topics for study this year are "China in the Asia of Today" and "America's Geographical Frontiers." Our Bible Study will be Galatians.

The North Carolina Woman's Board, in a recent meeting, voted to send our North Carolina President, Mrs. F. C. Lester, to the Biennial Session of the United Council of Church Women meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, November 15-18.

Our Thank Offering last year went to help pay for our new Superintendent's home, and the women of North Carolina contributed a total of \$1,548.65. This year, our Thank Offering goes to our Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction.

We welcome into our midst Timothy Chang from Shaowu, China, and now of Duke Divinity School, Durham, N. C.

Of the 47 churches in this Conference all except 11 have women's groups contributing to Missions through our State Treasurer. We urge the women of our churches to take advantage of every opportunity for the "broadening of their horizons."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. J. ANDES, *Vice-President.*

It was moved and carried that the above report be received and made part of the record.

It was moved and carried to adjourn. Dr. S. C. Harrell pronounced the benediction.



## TUESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Conference was called to order at 7:30 p. m. by the chairman of the Home Missions Committee:

## RESOLUTION OF HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE.

Recognizing the steady progress of the Congregational Christian Church of Lynchburg, Virginia, set in the center of this expanding community, and its present devotion to continued progress,

## BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the North Carolina and Virginia Conference in session this day commend the pastor and congregation of this church for their honored and significant service in this growing city on behalf of the Congregational Christian fellowship.
2. That we as a Conference express herewith our faith in the future of this church and its ability to meet the growing demands of its community and the world.
3. That this Conference herewith pledge its full support to this church as it continues to grow and serve.
4. That we pray God's blessings upon this church and its pastor as they rise to their new and challenging opportunities.

W. MILLARD STEVENS, *Chairman*.

By unanimous vote of the Conference the above Resolution was adopted.

The evening worship service was conducted by the minister, Rev. James B. Allan, and the choirs of the Lynchburg Congregational Christian Church. Dr. Thomas Anderson of the Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, Ga., preached the sermon on "Do the Morning Stars Still Sing?"

The offering was received and amounted to \$62.40, to be divided equally between Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction and Shaowu Mission in China.

Following the sermon, Holy Communion was observed with the pastor and deacons of the local church administering the Sacraments.

Benediction was given by Dr. Thomas Anderson.

## WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Conference was called to order at 9:30 a. m. Rev. Robert Woodruff led the hymn and the morning prayer.

Minutes of Tuesday's session were read and approved.

The Committee on Superannuation did not make a report but Supt. W. T. Scott made the following report for this Committee:

## SUPERANNUATION REPORT.

The following from this Conference are pensioners from the Superannuation Fund now administered through the Division of Ministerial Relief of the Board of Home Missions, New York: Rev. J. S. Carden, Rev. G. O. Lankford, Rev. C. E. Newman, Mrs. Annie Brown Wyrick, Mrs. Ebbie Moffitt, Mrs. J. W. Knight. It is recommended that they be continued.

We urge our churches to support the special Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross of the Division of Ministerial Relief by receiving an offering at Christmas-time "over and above" the regular apportionment. This offering constitutes an emergency fund which is distributed to retired or disabled ministers, and to dependents of ministers in addition to the regular grants.

We urge all our active ministers to join the Annuity Fund of the denomination and thereby help to provide for themselves when time comes for retirement.



It was moved and carried that the report of Supt. Scott be received and made a part of the record and that the churches be urged to receive the Special Christmas Offering for Superannuates.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education was presented, and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Our summer program of Daily Vacation Bible Schools, Summer Camps and Conferences was almost totally disrupted because of the polio epidemic in this area. A number of the churches were able to hold their Vacation Bible Schools before the epidemic overtook us but many were cancelled because of it.

We recommend the following:

1. That our Sunday schools be encouraged to plan and set dates for their Daily Vacation Bible Schools well in advance, and file these dates with the Convention Office so that the work of the Student Summer Service personnel may be planned in the most beneficial manner.

2. That every church seek to have a Daily Vacation Bible School of at least two weeks; and that Leadership Training Schools be held in each church or in cooperation with nearby churches.

3. That after a year of use by many of our churches, the Pilgrim Series materials commend themselves to us as being of the highest order of arrangement, adaptability and content. We also urge our Sunday schools to make a large place in their programs for Missionary Education, using the Mission Study Books and other available materials.

4. That *The Christian Sun* is our best means of disseminating information, program material and reports of the general work. It should be in every home, and in the library of every Sunday school in the Conference.

5. That in the promotion of Christian Missions, there is likewise no substitute for the *Missionary Herald*. We urge that groups in the churches take cognizance of the value of these publications, promote their interest and solicit subscriptions.

6. That, since we are hoping that the merger of our denomination with the Evangelical and Reformed Church will be consummated in the spring, your Committee on Christian Education of the Conference be requested to seek ways and means of joint cooperation in leadership training programs with the Evangelical and Reformed Church in our Conference area.

7. That we commend Elon College to the financial support of the churches of this Conference. Elon College belongs to our Church and we are under obligation to support it by the paying of our Conference apportionment for the college. The churches should also complete the payment of their quotas on the Staley-Atkinson-Newman Foundation and cooperate with the College in the \$2,000,000 campaign.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. DOLLAR,

MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN.

Dr. L. E. Smith presented to the Conference Dr. R. B. Montgomery, president of the Virginia Council of Churches and president of Lynchburg College. Dr. Montgomery spoke concerning the Virginia Council of Churches.

The value, needs and hopes of Elon College were presented by the president of the College, Dr. L. E. Smith, as follows:

#### REPORT ON ELON COLLEGE.

##### I. Elon College:

- A. Student enrollment—825 including special students.
- B. Faculty—42.
- C. Employees other than faculty—100.
- D. Debts—none.
- E. Endowment—\$372,000.

F. Total financial value including endowment—\$2,346,816.89.

G. Budget—\$331,742.50.

## II. Needs:

A. \$25,000 from the church for current expenses.

B. \$20,000 to complete Staley-Atkinson-Newman Memorial Foundation.

C. \$35,000 to provide sewer system for the college.

D. \$1,600,000 for new buildings, improvements, and endowments (new gymnasium, dining hall, and four new dormitories).

E. 175 students from the homes of our church in addition to the number we have this year.

The report of the Committee on Religious Literature was presented:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The text for our report on religious literature might well be taken from the charter of the United Nations. From the charter are these words: "Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defenses of peace must be constructed. . . ."

What is in our minds then, as well as in our hearts, is of great importance. We are reminded that, "As a man thinketh so is he." What are we of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference *thinking*? Consequently, what *are we*?

Your Committee is convinced that what we need is the inspiration for more and better reading. It seems we must be prodded and guided even though we know the value of good reading.

We recommend the following:

1. That our ministers become alert to what is good literature, thus, helping to challenge their people to better reading and encouraging the best in religious literature. An ideal goal might be book clubs within the church or a church-sponsored reading list.

2. That we use the following "musts" on our reading lists: the Bible, *The Fellowship of Prayer*, *The Quiet Hour*, *Daily Devotions*, *The Upper Room*, *The Christian Sun*, *The Advance*, *The Missionary Herald*, *Pilgrim Youth*, *Children's Religion*, *The International Journal of Religious Education*, *Social Action*, *The Seminar Quarterly*, and *The Christian Herald*.

3. That all church people must read and become familiar with our mission study books for the year. "China in the Asia of Today" is our foreign mission theme and "America's Geographical Frontiers" is the home mission theme.

All of these may be thought of as our defenses. May we read them.

"Books are the quietest  
and most constant of friends,  
They are the most accessible  
and wisest counsellors,  
And the most patient of teachers."

MRS. W. T. SCOTT,  
J. H. DOLLAR.

The report was adopted.

A verbal report on Pilgrim Fellowship in the North Carolina and Virginia Conference was made by Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent.

The officers of the North Carolina and Virginia Pilgrim Fellowship are as follows:

*President*—Dorothy Ballinger, Guilford College, N. C.

*Vice-President*—Jesse Ray, Elon College, N. C.

*Secretary*—Carolyn Fonville, 113 Rolling Road, Burlington, N. C.

*Treasurer*—Abigail Stout, Pfafftown, N. C.

*Missionary Action Chairman*—Lois Long, Virgilina, Va. (Woman's College).

*Personal Action Chairman*—Bobby Jean Kimball, 632 S. Sunset Drive, Winston-Salem, N. C.

*Social Action Chairman*—Martha Beers, Elon College, N. C.

*Interdenominational Action Chairman*—William Tolley, Lynchburg, Va. (Elon College).

*Chairman of Junior Hi Work*—Lois Brady, 2205 Spruce St., Greensboro, N. C.

*Counselors*—Rev. & Mrs. Mark Andes, Box 88, Virgilina, Va., and Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, 315 N. Edgeworth St., Greensboro, N. C.

The report of the Committee on Memoirs reported as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

There have been no deaths among the ministers of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference during the 1947-48 Conference year.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL T. FARRELL.

The report of the Committee on Memoirs was adopted.

Mr. C. D. Johnston, Superintendent of the Christian Orphanage, spoke in behalf of the Orphanage and urged the churches to help make this a banner year for the Orphanage by raising at least \$25,000 for the Orphanage.

The report of the Committee on Laymen's Work was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAYMEN'S WORK.

The Laymen's work within the Conference has made some progress in the last year. Several of the laymen attended the sessions of the Southern Convention at Liberty Church (N. C.) and were stirred to action by the address of Mr. Thomas L. Moose of the Evangelical and Reformed Church Brotherhood. We also attended the banquet in the evening and assisted in the adopting of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Laymen's Fellowship.

The chairman of your Committee has received names of key laymen in forty churches, but the following six have not reported: Elk Spur, Gibsonville, Howard's Chapel, Hopedale, Ivy Hill and Pleasant Grove.

A Churchmanship Institute was held at Elon College on July 17, 1948, with a large number of our laymen attending. P. H. Ricketts of our Danville Church led the worship service. G. D. Colclough of our Elon College Church led a panel discussion on the duties of the church officers. Others taking part on the panel were: Zeb Lynch on the duties of a deacon, W. T. Dunn on the duties of the trustees, Claude Walker on treasurers, R. G. Moffitt on secretaries, Ralph Newman on Sunday school superintendents, and Rev. W. M. Stevens on pastors. Mr. I. H. Vickery gave a report on the General Council held at Oberlin. Dr. J. H. Dollar gave an address on "The Layman and His Stewardship Obligation." The entire group visited the new Superintendent's home, then under construction. A fellowship supper was enjoyed by all at the college dining hall.

Material for the annual Layman's Sunday was mailed to all the churches and the following churches reported services held: Long's Chapel, Winston-Salem, Pfafftown and Lynchburg. Others were held that we did not receive a report.

We urge the following suggestions for the coming year: A better Conference organization with district meetings, more time on the Conference program, and possibly a layman's supper or banquet at the next session of Conference.

We recommend the following projects and aims as adopted at the Convention session at Liberty Church:

1. A working organization in every local church.
2. A father and son banquet in every local church or district annually.
3. Annual fellowship visitation some Sunday or week in every church.
4. Observance of Laymen's Sunday (third Sunday in October).
5. Churchmanship Institute for deacons and other officers of the church.
6. Better business organization and administration in local churches.
7. Promote subscriptions to *The Christian Sun*.
8. Maintain private and family devotions.
9. Encourage attendance at church, Sunday school, Conferences, etc.



10. Encourage more adequate salaries for pastors.
11. Improvement of church property.
12. One or more fellowship meetings in the local churches.
13. Support the Convention goal for Evangelism—one new member per month per 100 members of each church.
14. Support the Convention goal for church extension—one new church in Conference per year.
15. Support the program of Christian Stewardship.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. DUNN,  
W. B. TRUITT,  
G. D. COLCLOUGH.

The report of the Committee on Laymen's Work was adopted.

A report of the program of the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction was presented by Rev. James B. Allan. The quota for the Southern Convention during 1947-48 Conference year is \$8,917. To date \$2,600 has been received. The program for C.W.V.R. ends December 31, 1948, and every church is urged to help complete the goal.

The report of the special committee on O'Kelly Cemetery was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON O'KELLY CEMETERY.

On June 3, 1948, we visited the burying place of Rev. James O'Kelly, on a farm deeded to his son, William, in 1824. A wall of gray and dark stones sixty feet square and two feet high surround the cemetery in which Mr. James O'Kelly and about twenty members of the family are buried. Since 1880 the family has buried the dead at the church one-half mile away.

The rock wall has fallen down in places and there is much undergrowth on the outside of the wall. But few of the graves are marked. The monument to James O'Kelly was erected in 1854 and is of gray stone. It rests on a stone pedestal two feet square. The monument is 18 inches at the base and six feet high. The lettering is as legible as when chisled.

The granddaughters of Mr. O'Kelly, together with the late James Lee Cash, in recent years have kept the cemetery in a fair condition. In 1942 friends and kin people held a service there. Dr. L. E. Smith was present and gave an address. One service has been held since.

We have no recommendations to make as we were to report on conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. NEWMAN,  
M. W. ANDES,  
G. C. CRUTCHFIELD,  
M. L. FOGLEMAN.

The report of the Committee on O'Kelly's Cemetery was accepted and admitted to record.

The service of worship was led by Rev K. D. Register, president of Conference. Special music was rendered by Mrs. J. B. Allan. Dr. Thomas Anderson of Atlanta spoke on "Man's Crowning Glory."

Conference adjourned for lunch.

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#### WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference reconvened at 1:30 p. m. with the hymn and prayer service led by Rev. Wm. B. Smith.



The report of the Committee on Ministerial and Church Ethics was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL AND CHURCH ETHICS.

We, your Committee, make the following recommendations:

1. That in his business life, the minister be careful to meet all his obligations.
2. That the minister recognize the value of true brotherhood and ever exercise a brotherly courtesy and fellowship with his ministerial brethren.
3. That churches give their full support to their ministers and cooperate in every way possible with them to advance the Kingdom of God.
4. That ministers and churches be loyal to one another and to their Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. SNYDER,  
C. E. NEWMAN,  
H. R. CLEM.

The report of the Committee was adopted.

Dr. C. E. Newman presented some remarks on the cemetery of Rev. James O'Kelly and spoke of the Church History Room at Elon College.

The report of the Committee on Finance was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Finance Committee, have examined the report of the Treasurer and find it as reported.

We recommend:

1. That the secretary be paid \$50 for his services and \$10 for stationery and postage.
2. That the bills for ANNUALS, report blanks, and programs be paid on receipt of bills for same by Treasurer.
3. That \$300 be paid to the North Carolina Council of Churches and \$75 be paid to the Virginia Council of Churches for the work these Councils are doing.
4. That the \$185.43 received from the sale of the New Hope Church be turned over to the C. M. A. for investment in new work.
5. In view of the expected need for the coming year we recommend that \$300 be turned over to the C.M.A. and also that the Executive Committee be given the power to act on any further request from the C.M.A. during the coming year.
6. That the Pilgrim Fellowship of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference be given \$100 for the support of their work.
7. That the treasurer be given the power to invest all the money in some insured organization (either banks or some Building and Loan Company) with the exception of the estimated need of the Conference and a working balance for the Conference year.
8. That the Conference Secretary be authorized and empowered to draw drafts covering the expenses of guest speakers and other expenses incurred during this session of Conference.
9. That the Secretary be instructed to draw drafts on the Conference treasury payable to the Convention Treasurer for \$502.22, Ministerial Loan Fund now held by the Conference Treasurer, and for \$500 for Ministerial Scholarship Fund for 1947-48.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. SNYDER,  
J. ROBERT WALKER,  
J. L. NEESE.

The report of the Committee on Finance was adopted.

The Committee on Place reported that they had received no definite invitation and recommended that the place of meeting for the next Conference be left in the hands of the Executive Committee. The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, wish to make the following resolutions:

1. Resolved that we express our deep appreciation to the Lynchburg Church, its pastor and people, for the hospitality we have received in the homes of members, the delicious meals, the beautiful flowers in the sanctuary and for the inspirational worship and communion service held on Tuesday evening.

2. Resolved that we extend thanks to Dr. A. B. Taylor, Rev. Harold Case, Dr. Hiroshi Hatanaka and Dr. Thomas Anderson for the challenging messages they have brought us.

3. Resolved that we extend our appreciation to the officers and leaders of this Conference in planning and executing this excellent program and for their work during the Conference year.

4. Resolved that we give special thanks to Dr. C. E. Newman, our Conference Historian, for the compilation of valuable and interesting information over a period of years.

5. Resolved that we go on record as approving the North Carolina Friendship Train to Europe and make whatever efforts possible for the demonstration of our living faith in Christian brotherhood.

We recommend that the Executive Committee re-think and consider the possibilities of improvement in the Conference organization, and present suggestions for changes at the next session of Conference.

We also recommend that each committee take its work seriously and report at the next Conference not merely the opinions of the chairman, but a report of the progress the committee has brought about during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CLYDE FIELDS,  
MRS. A. H. BLALOCK,  
MRS. M. W. ANDES.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was adopted.

It was moved and carried that the following paragraph from the *Manual of the Southern Convention*, Part II, Chapter III, entitled, "Local Church Property," be ratified by this Conference:

Local churches or trustees of local churches hold property in trust for the use of members of the local Congregational Christian Church, the Conference and the denomination, and said property cannot be disposed of without the consent of the Conference to which the local church belongs.

It was moved and carried that the following resolution from the Executive Board of the Southern Convention be approved:

Be it resolved that the apportionment year of this Conference be the calendar year.

It was moved and carried that the Secretary be given the authority to condense and edit reports for THE ANNUAL and that this Conference have its minutes printed in THE ANNUAL; and that this Conference purchase 225 copies of THE ANNUAL for pro rata distribution among the churches.

It was moved and carried that the following resolutions be adopted by this Conference:

Being interested in the preservation of the James O'Kelly cemetery and also interested in the securing of historical material regarding the early history of the Christian Church, be it, therefore, resolved, that the North Carolina and Virginia Conference approve the request of the Executive Board of the Southern Convention that the

Historian continue his efforts to secure historical material for the Church History Library at Elon College.

It was moved and carried that the President and Secretary of Conference read and approve the minutes of this day's session.

It was moved and carried that following the Devotional by Mary Frances Thelen the Conference adjourn to meet Tuesday after the second Sunday in November, 1949, with the Church determined by the Executive Committee; and that the Devotional constitute the closing service.

Dr. Mary Frances Thelen used as her theme for the closing worship: "The Two Minds of God."

The 1948 Conference was adjourned.

KENNETH D. REGISTER, *President*.

WILLIAM J. ANDES, *Secretary*.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Executive*—K. D. Register, W. M. Stevens, W. J. Andes and S. C. Harrell.

*Program*—K. D. Register, W. M. Stevens, W. J. Andes, S. C. Harrell and pastor of host church.

*Evangelism*—Thurman Bowers, M. V. Welch, Joe A. French and J. L. Neese.

*Ministry*—S. C. Harrell, D. J. Bowden, M. W. Andes, F. E. Reynolds and W. M. Stevens.

*Christian Education*—Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, F. E. Reynolds and James Allen.

*Men's Work*—W. T. Dunn, G. D. Colclough and W. B. Truitt.

*Social Action*—James Allan, William Smith, H. S. Smith and D. J. Bowden.

*Ministerial and Church Ethics*—Robert Woodruff, Jr., Allen Hurdle and W. W. Sloan.

*Budget and Apportionment*—G. D. Colclough, Russell Powell and W. E. Walker.

*Foreign Missions*—W. M. Stevens, C. L. Fields and Joe A. French.

*Historian*—Dr. C. E. Newman.

*Memoirs*—Earl Farrell.

*Stewardship*—J. H. Dollar, M. W. Andes, A. L. Hook and E. D. Weed.

*Superannuation*—D. R. Fonville, W. W. Snyder and C. L. Simpson.

*Religious Literature*—W. E. Wisseman, W. W. Sloan and Dr. Wm. H. Morgan.

*Home Mission Board and Rural Church*—W. W. Snyder, Mrs. J. D. Strader, W. T. Dunn, Mrs. O. H. Paris, W. M. Stevens, Mrs. Howard Gerringer, J. A. French and C. R. Wicker.

*Pilgrim Fellowship*—Dorothy Ballinger, Bland Leebrick and Mrs. M. W. Andes.

## MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

- Allan, James B.*—Sermons, 154; members received, 14; marriages, 0; addresses, 15; baptisms, 4; funerals, 3; salary, \$2,600.
- Andes, Mark W.*—Sermons, 56; members received, 26; conversions, 21; baptisms, 32; pastoral visits, 630; funerals, 12; salary, \$2,100.
- Andes, W. J.*—Sermons, 107; members received, 24; marriages, 5; conversions, 10; baptisms, 8; addresses, 4; funerals, 10; pastoral visits, 924; salary, \$2,580.
- Bowden, D. J.*—Professor at Elon College.
- Bowers, Thurman F.*—Sermons, 140; members received, 21; marriages, 9; conversions, 50; addresses, 12; baptisms, 20; funerals, 11; pastoral visits, 600; salary, \$3,050.
- Brooks, Arthur C.*—No report.
- Carden, J. S.*—Retired.
- Crutchfield, G. C.*—Sermons, 76; members received, 24; marriages, 12; conversions, 24; baptisms, 6; funerals, 10; salary, \$600.
- Clem, H. R.*—Retired.
- Crutchfield, H. E.*—Received to membership at Conference.
- Dollar, Jesse H.*—Sermons, 81; members received, 46; marriages 4; conversions, 19; baptisms, 19; addresses, 38; funerals, 1; salary, \$3,600.
- Farrell, Earl T.*—Sermons 62; members received, 5; marriages, 4; baptisms, 5; funerals, 3; salary, \$1,800.
- French, J. A.*—Sermons, 88; members received, 38; marriages, 11; conversions, 24; baptisms, 25; funerals, 12; salary, \$3,050.
- Harrell, S. C.*—Sermons, 82; members received, 21; marriages, 7; conversions, 5; baptisms, 10; addresses, 8; funerals, 15; salary, \$3,900.
- Hurdle, Allen L.*—Sermons, 18; members received, 13; marriages, 1; conversions, 1; baptisms, 14; pastoral visits, 200; funerals, 1; salary, \$300.
- Jackson, Wm. P.*—Retired.
- Johnston, S. M.*—Retired.
- Key, Carl R.*—Received to membership at Conference.
- Morgan, Wm. H.*—Faculty of Appalachian State Teachers College.
- Mueller, R. C. H.*—Missionary to India.
- Murtfeldt, Frank W.*—Sermons, 46; members received, 19; marriages, 6; conversions, 9; addresses, 6; baptisms, 3; funerals, 5; salary, \$3,200.
- Neese, J. L.*—Sermons, 123; members received, 23; marriages, 7; conversions, 42; addresses, 10; baptisms, 15; pastoral visits, 867; funerals, 32; salary, \$3,120.
- Newman, C. E.*—Retired. Sermons, 1; marriages, 8; funerals, 14; salary from Union (Va.) Church, \$300.
- Register, K. D.*—Sermons, 84; members received, 2; marriages, 6; conversions, 6; salary, \$2,400.
- Reynolds, F. E.*—Professor at Elon College. Sermons, 38; members received, 3; marriages, 1; pastoral visits, 46; funerals, 2; salary from churches, \$1,200.
- Sloan, W. W.*—Professor at Elon College; sermons, 54; conversions, 24; members received, 34; marriages, 2; addresses, 106; baptisms, 20; pastoral visits, 700; funerals, 2; salary, \$1,560.
- Smith, H. Shelton*—Professor at Duke University.



*Smith, J. Howard*—No report.

*Smith, Wm. B.*—Received to membership at Conference.

*Snyder, W. W.*—Sermons, 78; members received, 16; marriages, 12; conversions, 6; baptisms, 11; addresses, 3; funerals, 10; salary, \$2,080.

*Stevens, W. M.*—Sermons, 92; members received, 31; marriages, 11; baptisms, 16; addresses, 15; funerals, 23; salary, \$4,500.

*Thelen, Mary Frances*—Adjunct Professor of Religion, Randolph-Macon College, Lynchburg, Va. Sermons, 1; addresses, 17; salary, \$3,080.

*Veazey, G. H.*—Sermons, 70; members received, 18; marriages, 1; conversions, 11; baptisms, 11; pastoral visits, 600; funerals, 1; salary, \$1,800.

*Weed, Earl D.*—Sermons, 51; members received, 18; marriages, 1; conversions, 1; baptisms, 9; addresses, 7; funerals, 1; salary, \$1,200.

*Wehrenberg, E. L.*—Teaching in public school in Person County, N. C.

*Welch, Mack V.*—Sermons, 103; members received, 14; marriages, 8; conversions, 34; baptisms, 2; pastoral visits, 500; funerals, 4; salary, \$2,650.

*Wissemann, W. E.*—Sermons, 108; members received, 28; marriages, 11; conversions, 18; baptisms, 18; addresses, 8; funerals, 16; salary, \$4,000.

*Woodruff, Robert T. Jr.*—Received to membership at Conference.

#### LICENTIATES.

*Cook, Richard G.*—Sermons, 20; conversions, 22. Student at Bob Jones University, Greenville, S. C. Licensed at this Conference.

*Fields, Clyde L.*—Sermons, 73; members received, 12; conversions, 12; funerals, 4; salary, \$1,840. Student at Elon College.

*Hailey, James R.*—Licensed at this Conference; student at Elon College.

*Leebrick, Bland A.*—Sermons, 18; members received, 12; conversions, 8; salary, \$600. Licensed at this Conference. Student at Elon College.

*Rippy, L. P.*—Sermons, 8.

*Underwood, I. T.*—Sermons, 6.

#### BIBLICAL CLASS.

*Scott, W. T., Jr.*—Student at Elon College.

*Sorrell, W. S.*—Student. Sermons, 66; conversions, 35.

# Minutes of the Twenty-First Annual Session of the Virginia Valley Central Woman's Missionary Conference.

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WISSLER'S CHAPEL CHURCH,  
MOUNT JACKSON, VA.,  
JULY 29, 1948.

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THEME: "*Horizons Unlimited.*"

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## MORNING SESSION.

The twenty-first annual session of the Virginia Valley Central Woman's Missionary Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met at Wissler's Chapel Church, Mt. Jackson, Va., July 29, 1948, at 10:30 a. m. The meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Verdie Showalter.

The devotional service was conducted by the Page Group with Mrs. R. E. Newton as leader.

Miss Selina Hines of Wissler's Chapel welcomed the group and Mrs. Minnie Hensley of Bethel responded.

The following ministers were present: Rev. R. A. Whitten, Rev. R. E. Newton and Rev. S. E. Madren.

Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, Elon College, N. C., Field Director of the Southern Convention, was welcomed.

The following churches were represented: Antioch, 7; Linville, 6; New Hope, 2; Bethel, 7; Mt. Olivet (R), 2; Leaksville, 9; Newport, 2; Concord, 1; Wissler's Chapel, 12; Wood's Chapel, 6; Winchester, 23.

The reports of the District Superintendents were presented and accepted as follows:

### DISTRICT No. 1.

Our Missionary Rally met with Group No. 4 at Bethlehem in May. Miss Louise Bookwater, a returned missionary from India, was our speaker.

MRS. J. E. BRYANT, *Superintendent.*

### DISTRICT No. 2.

There are three churches in this district and two of them have missionary societies. Both societies have devotions at each meeting, use the packet and study books and have special Bible study. Both use *The Christian Sun*, *Missionary Herald* and *Guide Post*. One society has an active Cradle Roll and used the Children's Packet. Both societies observed World Day of Prayer, World Community Day and May Fellowship Day.

MRS. S. E. MADREN, *Superintendent.*

### DISTRICT No. 3.

There are three missionary societies in the district, namely, Mt. Lebanon, Newport and Leaksville. The rally was held at Newport with Miss Louise Bookwater, former missionary to India, as speaker. Newport has a unique worship center for a children's worship service—a display of articles for Baby Lewis Jackson in Shaowu. Leaksville sent two boxes of clothing overseas and one box to the orphanage. The young people sent two boxes of clothing to Miss Angie Crew for Kobe College. Leaksville also observed the World Day of Prayer.

MRS. R. E. NEWTON, *Superintendent.*

## DISTRICT No. 4.

We have two new societies. Wood's Chapel was organized in January, 1948, and now has nineteen members. Wissler's Chapel was organized in February, 1948, and has ten members. The young people are meeting with the women, but we are looking forward to the day when they will have their own meetings.

We are still very new, and are trying to learn all the details of our work.

Friendly Service has played a big part in the work of our ladies, fruit and flowers have been given to the sick—clothing and baskets of food given to needy families, get-well and birthday cards have been sent—visitation in homes, with the main purpose of getting the children and parents into the Sunday school and church services.

Our Spiritual Life program has been to help our women to learn to pray in public meetings, in sick rooms, in bereavement, in our own meetings. We observed the World Day of Prayer and had all six of the churches represented. We were ready with the May Fellowship Day program but we had the Rally instead.

MRS. CLYDE O. KOON, *Superintendent*.

## DISTRICT No. 5.

The Northern District work covers that in the Timber Ridge and Winchester churches and is composed of five societies—one Women's, two Young People's, one Junior and one Cradle Roll. The Woman's Society, Junior, Cradle Roll and one Young People's group have paid their apportionment in full, studied the prescribed work for the year in study books and Bible study, supported Friendly Service projects and held regular monthly meetings with well-planned devotional programs. The Woman's Society has made a \$35.00 Thank Offering and bought two Life Memberships in the past year. The District Rally was held at Timber Ridge and was well attended by both the Timber Ridge and Winchester groups. Miss Louise Bookwater of India brought an interesting and inspiring message.

The work of the Northern District goes well but there is room for improvement and we are striving to reach new goals in the coming year.

MRS. MARTHA SIRBAUGH, *Superintendent*.

Miss Elizabeth Chicoine addressed the conference using the theme for the coming years, "Horizons Unlimited." She also discussed the literature to be used with this theme.

The offering amounted to \$16.22.

The following committees were appointed:

*Nominating*—Mabel Higgs, Chairman; Mrs. Clara Frazier, Mrs. Austin Kipps, Mrs. Edgar Nelson and Mrs. Bryant.

*Place*—Miss Evelyn Allen, Chairman; Mrs. Dewey Dofflemeyer and Miss Erma Foltz.

*Press*—Miss Betty Chicoine, *Christian Sun*; Mrs. A. W. Andes, *Daily News Record*; Rev. R. A. Whitten, *Winchester Star*; Rev. R. A. Newton, *Northern Virginia daily*.

*Apportionment*—Mrs. B. F. Frank, Miss Amy Louderback and Mrs. A. K. Sirbaugh.

*Resolutions*—Mrs. Harold Rhodes and Mrs. Orville Hoover.

The morning session was closed with prayer and thanks for the noon-day meal by Rev. R. E. Newton.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:30 p. m. by the president.

The Elkton group conducted the devotional service.

Mrs. R. A. Whitten addressed the conference using as her subject, "Let's Re-visit Oberlin." She gave the highlights of the General Council Meeting of Congregational Christian Churches. She also presented "The Unseen Guest" luncheon which will be carried out in the societies this year. It is

interesting to note that Mrs. Whitten is the originator of this idea which has spread over all of the denomination.

Mrs. B. F. Frank presented the recommendations.

The recommendations were adopted as follows:

#### RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CONVENTION BOARD.

1. That the financial goal for the year 1948-49 be \$1,000.00.
2. That we give our Thank Offering to War Victims and Reconstruction.
3. That we urge our Women's and Young People's Societies to secure Life Memberships and Memorials, as this money is to be used to help educate a Chinese ministerial student from Shaowu, China.
4. That we adopt the Achievement Goals as drawn up by a committee from the Womans' Convention.

MRS. B. F. FRANK.

Special music was rendered by Group No. 4.

The reports of the Departmental Superintendents were presented and adopted as follows:

#### LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMORIALS.

Winchester—Two Life Memberships: Mrs. Thelma Daugherty and Mrs. Rosa Curling.

MRS. E. M. SPITZER, *Superintendent*.

#### SPIRITUAL LIFE.

*Antioch*—Devotions in society and Bible reading.

*Linville*—Planned devotions in each meeting.

*Bethel*—Devotions at each meeting.

*Leaksville*—Worship and program planned by members. Young people take part.

*Newport*—Devotions and responsive reading at meetings.

*Wissler's Chapel*—Encourage praying in public and training young people for leadership. We also pray for certain people in our community to be enlightened as to what missionary work really means.

*Winchester*—We feel a deeply spiritual worship program is essential for the best work in our church. Our pastor conducted the Bible study in Matthew.

*Wood's Chapel*—We are putting more emphasis on prayer. We pray especially for our Sunday School and we try to tell others what the Lord means to us.

I hope we all will spend more time in Bible reading, meditation and prayer. I want to urge societies to use the Bible study book, *The Gospel Unlimited*. "And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us—Establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yes, the work of our hands, establish Thou it."

MRS. MARY DAVIS, *Superintendent*.

#### LITERATURE.

The church is our best agency to proclaim and promote Missions. How seriously are we as a Church and as a church member accepting our responsibility as missionaries? How joyfully are we using our opportunities to make Christ known to the world? What a wonderful opportunity we have to witness for Christ. As Christ's great command, "Go ye." (Matthew 28:19.)

Lord help us to surrender ourselves as never before to the call to worship God, teach His word and win souls. If we would see the world reach its climax, we would read the Bible daily, for the Bible is God's inspired message of love to man. We never can know the Book unless we know and love its Author. The Bible is the greatest of all books. We can plant our feet upon its promises and be safe. Therefore, we recommend:

1. That we read and study the Bible daily, that we make it the first thing in our lives.
2. That we support whenever possible the teachings of the Bible in our Sunday School and in our public schools.



3. That we place Christ in the center of our missions.
4. That parents take special care in selecting good sound literature for their children published by those who accept the Bible as God's inspired Word.
5. That each church endeavor to secure its quota of *Christian Sun* subscriptions.

MRS. O. J. SOURS, *Superintendent*.

### INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION.

Opportunities for interdenominational cooperation are increasing. As yet, they are only hesitant suggestions in most cases, but there is a growing awareness of the need for coordinated action in the Protestant churches. In the realm of spiritual unity, all peoples were asked to observe the World Day of Prayer on February 13. In our Conference thirteen societies participated in this significant observance.

May 17 was May Fellowship Day. This was an opportunity for various faiths in one community to present a united interest in their problems and projects and to seek inspiration in the assurance that the greater aims of Christian endeavor are common to all churches. Two of the churches in our Conference observed this interdenominational fellowship.

November 7 was World Community Day. The theme on this day was "The World Is My Community," and concrete evidence of our interest here was our contribution of gift boxes and bundles to the children aged six to twelve in the stricken areas. Many of our societies secured the participation of their churches in this relief work.

Interdenominational cooperation among the women presents undreamed of possibilities. If, for example, Christian women unite in protesting liquor advertising and lewd illustrations in magazines, much could be done to raise our moral standards. The women of our land have always been the outspoken champions of decency, modesty and sobriety, and it is especially important that Christian women accept the challenges in these things now with resolute determination.

It is hoped that all societies will subscribe to the *Church Woman*, for better co-ordination of our efforts and understanding of our problems and opportunities. The *Virginia Council News* is recommended, too, for information concerning activities in our own state.

MRS. A. W. ANDES, *Superintendent*.

### FRIENDLY SERVICE.

Friendly Service is the name applied to one of the branches of our women's work that is over and above and beyond any asking of a board or group in its planning for the local society's work. It cannot be specified as to amount in a budget because in the name of Friendly Service the society ministers as the need is presented and the opportunity afforded.

I am sorry that I have not received reports from all the societies in our Conference because I feel quite sure that each has in one form or another done some work in this field. Word has been received that Bethel sent a box to Elon Orphanage. Leaksville sent a box to the Orphanage, a box of clothing for War Victims, made a contribution to milk fund, sent pocketbook packet overseas and sent fruit, flowers and cards to the sick. Mt. Lebanon made a contribution to a member whose home was burned and sent fruit and flowers to the sick. Newport has done a bit of Friendly Service work but details were not reported. Two new societies in Mrs. Koon's district (Wood's Chapel and Wissler's Chapel) have done a good work, sending fruit and flowers to the sick, fixing baskets of food for needy, visitation in the neighborhood. These groups have also made special efforts to get the children to attend Sunday School. Much joy has come to the Winchester groups this year. The Juniors sent shoe boxes. The women at one meeting brought thirty-two packed pocketbooks for overseas. Through this society has gone two boxes of clothing to a family in Germany, contacted through one of our service boys. A box of supplies was sent to another friend in Germany, made through correspondence begun when the young German woman found our missionary member's name in her dress, sent through her church. Quite a friendship has developed and even an exchange of photographs has taken place. A fifty-pound box of paper supplies, cards, etc., was sent by two of our interested society members to the

Jacksons for their work in Shaowu. A twenty-two-pound box of sweets was sent to Angie Crew in Japan and the postage was paid through the society by the Fidelis Class of the Sunday School.

Great joy is to be found in the Friendly Service Department of our work. To my mind, it is the "cup of cold water" given in the Master's name. Those who have experienced the joy of sharing thus can bear testimony to the fact that such ministry does not "lose its reward."

MRS. RORT. A. WHITTEN, *Superintendent*.

### FAMILY LIFE.

(No Report.)

### WOMAN'S WORK.

Out of the twenty churches in the Valley Conference, eleven have active Woman's Missionary Societies. This includes two new societies organized this year—Wood's Chapel with nineteen members and Wissler's Chapel, ten members.

All societies reporting have had regular monthly meetings with prepared worship programs. Many of the societies reported Friendly Service work for War Victims and other projects. Many reported that the Book of Matthew was studied and that a review of the study books was given. Most of the societies observed the World Day of Prayer. It is encouraging to know that a number of new members have been added to our rolls.

Since there are so few Young People's, Junior and Cradle Roll Societies in the Conference, this is a wide open field. The challenge is before us. Let each of us accept the responsibility. We could easily double the number now enrolled and add other new Woman's Societies to our list.

MRS. S. E. MADREN, *Superintendent*.

### YOUNG PEOPLE.

Reports were received from the following Young People's Societies:

*Antioch*—47 members, 17 new members, meet once a month.

*Linville*—10 members, 1 new member. Members have planned devotions and taken part in overseas relief.

*Mt. Lebanon*—contributed for local benevolences and to Shaowu through the Sunday School.

*Leaksville*—28 members, 4 new members, lost 8 members, raised money for Elon heating plant and Shaowu.

*New Hope*—14 members, 2 new members, meet once a month.

*Winchester*—meet monthly in the homes using the suggested mission themes, a social hour follows. Attendance, 80.

MRS. J. E. BRYANT, *Superintendent*.

### JUNIORS.

We have two Junior Societies in the Valley—Winchester and New Hope.

The Winchester Society raised their apportionment which was \$5.00. They have 26 members on the roll; held regular monthly meetings with a devotional program at each meeting this past year; sent cards to the sick and also birthday cards; packed shoe boxes filled with shoes, pencils, crayons, socks, scissors, etc., and sent them for War Victims and Reconstruction overseas.

New Hope has a Junior Society with eight members on the roll. Monthly meetings were held on Sunday mornings following Sunday School. This group sent cards and flowers to the sick this past year. I would like to suggest that there be a Junior Missionary Society in every church. It is here that the training for service in Missions really begins. The children are given a vision of what it means to give to others not only of their money but of their talents also.

MRS. GROVER DAUGHERTY, *Superintendent*.

### CRADLE ROLL.

In these trying days that we're passing through, we are confident that we have to start early in training our boys and girls about missions and the Christian way of living. It is important and necessary that each Missionary Society have an active Cradle Roll Department to start their little ones on the right trend of living. If their first knowledge

is about Jesus and His teachings, and about the purpose of missionary work, they are likely to remember and carry these teachings with them on through their life. I'd like to make these suggestions to each Missionary Society: (1) that each society president see that they have an active Cradle Roll Department in their society, (2) that each Cradle Roll Superintendent have plenty of material and supplies, in order to have an active department, (3) for each leader to get their report and dues in on time for the conference report.

MRS. CARROLL MONGER, *Superintendent.*

The Treasurer presented her report as follows:

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

#### RECEIPTS.

Brought forward .....	\$ 266.61
Conference Offering .....	15.19
Rally Offerings .....	45.60

#### *Women's Societies.*

Bethel .....	\$ 67.90
Leaksville .....	196.58
Linville .....	96.53
Mt. Olivet (R) .....	46.25
New Hope .....	6.30
Newport .....	85.76
Wissler's Chapel .....	2.75
Winchester .....	165.00
Wood's Chapel .....	8.00
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#### *Young People.*

Antioch .....	\$171.50
Linville .....	10.00
Winchester .....	30.00
New Hope .....	10.00
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	221.50

#### *Juniors.*

New Hope .....	\$ .50
Winchester .....	5.00
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	5.50

#### *Cradle Roll.*

Antioch .....	\$ 2.50
Winchester .....	2.50
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	5.00

Grand Total ..... \$1,234.47

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

September 8, 1947—Paid to Mrs. Whitten .....	\$ 7.13
September 8, 1947—Paid to Mrs. Miller .....	2.50
September 8, 1947—Paid to Treasurer for postage .....	1.50
October 1, 1947—Paid for Bond .....	5.00
October 6, 1947—Paid to Mrs. Leathers .....	300.18
January 5, 1948—Paid to Mrs. Leathers .....	277.27
April 6, 1948—Paid to Mrs. Leathers .....	267.64
May 15, 1948—Paid to Mrs. Meddlicotte .....	25.00
June 2, 1948—Paid to W. J. Andes .....	29.05
July 6, 1948—Paid to Mrs. Leathers .....	297.24
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	1,212.51

Balance in Treasury ..... \$ 21.96

PEARL H. PAINTER, *Treasurer.*

The Treasurer's report was adopted.

The Committee on Place reported that the Linville Church had invited the Conference for 1949. It was voted that the Conference be held at Linville.

The Apportionment Committee report was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

We, your Committee on Apportionments, make the following report:

##### *Women.*

Bethel .....	\$ 50.00
Bethlehem .....	25.00
Dry Run .....	10.00
Leaksville .....	100.00
Linville .....	75.00
Mt. Lebanon .....	5.00
Mt. Olivet (R) .....	25.00
Mt. Olivet (G) .....	25.00
New Hope .....	30.00
Newport .....	50.00
Winchester .....	100.00
Wissler's Chapel .....	10.00
Wood's Chapel .....	10.00

##### *Young People.*

Antioch .....	100.00
Linville .....	25.00
New Hope .....	15.00
Timber Ridge .....	35.00
Winchester .....	20.00

##### *Juniors.*

New Hope .....	10.00
Winchester .....	5.00

##### *Cradle Roll.*

Antioch .....	2.50
Bethel .....	1.00
New Hope .....	1.50
Winchester .....	3.00

AMY LOUDERBACK,  
MARTHA SIRBAUGH,  
IVIE FRANK.

The Resolutions Committee report was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

##### RESOLVED—

1. That we extend a rising vote of thanks to the members and friends of Wissler's Chapel for their kind hospitality and the bountiful food.

2. That we express our appreciation to the officers of the Woman's Conference for their efficient work during the year.

3. That we express our appreciation for the splendid work done by Miss Betty Chicoine as Field Secretary and it is with regret that we learn of her resignation. We wish her every success in her new field of work.

4. That we urge each society to stress their Thank Offering as this is to be used for War Victims and Reconstruction work.

MRS. HAROLD RHODES,  
MRS. ORVILLE HOOVER.



The Nominating Committee report was adopted and officers were elected as follows:

*President*—Miss Verdie Showalter.  
*Vice-President*—Mrs. R. A. Whitten.  
*Secretary*—Mrs. Howard Hensley.  
*Treasurer*—Mrs. Noah Painter.  
*Supt. of Women's Work*—Mrs. B. F. Frank.  
*Supt. of Young People*—Mrs. J. E. Bryant.  
*Supt. of Cradle Roll*—Mrs. Carroll Monger.  
*Supt. of Juniors*—Mrs. Grover Daugherty.  
*Supt. of Spiritual Life*—Mrs. Mary Davis.  
*Supt. of Memberships and Memorials*—Mrs. Edgar Nelson.  
*Supt. of Friendly Service*—Mrs. R. A. Whitten.  
*Supt. of Literature*—Mrs. O. J. Sours.  
*Supt. of Family Life*—Mrs. R. E. Newton.  
*Supt. of Interdenominational Cooperation*—Mrs. A. W. Andes.

MRS. J. E. BRYANT,  
 MRS. EDGAR NELSON,  
 MRS. AUSTIN KIPPS,  
 MRS. CLARA FRAZIER,  
 MABEL HIGGS.

A motion was made and passed that the treasurer be authorized to pay all bills.

The Conference voted to send Miss Earlene Andes a note of thanks for printing the programs without cost.

A rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. Clyde R. Miller for her outstanding work as secretary for the past four years.

Rev. R. A. Whitten offered a prayer of consecration for the newly elected officers.

Following the prayer, the Conference adjourned.

MISS VERDIE SHOWALTER, *President*.  
 MRS. CLYDE S. MILLER, *Secretary*.

# Minutes of the Thirty-Sixth Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference.

NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA,  
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THEME: "*Horizons Unlimited.*"

*God in Christ always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads  
the fragrance of the knowledge of Him everywhere.*—II Cor. 2:14.

## MORNING SESSION.

The thirty-sixth annual session of the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met with the Congregational Christian Church, Newport News, Thursday, October 7, 1948, and was called to order at 10:00 a. m. by the president, Mrs. John G. Truitt. The invocation was given by Dr. H. S. Hardcastle.

Rev. F. H. Lewis, president of the Eastern Virginia Conference, presented the following visitors: Dr. Stanley U. North, Home Mission Board Secretary; Dr. W. T. Scott, Convention Superintendent; Miss Anne Campbell, recently returned from England and C.W.V.R. work; Mrs. O. H. Paris, president of the Southern Convention Woman's Board, and Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, secretary of the Missions Council, New York.

There were fifteen ministers present.

It was voted to request the secretary to send greetings from this Conference to Timothy Chang, Chinese student now at Duke Divinity School.

Committees were appointed as follows:

*Nominations*—Mesdames J. R. Darden, T. Hayes Holland, J. E. McCauley.

*Courtesy*—Mesdames G. C. White, W. R. Parker, J. Rollie Gayle.

*Place of Meeting*—Mrs. B. D. Jones.

Address: "The Christian World Mission"—Dr. W. T. Scott.

Roll Call of Churches with response as follows:

Antioch, 7; Barrett's, 0; Berea (Nansemond), 11; Berea (Norfolk), 6; Begonia, 0; Bay View, 5; Bethlehem, 22; Burton's Grove, 0; Centerville, 0; Cypress Chapel, 12; Christian Temple, 13; Dendron, 5; Eure, 0; Franklin, 16; Holland, 9; Holy Neck, 9; Hopewell, 0; Isle of Wight, 4; Johnson's Grove, 1; Liberty Spring, 15; Mt. Carmel, 6; Mt. Zion, 6; New Lebanon, 0; Newport News, 23; First Church, Norfolk, 8; Second Church, Norfolk, 0; Little Creek, 5; Rosemont, 14; Oak Grove, 5; Oakland, 6; First Church, Portsmouth, 10; Elm Avenue, 0; Shelton Memorial, 6; Richmond, 3; South Norfolk, 19; Spring Hill, 0; Suffolk, 32; Sunbury, Damascus, 6; Union, Southampton, 5; Union, Surry, 0; Wakefield, 5; Waverly, 4; Windsor, 8. Total, 315.

Reports of District Superintendents received and adopted as follows:

### WAVERLY DISTRICT.

Number of Churches in Waverly District—11.

Number of Woman's Societies in District—7.

Number of Young People's Groups—8.

Number of Children's Groups—4.

Number of Cradle Rolls in District—4.

- Number of Women enrolled in District—127.
- Number of Societies using Packet—7.
- Number having one planned Devotional Service at each meeting—8.
- Number using Study Books—6.
- Number subscriptions to *Christian Sun*—41.
- Number subscriptions to *Missionary Herald*—29.
- Number subscriptions to *Church Woman*—2.
- Number receiving Guide Post—6.
- Number societies sending news items to *Christian Sun*—4.

#### *Young People—*

- Number groups using Study Books—4.
- Number groups using Packet—5.
- Number contributing to Missions through Woman's Board, Sunday School, or other agencies—6.
- Number sending Friendly Service gifts—5.
- Number subscribing to Pilgrim Youth—5.

#### *Children—*

- Number groups using Packet—2.
- Number groups using Study Books—2.
- Places where Friendly Service gifts were sent: 75 Bibles printed in Spanish sent to Meixco by Dendron Children's Group.
- Number groups contributing to Missions through Woman's Board, Sunday Schools or other agencies—2.
- Number subscriptions to *Children's Religion*—1.

#### *Cradle Roll—*

- Number of churches having active Cradle Roll Department—2.
- Number having Friendly Service Project for four- to six-year-olds—1.
- Number having Cradle Roll party with program for mothers—2.

#### *Friendly Service—*

- Friendly Service gifts have been sent this year to Greece, World Church Center, Japan, Elon Orphanage and Franklinton College.
- Other community service—baskets of fruit, letters, cards sent to sick and shut-ins.
- Richmond Society made visit to City Home every three months.

#### *Family Life—*

- Number Societies having Family Life Chairman—2.
- Number Societies that observed Family Life Week in May—2.
- Number Societies having other Family Life activities during year—1.
- Number Societies observing World Day of Prayer—5.
- Number Societies observing World Community Day—4.
- Number Societies observing May Fellowship Day—4.
- Number Societies having representatives at Spring Rally—6.
- Number Societies having representatives at Fall Conference—5.
- Number Societies making reports quarterly to Conference Treasurer—6.
- Number Societies contributing to Thank Offering—6.

#### *Visual Aids—*

- Number Societies that own Visual Aid equipment—1.
- Number Societies that have used Convention Visual Aid equipment—1.
- Number Life Members sent in—4.
- Number Life Memorials—None.

#### *Treasurer's Report—*

- Amount raised in District by Women—\$363.90.
- Amount raised in District by Young People—\$68.25.
- Amount raised in District by Juniors—\$7.00.
- Amount raised in District by Cradle Roll—\$13.00.
- Total raised in Waverly District—\$548.87.

Waverly Society sent \$50.00 to the Shaowu Mission to be used in hospital to help buy medicine for treatment of malaria.

Our new Superintendent is Mrs. J. F. Brown, 3533 Floyd Avenue, Richmond, Va.

President of Societies in Districts and their addresses are as follows:

*Richmond*—Mrs. Amie Virden, 7603 Hocanis Road, Richmond, Va.

*Waverly*—Mrs. F. E. Knocler, Waverly, Va.

*Wakefield*—Mrs. W. C. Seely, Waverly, Va.

*Dendron*—Mrs. Garland Spratley, Dendron, Va.

### SUFFOLK DISTRICT

In the Suffolk District there are nineteen churches and twenty organized Missionary Societies. Enrolled in these societies are 963 members, which is an increase of fifty-seven over last year. We are especially glad to welcome to this Conference today the newest Missionary Society in our district—Mt. Zion.

All societies reported having a well-planned devotional service at each meeting. Nineteen conducted their Bible study, "Thy Kingdom Come—Beginning in Me." Nineteen observed the World Day of Prayer, most groups cooperating with other churches. Twelve observed World Community Day and nine May Fellowship Day.

We have 380 subscriptions to our own church paper, *The Christian Sun*; 126 to *The Missionary Herald*; 12 to *Advance*; 10 to *The Church Woman*; and 25 to *Guide Posts*. Eighteen societies sent a news item to the Convention Editor.

Nineteen societies gave Life Memberships and Memorials making a total of 42 for the year. The Bethlehem Woman's Missionary Society gave the largest number, which was eight. Six of our societies honored our own missionaries, Dorothy and Dick Jackson and their son, Lewis Byers Jackson. Twelve societies used visual aids "Even as Christ Commanded" and "Beyond Our Own" being the most popular. Fourteen observed National Family Life Week. Nineteen sent a Thank Offering to our Conference Treasurer.

Through our Friendly Service we have fulfilled the scriptural injunction and reached beyond the borders of our own communities. The societies have given abundantly to many friendly service projects, namely: Franklinton, Japan (mailed to Miss Angie Crew), Elon Orphanage, C. W. V. R., European Relief through the Church World Service Center, New Windsor, Maryland. The following community services were rendered: Conducted a Daily Vacation Bible School; carried out the special Evangelistic Project; had a Community Day service, sent devotional books to shut-ins; Christmas baskets for the needy; carol singing; pantry shower for pastor and wife; contributions to various civic organizations and Every Child in Sunday School crusades.

There are seventeen Young People's Missionary Societies in the district reporting this year. Fifteen used the study books; fourteen used the packet; twelve gave friendly service gifts and ten societies have subscriptions to the *Pilgrim Youth*. Mt. Carmel and Windsor gave a Memorial and Liberty Spring a Life Membership.

There are fifteen Children's Societies in the district reporting this year and of these, thirteen used the mission study books; five sent friendly service gifts; seven have a total of nineteen subscriptions to the *Children's Religion*. On Life Membership was given by the Liberty Spring Junior Society.

There are eighteen Cradle Roll organizations in the district. There is only one church without a Cradle Roll. Twelve held a Cradle Roll party and four sent friendly service gifts.

We have eight societies that achieved the goal of a Superior Society; seven that achieved the goal of a Honor Roll Society; four that achieved the goal of an Active Society and one new society organized the last quarter. Every society sent an annual report to your District Superintendent, and every report was in on time. For your interest and promptness in this matter, please accept the thanks of your Superintendent and the entire Convention and Conference Boards.

Six societies reported having sponsored the Special Evangelistic Project, which was presented to the entire Suffolk District delegation at our Spring Rally. The following took seriously the task committed unto them by Jesus Christ as found in the 28th chapter of Matthew: Berea, Nansemond (14); Bethlehem (32); Franklin (14); Liberty Spring (21); Oakland (40); Windsor (1)—a total of 124 members added to our churches in the district as the result of personal evangelism on the part of members of these societies.



Our Spring Rally was held with the Cypress Chapel Ladies, with a large attendance. We enjoyed the messages brought to us by Dr. Ralph Strader and Dr. W. T. Scott.

When I resigned last spring, Mrs. A. C. Moore, of the Bethlehem (Nansemond) Church was elected District Superintendent and we are looking forward to the efficient leadership of Mrs. Moore for the coming year.

MRS. WILLIM T. HARRELL,  
*Superintendent, Suffolk District.*

### NORFOLK DISTRICT.

With the theme, "Opening Doors," ringing in their ears the women of the eleven churches in the Norfolk District have been busy this past year striving to do just that—opening doors for God and others, and all the time realizing that in order to do that they had to keep the doors of their own hearts and minds open. For only as we let the creative and cleansing power of the Master enter our own lives are we strengthened to open doors for others.

The eleven churches have a combined membership of 486 in their women's missionary groups. This is an increase of 25 over the number reported last year.

In order to strengthen their own lives each of these groups have presented a well-planned devotional service at each meeting and have also conducted their Bible Study in the Gospel of Matthew—with special emphasis on "The Sermon on the Mount."

The women have prepared themselves for their work by using our denominational and also inter-denominational literature. Each group reported having used the packet, study books and *Missionary Herald*; seven subscribed to and used the *Guide Posts*. In our group we have 243 subscriptions to *The Christian Sun*, 67 subscriptions to *The Missionary Herald*, 10 to *Advance* and 3 to *Church Woman*.

Nine societies sent friendly service gifts—with Franklinton Center being in the lead as the recipient. Only five of our groups have visual aid equipment of their own, and two used the Convention equipment, one rented equipment, and one is fortunate enough to have access to the equipment of a member of their Church.

Eight societies observed National Family Week with special programs. Ten observed the World Day of Prayer (the other society planned its program, but had to cancel it due to the death of one of their members); nine observed World Community Day; and eight joined in a May Fellowship Day Service.

Ten of our societies gave a total of nineteen Life Memberships, and four presented a Memorial Certificate to the families of four deceased members.

While our women have been "opening doors" our young people, children and cradle roll groups have also been busy in the work of the Master. Eight young people's groups were reported as receiving missionary education. Seven of these used the study books, seven made use of the packet, and five sent Friendship Service gifts. There are nine subscriptions to the *Pilgrim Youth* in our District.

Nine children's groups were reported. Eight of these used the children's study books and four gave friendly service gifts. We have 28 subscriptions to *Children's Religion*. One children's group gave a Life Membership.

We have nine cradle roll groups. Eight of these had their program and party. They used various materials such as stories for parents, story papers, mite boxes, certificates, etc.

The total sum of money sent to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board by all the groups in Norfolk District amounted to \$2,605.10.

Those who can recall to memory the day of April 8, 1948, know that on that day we had one of the heaviest rain storms of the whole spring season. However, the 139 women, representing every church in our district, who gathered at Bay View Church for our Norfolk District meeting did not assemble with dampened spirits. An eager and alert group of women listened to the inspiring messages and conducted their business in a very fine and congenial manner. Rev. Ralph Shrader, representing our American Board, led a very fine and informative discussion and quiz program. He was quite ably assisted by Rev. J. Everette Neese. We will ever be grateful to Dr. Frank H. Lewis for his forceful message on "Our Responsibility for Evangelism in the Local Church."

The achievements here reported and the doors opened have been accomplished by the fine spirit of cooperation of each group in our district. Now, in the coming year, as we seek "Horizons Unlimited" may our prayer truly be "Build us a tower of Christlike height, that we the land may view."

MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS,  
*Superintendent, Norfolk District.*

Offering: \$77.01.

Solo: "Consider the Lilies"—Mrs. C. E. Heath, Jr.

Address: "Your Western Border the Great Sea"—Mrs. O. H. Paris.

The Literature report was attractively presented by Mrs. R. M. Kimball, and a group of women, each giving a vivid and different picture of the 1948-49 literature.

The treasurer reported as follows, which was adopted:

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury October 1, 1947 .....	\$ 264.37
Offering from Woman's Conference, 1947 .....	78.60
Offering from Young People's Conference, 1947 .....	43.71
Offering from District Meetings, 1948 .....	92.89
Refund—Mrs. John G. Truitt (on trip to Grand Rapids Meeting) .....	2.47
Women's Societies Apportionment .....	4,132.31
Young People's Societies Apportionment .....	849.31
Junior Societies Apportionment .....	414.53
Cradle Roll Contributions .....	434.25
Life Memberships .....	560.00
Memorials .....	180.00
Thank Offering:	
Superintendent's Home .....	\$ 446.86
Shaowu .....	1,466.56
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	1,913.42
Friendly Service .....	178.00
Committee on War Victims and Reconstruction .....	37.75
Specials:	
Ministerial Student Fund, North Fukien Synod, China .....	\$ 120.00
Wedding Gift for Dr. and Mrs. Riggs, China .....	25.00
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	145.00
World Community Day Offering .....	42.45
World Day of Prayer Offering .....	30.04
May Fellowship Day Offering .....	15.00
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Total Receipts .....	\$9,414.10

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treas., Woman's Board, Southern Conv. ...	\$8,932.06
Mrs. H. H. Monroe (Conference Speaker) .....	20.00
Bank Service Charges (May 1947-Sept. 1947) .....	2.40
Virginia Council of Church Women .....	25.00
United Christian Youth Council of Virginia .....	43.71
Mrs. John G. Truitt (Expenses 1946-47) .....	9.50
West & Withers (Renew Treasurer's Bond) .....	5.00
Mrs. E. H. Stephenson (Junior Year Book) .....	3.00
Gurley Press .....	11.00
Franklin Printing Co. ....	24.75
Gurley Press .....	4.00
Mrs. John G. Truitt (Part Expense to Grand Rapids Meeting) ..	20.00
Dr. W. T. Scott (Expense of speaker for District Meetings) ....	25.00
Franklin Printing Co. ....	13.75

Gurley Press .....	16.50
Board of Publications (Printing Minutes in ANNUAL) .....	40.60
Miss Betty Chicoine (Part expense of delegates to Defiance Young Young People's Conference) .....	12.00
Mrs. Wm. T. Harrell (Part expense to General Council) .....	25.00
Bank Service Charges (October 1947-August 1948) .....	4.06
Elliott Hotel (Lunch, Board Meeting) .....	10.15
Mrs. L. W. Stagg (Expenses for two years) .....	14.15
Mrs. John G. Truitt (Expenses 1947-1948) .....	8.38
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	9,270.01
Balance in Treasury .....	\$ 144.09

MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS, *Treasurer.*

The morning session was dismissed with prayer by Dr. Luther B. Grice.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song service and prayer by Rev. J. F. Morgan.

Mrs. R. T. Bradford, chairman of Constitution Committee, requested more time in which to complete the work on the constitution. Request granted.

Recommendations from the Board were read by Mrs. L. W. Stagg. The recommendations were voted upon by items as follows:

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the date of our annual meeting be changed to the first Thursday in October.

2. That our offering to the Virginia Council of Church Women be increased to \$50.00 for 1949.

3. That our goal for 1948-49 be \$7,500.00 and the societies be urged to increase their apportionment 10 per cent. (On motion it was voted that our goal be \$10,000.00 instead of \$7,500.00.)

4. That we stress Life Memberships and Memorials—this fund, as recommended by the Womans Board of the Southern C'onvention, will go to help educate a Chinese student from Showu, China, recommended by Rev. Richard Jackson. (This student, Timothy Chang, is now at Duke University Divinity School, and is a very fine and most worthy young man.)

5. That the Thank Offering for 1948-49 be used for War Victims and Reconstruction as recommended by the Woman's Board of the Southern Convention.

The Departmental reports were read and adopted as follows:

#### CRADLE ROLL.

Number of churches having active Cradle Rolls—27. Total amount of offerings—\$443.75.

MRS. A. J. HOLLAND, *Superintendent.*

#### YOUNG PEOPLE.

The number of churches which sponsored missionary education among the young people this year were 33. Comparing this with the women's groups who have 41 we still have much work to do.

Number of young people's groups organized this year—2.

Societies which used the Mission Study books—28.

Number of groups which gave Friendly Service gifts—23.

Total amount contributed by the young people to Missions through our conference treasurer—\$1,119.12. This is over and above our apportionment of \$849.31.



Number of subscriptions to the *Pilgrim Youth*—38.

Due to the polio epidemic we were unable to have our annual Young People's Summer Conference, however 21 young people attended camp at Massanetta.

There was one Superior Society this year—Liberty Spring.

There were two Life Memberships and Memorials given by the young people.

Number of groups that used the young people's packet—27.

Last April a tour of the churches of Eastern Virginia was planned for Miss Betty Chicoine, who was our Field Director of Christian Education and Young People's organizations of our Southern Convention. Joint meetings at centrally located places were arranged but due to Miss Chicoine's illness the entire tour was cancelled. At this time I would like to take the opportunity of thanking each of you who co-operated in helping to arrange these meetings. We do regret that the tour didn't materialize.

Our new Superintendent of Young People from the Women's Missionary Conference this year will be Mrs. R. E. Brittle. We wish her Godspeed in the work that has been started for us and we want each of our women's societies to pledge their co-operation during her work with the young people this year.

The Annual Fall Meeting of the Eastern Virginia Young People's Missionary Conference will be held at the Suffolk Christian Church, Sunday, October 24, at 3:30 for the afternoon session and the evening session will begin at 7:30. Supper will be served by the ladies of Suffolk Christian Church at 6:30.

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, whom you all know, who is Educational Secretary of the Missions Council and her team of international and national leaders will speak to the young people in connection with missions. Miss Coghill made the announcement in our morning session relative to the team and we feel so fortunate that our young people will have the privilege of hearing Dr. Hatanaka and others of the team. Encourage your young people to attend and, too, we shall be delighted to have as many adults as can arrange to come. We feel sure that if the meeting in Richmond on October 21 is a successful one, then our young people meeting on October 24 at Suffolk Christian Church will also be a success for we are depending on the women of our churches to spread the good news and have a grand representation from each church in Eastern Virginia.

MRS. MELVIN P. BRINKLEY, *Superintendent*.

#### INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION.

We have often heard it said, "The sky is the limit," but we are bold enough to take as our slogan for the coming year, "Horizons Unlimited." I congratulate our women upon having vision and a more liberal outlook and motto. "God in Christ always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of Him everywhere." (II Cor. 2:14.) That word *everywhere* carries with it a vision which is truly *unlimited*.

I am sure each group of women had a real feeling of fellowship as they prayed together with the women of other denominations on the World Day of Prayer. It was gratifying to know 36 societies of the 41 observed this day; together our prayers were extended to the far horizons with women of all races, color, and creeds. The theme for the World Day of Prayer next March 4 came from the Chinese women: "The Lord is Thy Keeper."

The May Fellowship Day on May 6 has a very timely topic, "Freedom's Foundation—The Christian Home." It was St. Augustine who said, "Give me mothers, and I will give you another world." Emphasis should be placed upon Christian homes. If we would but keep strong this fellowship of Christian women it would serve to give strength to all Christian family life in our country. The May fellowship luncheons and meetings are growing in popularity—there were 20 such group meetings against 11 the year before. You understand, of course, about the offering being one-third for a local project, one-third for our state and one-third for national work.

World Community Day is not far off, I am sure most of you have your plans completed for November 5. The time is here right now for the united voice of Christian women to be raised in behalf of lasting peace. The theme for the service is, "Peace is My Responsibility." When we rededicate ourselves to Christ and pray that



women of all countries may soon join in a crusade for peace, when we give courageous, intelligent and prayer support to the United Nations and to Christian movements for world order, when we work for the extension of human rights and economic justice around the world, surely human minds under God will spread the fragrance of good will and justice to all mankind. The United Council of Church Women are asking women to mobilize now for peace. For the past few months commitment cards have been distributed for the signature of those who are willing to sign them stating that they are willing to join with other women in the mobilization for peace. I have a few of them with me and you may order more from 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Another project is to Pack-A-Towel for teen agers in displaced persons camps and in Asia, or send an offering for medical supplies and peace education. Last year there were 25 societies to observe this day. Let's make it every group next month.

"God in Christ always leads us in triumph and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of Him everywhere."

MRS. GARLAND W. SPRATLEY, *Chairman.*

### SPIRITUAL LIFE.

We all agree that our Spiritual Life Department should occupy a preeminent place and its purposes should undergird our entire Missionary Program. Our Spiritual Life has to do not only with our earthly life but with our life beyond the grave.

The chief purpose of our Spiritual Life Division is to emphasize the value and necessity of consistent Bible study and prayer in the building of Christian character.

Poets, historians, theologians, psychologists and others have sought to give us many weighty reasons why the Bible has survived over a period of more than thirty centuries and why it has continued to be the world's best seller in literature since the invention of movable type by Gutenberg, but the best explanation of all is man's belief that the Bible contains the Word of God.

The Psalmist beautifully expressed the value of the Bible when he said, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." John added a new idea to that of the Psalmist when he said that the purpose in writing his Gospel was, "That ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye may have life in his name." Paul assured Timothy that, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

The Bible has lived because it helps us to become the kind of person we should all want to be—our own best selves.

Jesus, who was Divine, read his Bible. He loved it. He memorized it. He quoted it. He accepted its miracles. He gave his life in fulfillment of its prophecies and teachings. He commended it to us as the unerring guide of life.

Jesus was our greatest missionary and the New Testament is our greatest mission study book. To succeed in the realm of missions a knowledge of the Bible is very necessary.

Jesus also prayed to his Father often and under all circumstances of life. How much more necessary it is for us to pray without ceasing. We may pray in public places, but let us never neglect to pray for and with our families in the privacy of our homes, and may we never fail to seek God's presence in the secret place. Our prayers should be filled with thanksgiving, we should pray in the early mornings for guidance and direction for each step of the way. We need to pray to be equal to the exhausting demands upon our courage and strength in the great encounters of life—to be adequate in patience for the daily drain of small annoyances. We should pray for wisdom to discern the will of God for ourselves and for the world, and always with a submissive will.

In the Norfolk District, Mrs. W. B. Williams, Superintendent, each of the eleven societies held its Bible Study and each had a well-planned devotional at each meeting during the year.

In the Suffolk District, Mrs. W. T. Harrell, Superintendent, each of the twenty societies held its Bible study and each had a well-planned devotional at each meeting.

I have not heard from the Waverly District, Mrs. W. C. Seeley, Superintendent, but I feel sure that they, too, should have 100 per cent credit on their Spiritual Life work.

Our Bible study for 1948-49 will be the Book of Galatians. The book that will be used as a guide for our study in the Book of Galatians is entitled, "The Gospel Unlimited," by Dr. Ferris E. Reynolds, Professor of Bible at Elon College. This supplementary book may be purchased here today for 40c, or it may be ordered from the Convention Office at Elon College, N. C.

The scripture that we are asking you to memorize during the new Conference year is found in Galatians 5:22-23: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

We shall ask you to repeat these two verses next year at our Fall Conference.

MRS. J. ROLLIE GAYLE, *Chairman*.

### FRIENDLY SERVICE.

Our Friendly Service Department is the channel through which our women's groups do work of loving service for others in Jesus' name. A quota list is made up and sent to our Convention Friendly Service Chairman, who sends this information to your Conference Chairman. Our projects are put in our Year Book each year for your future reference.

It is very gratifying to find that Franklinton Center still occupies an important place in our hearts. Of the societies reporting fifteen had made contributions to Franklinton. These included cash donations, curtains, shades and bed linen.

This past year sixteen societies sent boxes of supplies and food to our friend, Miss Angie Crew, who is a teacher in Kobe College, Japan. We have again chosen this as our foreign project for next year. The list of gifts needed and the mailing instructions are the same as last year. However, it is permissible to send twenty-two pounds instead of eleven. This project was well supported by our Young People's groups.

Eleven societies reported having sent gifts through our Church World Service. It has been said that 99.41 per cent of the goods sent through Church World Service arrives in perfect shape and is distributed to people who really need it most. The program of the United Protestant Overseas Relief is worthy of our support, according to information made available to me while attending the General Council in Oberlin this summer.

The children at our own Elon Orphanage were not forgotten in our Friendly Services. Six societies sent boxes of clothing and many other gifts to these children. The Berea (Nansemond) Society conducted a Daily Vacation Bible School and gave a Sunday School Picnic for the children of the church. Isle of Wight Society contributed \$300 on the church's building fund. The Suffolk (Staley) Society filled ten duffle bags for European relief. Holland sent copies of the *Upper Room* to shut-in members. Many societies contributed to various civic organizations. Oakland equipped a nursery room for their church and had a Community Day. Practically every society reported many visits to the sick as well as cards and flowers sent. Many societies gave gifts of clothing to local needy cases.

The projects chosen for this year in addition to Japan are Ryder Memorial Hospital, Puerto Rico and Fort Berthold Indian Mission, Elbowoods, North Dakota. These are very interesting and worthwhile projects. A complete list of books for these two projects will be found in your Year Book. We believe the Fort Berthold Indian Mission project will be of special interest to our Young People's and Children's groups. Leaflets concerning these two projects will be mailed to each society in the near future.

We are slowly awakening to the fact that united action by Christians working through the church is imperative if human needs are to be met. God help us to have an awareness of others, both at home and abroad, is my prayer for each of us for the coming year.

MRS. WILLIM T. HARRELL, *Chairman*.

Mrs. C. O. Byrd reported on Life Memberships and Memorials which report was adopted as follows:

#### LIFE MEMBERSHIPS.

*Bay View*—Lewis Byers Jackson.  
*Berea (Nansemond)*—Lewis Byers Jackson, Mrs. I. W. Johnson.  
*Berea (Norfolk)*—Mrs. Edna Waterfield.  
*Bethlehem*—Mrs. Claude Eure, Mrs. H. L. Joyner, Mrs. Ernest Oliver, Mrs. C. F. Savage, Mrs. Harry P. Schadel, Mrs. L. C. Whitehead.  
*Christian Temple*—Mr. E. M. Albright, Mrs. D. J. Bowden, Mrs. T. W. Butt, Mrs. K. J. Gilbert, Mrs. J. J. Rountree.  
*Damascus*—Mrs. J. E. Corbett, Mrs. J. H. Lassiter.  
*Damascus (Young People)*—James Carroll Byrum.  
*Dendron*—Mrs. Edward T. Atkinson, Mrs. Waverly S. Barrett.  
*Dendron (Young People)*—Mrs. Thurman Williams.  
*Eure*—Rev. J. M. Roberts.  
*First, Norfolk*—Mrs. W. J. Thomas.  
*First, Portsmouth*—Mrs. W. S. Carne.  
*Franklin*—Rev. R. L. Jackson, Mrs. R. L. Jackson, Mrs. James A. Nichols.  
*Holland*—Mrs. B. J. Beale.  
*Isle of Wight*—Mrs. J. H. Turner.  
*Johnson's Grove*—Lewis Byers Jackson.  
*Liberty Spring*—Mrs. I. T. Byrd, Lewis Byers Jackson.  
*Liberty Spring (Young People)*—Miss Louise Rawles.  
*Liberty Spring (Juniors)*—Rev. R. L. Jackson.  
*Little Creek*—Mrs. M. E. Taylor.  
*Newport News*—Mrs. J. H. Duling, Mrs. C. L. Pope.  
*Oak Grove*—Mrs. T. R. Ellis.  
*Oakland*—Mrs. Wortley Luke Griffin, Mrs. Bertie Ellener Johnson, Mrs. Gladys Neal Newman.  
*Shelton Memorial*—Mrs. Grace B. Campbell.  
*South Norfolk*—Mrs. Pearl Frias, Mrs. A. L. Hanbury, Mrs. Marjorie Humphries, Mrs. Lee Mitchell, Mrs. H. E. Seymour.  
*South Norfolk (Juniors)*—Mrs. Pat White.  
*Suffolk*—Mrs. Loulie Rogers.  
*Suffolk (Staley Society)*—Mrs. Elizabeth S. Dixon, Miss Jamie Felton.  
*Wakefield*—Mrs. Blanche Moffett.  
*Waverly*—Mrs. F. E. Knoeller.  
*Windsor*—Mrs. C. W. Bailey, Mrs. S. T. Holland, Mrs. R. A. Rhodes.

#### MEMORIALS.

*Antioch*—Mrs. Clara Snipes Clements.  
*Bethlehem*—Mrs. W. H. Byrd, William Thomas Tadlock.  
*Christian Temple*—Mrs. C. H. Rowland.  
*Cypress Chapel*—Mrs. Mattie Rountree Brinkley.  
*Franklin*—Mrs. Daisy Ballard Jones.  
*Holy Neck*—Mrs. Claude Wilkins.  
*Mt. Carmel*—Mrs. Mamie Bland.  
*Mt. Carmel (Young People)*—William T. Holland.  
*Newport News*—Mrs. O. H. Griggs.  
*Rosemont*—Stanley Gibson Mills.  
*South Norfolk*—Mrs. Alice A. Hall.  
*Suffolk*—Mrs. J. W. Deford, Mrs. John W. Eley, Mabel B. Jones.  
*Suffolk (Staley Society)*—Miss Julia A. Brinkley.  
*Union (Southampton)*—Mrs. Mattie Joyner Blythe.  
*Windsor (Young People)*—S. T. Holland, Jr.  
*Christian Temple*—Mrs. J. J. Rountree.

MRS. C. O. BYRD, *Superintendent*.

Reverently the Conference paused to honor the memory of these loyal members who have passed on.



In the absence of Mrs. Roy Richardson, Superintendent of the Family Life Department, Mrs. Robert M. Kimball gave a verbal report on the work of this department.

Dr. Stanley U. North addressed the Conference on the subject, "The Extent of Our Home Mission Work."

The Report of the Committee on Nominations was adopted and officers elected as follows:

#### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

We, the Nominating Committee, present the following slate of officers for the next Conference year:

*President*—Mrs. R. L. House.

*First Vice-President*—Mrs. William T. Harrell.

*Second Vice-President*—Mrs. Ray Gordon.

*Secretary*—Mrs. L. W. Stagg.

*Treasurer*—Mrs. W. B. Williams.

*Superintendent of Spiritual Life*—Mrs. J. Rollie Gayle.

*Superintendent of Interdenominational Cooperation*—Mrs. Garland Spratley.

*Superintendent of Literature*—Mrs. Robert Kimball.

*Superintendent of Life Memberships and Memorials*—Mrs. Roy Brinkley.

*Superintendent of Family Life*—Mrs. Charles E. Heath, Jr.

*Superintendent of Young People*—Mrs. R. E. Brittle.

*Superintendent of Children*—Mrs. W. C. Seeley.

*Superintendent of Cradle Roll*—Mrs. Loren P. Waldo, Jr.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. R. DARDEN,  
MRS. T. HAYES HOLLAND,  
MRS. J. E. McCauley.

The report of Committee on Courtesy was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COURTESY.

We, the Committee on Courtesy, wish to thank the following:

1. All those who had any part in making the program for the day a success.
2. Dr. W. T. Scott for his challenging message on World Missions.
3. The three District Superintendents for their excellent reports, and for the beautiful solo by Mrs. Heath.
4. Our Convention President, Mrs. O. H. Paris, for her very inspiring message; Dr. Stanley U. North for his very acceptable contribution to the program; also Miss Annie Campbell and Miss Pattie Lee Coghill for their presence and contribution.
5. The Newport News Church for the gracious way in which they have entertained this season of Conference and for the fine spirit of fellowship which we have all enjoyed.

MRS. G. C. WHITE,  
MRS. W. K. PARKER,  
MRS. J. ROLLIE GAYLE.

The Committee on Place of Meeting reported that the Christian Temple, Norfolk, had extended an invitation for the Conference to meet in 1949 at that church. Upon motion, the invitation of the Christian Temple was accepted.

An impressive service of Installation for the officers was conducted by Dr. Frank H. Lewis.

Upon motion the Conference adjourned at 4:15 p. m. to meet with the Christian Temple, Norfolk, the first Thursday in October, 1949.

MRS. JOHN G. TRUITT, *President*.  
MRS. L. W. STAGG, *Secretary*.



# Minutes of the Thirty-Sixth Annual Session of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Conference.

ASHEBORO, NORTH CAROLINA,  
OCTOBER 5, 1948.

## MORNING SESSION.

The thirty-sixth annual session of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met at the Asheboro Church October 5, 1948, with Mrs. F. C. Lester, president, presiding.

The theme of the Conference was "Horizons Unlimited." Mrs. W. W. Hall led a very impressive devotional on the Conference theme, quoting the following scripture: Psalms 121:1 and Proverbs 29:18.

Mrs. S. H. Pell had charge of the music.

Introduction of guests was made by our president.

The following committees were appointed:

*Place*—Mrs. Carey Fields.

*Findings*—District Superintendents and Mrs. Harry Stewart, Chairman.

*Nominating*—Mrs. D. M. Estes, Chairman; Mrs. E. M. Carter, Mrs. O. H. Paris.

*Recommendations*—Mrs. W. W. Tate, Chairman; Mrs. W. J. Andes, Miss Stella Stout.

Mrs. Susie Allen made the Treasurer's Report, which was adopted as follows:

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

The year has brought great satisfaction to me in serving as your treasurer. We have had a good year—let us pray for greater achievements in the year ahead.

#### RECEIPTS.

Women's Societies .....	\$7,814.82
Young People .....	272.75
Willing Workers .....	238.49
Cradle Roll .....	233.91

#### Miscellaneous.

Conference Offering (Burlington) .....	\$ 81.51
District Rally Offerings .....	80.84
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	162.35
Total Receipts .....	<hr/>
	\$8,722.32

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treasurer, Woman's Mission Board,  
Southern Convention, for:

Thank Offering .....	\$1,548.65
Life Memberships .....	500.00
Memorials .....	230.00
CWVR .....	202.60
PEP .....	9.00
Shaowu Mission .....	224.60
Shaowu Children's Educational Fund .....	29.25

Timothy Chang .....	10.00	
Indian Mission .....	10.00	
Unseen Guest Fund .....	130.60	
Penny-A-Meal Offering .....	100.91	
Franklinton Center .....	72.55	
World Day of Prayer .....	33.10	
World Community Day .....	16.07	
Committee on Evangelism .....	5.00	
Elon Orphanage .....	7.00	
Missions (General Fund) .....	5,275.64	
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		8,404.97

## Other Expenditures:

Conference Speaker .....	\$ 10.00	
Study Books for Reviewers .....	4.05	
Expense of Printing Report in ANNUAL .....	26.60	
Expense of Board Meetings .....	41.66	
Expense of president for year .....	37.70	
Expense of treasurer for year .....	15.19	
President's Expense to General Council .....	60.00	
Expense of Rallies (Programs, Speaker, etc.) .....	32.15	
North Carolina Council of Church Women (two years) ....	40.00	
CWVR—Sent direct .....	25.00	
Orphanage in South India—Sent direct .....	25.00	
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		317.35

Total Disbursements ..... \$8,722.32

Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Chairman of Literature of the North Carolina Conference, presented a skit entitled "Between the Book Ends." Those taking part were Mrs. R. L. Caviness, Mrs. Wallace Truitt, Mrs. M. T. Garren, Mrs. Russell Powell, Miss Dorothy Scott, Mrs. F. C. Lester, Dorothy Lester, Mrs. K. D. Register and Mrs. J. A. May. This skit was given that the women might better acquaint themselves with the literature suggested for use this year in our foreign study of China and home mission study of the Hawaiian Islands, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Panama and Alaska.

Reports were made by Mrs. K. D. Register, Superintendent of the Cradle Roll Department, and Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Convention Superintendent of the Children's Work.

Mrs. M. T. Garren, N. C. member of the Thank Offering Committee, gave a challenging message on the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction, pointing out the desperate needs in the war-torn countries of Europe, and reminding us of our responsibility to meet those needs. Mrs. Garren stated that there is still nine hundred thousand dollars to be raised in 1948 for this work and urged that we as Christian women join hands in this effort before it is too late. Each church was asked to place particular emphasis on the Thank Offering program this year since the offering at these meetings will be used for CWVR.

Rev. F. B. Eutsler had charge of the dedication of the morning offering, which amounted to \$104.69, this having been designated for CWVR.

Mrs. O. H. Paris, president of our Southern Convention of Women, recognized the following Superior Societies: Greensboro, Monticello, Palm Street (Greensboro), Hines Chapel, Chapel Hill, Durham, Burlington,

Lynchburg, Elon College, Bethel, Union, Albemarle, Asheboro, Pleasant Ridge (Randolph) and Winston-Salem.

Our president introduced Dr. Stanley U. North of the Home Board, New York City. Dr. North brought greetings from the Board of Home Missions. He gave a most interesting and informative talk on "Horizons Unlimited in the Hawaiian Islands." He stressed the need of mission work now as never before, not only in the islands, but also in the United States, especially where new communities are spring up with new people who have no roots.

Mrs. Joe A. French conducted the Memorial Service. Those present who had received Life Memberships at any time were recognized.

The morning session was dismissed with the benediction by Rev. F. C. Lester, pastor of the Asheboro Church, and lunch was served in the church. During the lunch hour there were displays of literature for each department.

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### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened with singing of hymn, "O Zion, Haste." Mrs. E. P. Boroughs conducted a worship service and announced the skit which was presented by the Asheboro Society. The skit was written and directed by Mrs. F. C. Lester, entitled "Missionary Friends Around the World."

Dr. William T. Scott spoke on "Horizons Unlimited in the Southern Convention." He brought greetings to us from Timothy Chang, our Chinese student at Duke University Divinity School, who was unable to be with us. Dr. Scott pointed out that through our Thank Offering, "our sights have been lifted so that we may behold Shaowu. Evangelism, church extension, home and foreign enterprises are awaiting development through our hands and hearts."

Dr. Scott expressed his appreciation of the new home at Elon College recently built for the Convention Superintendent, which he and his family now occupy. Dr. J. H. Dollar, chairman of the committee made a few remarks in regard to the completion of the home.

Mrs. Lester called our attention to the 1948-49 Year Books, which were produced by Mrs. W. J. Andes, and expressed to her our sincere thanks and appreciation for this fine work.

Due to the absence of our Friendly Service Chairman, Mrs. B. M. Newman, Mrs. Lester asked that we refer to page five of the Year Book for information regarding Friendly Service.

Rev. Carl R. Key, new director of the North Carolina Council of Churches, told us of the work the Council is doing to promote a "Church World Overseas Program." He called our attention to the three projects of the Council which help to broaden horizons. These projects are World Community Day, World Day of Prayer and May Fellowship Day.

## BUSINESS SESSION.

The following reports were made:

## REPORT OF FINDINGS COMMITTEE.

The Findings Committee, composed of District Superintendents, each reported for their district the number of churches and the number attending the Conference. The total number attending the Conference reported by the committee was 270.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

Mrs. Carey Fields reported that an invitation had been extended by Long's Chapel for the next Conference. This invitation was accepted by vote of the Conference.

Report of the Nominating Committee was as follows:

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

*President*—Mrs. F. C. Lester, Asheboro.

*Vice-President*—Mrs. W. J. Andes, Winston-Salem.

*Secretary*—Mrs. W. W. Tate, Greensboro.

*Treasurer*—Miss Susie Allen, Raleigh.

*Superintendents of Departments*: *Cradle Roll*—Mrs. K. D. Register, Union Ridge; *Children*—Mrs. Carl Key, Durham; *Young People*—Mrs. Mark Andes, Virgilina.

*District Superintendents* (elected at Rallies): *Alamance*—Mrs. W. W. Snyder; *Guilford-Rockingham-Forsyth*—Mrs. Wm. G. Davis; *Halifax*—Mrs. H. B. Satterfield; *Durham-Wake*—Mrs. Mamie Leonard; *Chatham-Lee-Moore*—Mrs. S. E. Kennedy; *Randolph*—Mrs. E. P. Boroughs; *Vance-Warren*—Mrs. E. M. Carter.

Following is report of the Recommendations Committee:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That local society goals be increased so that the total will equal at least \$8,250.00, which is our state goal.

2. We are pleased to have Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Educational Secretary of the Missions Council in our section during the winter, and we recommend that the churches call on her for assistance in promoting Missionary Education in the different age groups.

3. We suggest that Timothy Chang, our student at Duke University Divinity School, be extended an invitation to visit our churches and homes in order that we may have a chance to know him.

Mrs. O. H. Paris expressed our appreciation to the Asheboro Church for their hospitality and the fine lunch which was served by the ladies of the church.

A very impressive service was held by Mrs. W. W. Sloan, installing officers for 1948-49.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p. m.

MRS. F. C. LESTER, *President*.

MRS. W. W. TATE, *Secretary*.

## MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

SEPTEMBER 2, 1948.

The North Carolina Woman's Board held an extra meeting at the Durham Christian Church on Thursday, September 2, 1948, with our president, Mrs. F. C. Lester, presiding. This extra session was called to



make plans for our Conference program to be held in Asheboro, N. C., on October 5, and also to discuss reports of the District Superintendents.

The following were present: Mrs. F. C. Lester, Mrs. E. P. Borroughs, Mrs. D. M. Estes, Mrs. K. D. Register, Mrs. O. H. Paris, Mrs. W. W. Tate, Miss Susie Allen, Mrs. Grady Leonard, Mrs. E. M. Carter, Mrs. S. E. Kennedy and Mrs. W. E. Wisseman.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. O. H. Paris, president of the Woman's Missionary Board of the Southern Convention.

Minutes of the previous board meeting were read and approved.

The president turned over to the secretary, for permanent files, records of the Woman's Conference dating back to 1919 when it was organized.

The following meeting places were designated for the 1949 Rallies: Vance - Warren, Durham - Wake—Henderson; Randolph, Chatham - Lee-Moore — Pleasant Grove; Alamance, Guilford - Rockingham - Forsyth — Greensboro; Halifax—Halifax.

In order to fit the situation at the Asheboro church it was voted to discontinue the workshops at the Conference this year. It was suggested that books and material be displayed in separate rooms for the different departments with someone in charge of each room to make sales and furnish information.

The following suggestions were made for the Conference program:

1. That the report of the Superintendent of Literature be presented by a group of women, giving brief talks regarding the literature.
2. Friendly Service gifts be presented in a dramatic way.
3. That the Memorial Service be conducted similar to the one used last year, except that it be held in the morning instead of afternoon.
4. That we give the Conference a general picture of our foreign mission work.
5. That we recognize societies attaining the achievement goal.
6. That a report be made regarding the "Unseen Guest" programs which were given in August at the Auxiliary meetings.
7. That we invite Timothy Chang, Chinese ministerial student at Duke University, to be our guest at the Conference.

A motion was made and carried that our offering received at the Conference this year be specifically designated for C.W.V.R. It was also suggested that the offering immediately follow the address of the speaker, Dr. Stanley North.

The matter of revising the goals for the churches was discussed, and new goals were designated, subject to approval. It was suggested that a statement be made at the Conference in a general way about our revised goals, and that a letter be sent to each society in a specific way, asking their approval. It was suggested that in the future the treasurer report to the Conference the amount given by each church over its goal.

Due to the resignation of Miss Nellie Holt, Superintendent of Young People, it was suggested that Mrs. J. D. Strader be asked to give this report.

A motion was made and carried that \$20.00, our amount designated for this year, be forwarded to the North Carolina Council of Churches, and that the matter of continuing the practice of contributing \$20.00 annually to this fund be taken up at the Conference.

It was the general feeling of the Board that more emphasis should be placed on the younger group of women in our churches in order to create more interest.

There being no further business the meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Lester.

MRS. F. C. LESTER, *President.*

MRS. W. W. TATE, *Secretary.*

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## ANNUAL MEETING.

NOVEMBER 4, 1948—MORNING SESSION.

The North Carolina Woman's Board met in annual session at the Chapel Hill Congregational Christian Church at Chapel Hill, N. C., on Thursday, November 4, 1948, with the following present: Mrs. F. C. Lester, Mrs. W. J. Andes, Mrs. K. D. Register, Mrs. Mark Andes, Mrs. Mamie Leonard, Mrs. E. P. Borroughs, Mrs. E. M. Carter, Mrs. W. W. Tate, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman.

The meeting was opened with prayer by our president, Mrs. F. C. Lester.

Minutes of the Fall Conference were read, corrected and approved.

The meeting was open to suggestions for the planning of our next Conference.

The question of holding workshops at the Conference was again discussed. It was the general feeling of the Board that these workshops would be more helpful if they were held at the Rallies instead of the Conferences.

Revision of local society goals was discussed, and some requested adjustments were made.

A motion was made and carried that individual lists of churches giving be sent along with the Thank Offering to the New York Office for CWVR, in order that our churches may get credit for what they do.

The Southern Convention Board, which met in October, designated the following places and dates for the Rallies: March 29—Virgilina; March 30—Greensboro; March 31—Pleasant Grove-Asheboro; April 1—Henderson.

A motion was made and carried that the name of the central city in the district be used instead of naming the counties, which is our present practice. The following cities were named: Burlington, Sanford, Raleigh, Greensboro, Danville (Va.), Asheboro and Henderson.

The matter of grouping the churches in these districts was left with the District Superintendents, and the president of our Conference.

Book reviewing was discussed and several names were suggested to review the following books for our mission study this year: Home—America's Geographical Frontiers, Study Book, "On Our Own Doorstep"; Foreign—China, Study Book, "China Twilight or Dawn."

The president stated that Dr. Scott had requested that all invitations extended Timothy Chang to visit in the homes and churches be sent to the Convention Office to be handled there. Any donations to Timothy should

likewise to be sent through the Convention Office as Dr. Scott is making an accounting to our women. It has been suggested that invitations should be open at holidays when Timothy is not in school in order not to take too much time from his studies.

The Southern Convention Board, which met recently at Elon College, recommended to the Conference that we send our president to the meeting of the Council of Church Women, which meets in Milwaukee, Wis., November 15-18. A motion was made and carried that we send our president, Mrs. Lester, to this meeting.

Mrs. Wisseman stated that there was a surplus of literature from the Conference, which should be disposed of, and suggested that the District Superintendents and Superintendents of Young People be furnished with packets, paid for by the Conference, to help them in their work.

The meeting adjourned, and enjoyed a delicious lunch which was prepared by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Chapel Hill Church.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to the Chapel Hill Church for their kind hospitality.

The duties of the Board members were discussed in order that the new members might be better informed in regard to their work.

Mrs. Lester pointed out the responsibilities of the District Superintendents, who are our key members, stating that their goal should be "A Missionary Society in Each Church." Mrs. W. J. Andes was asked to make up a form for use of the District Superintendents in organizing new societies.

The secretary was asked to trace back through the records for a copy of the Constitution of our North Carolina Conference.

It was suggested that the District meetings of presidents of missionary societies and also Young People's groups invite Miss Pattie Lee Coghill to meet with them to help plan their work. It was also suggested that ministers' wives be asked to attend these meetings.

There was a discussion in regard to observance of World Day of Prayer, May Fellowship and World Community Day in order to get credit for a Superior Society rating. A motion was made and carried that in order to be a Superior Society the World Day of Prayer must be observed at the specified time, which is the 1st day of Lent. May Fellowship and World Community Day may be observed on the day best suitable to the individual churches.

At the conclusion of our meeting Mrs. Lester read "A Call to the Women of the Churches to Meet" from The United Council of Church Women by Mrs. Harper Sibley, President of Fourth National Biennial Assembly November 15-18.

The meeting adjourned.

MRS. F. C. LESTER, *President.*  
MRS. W. W. TATE, *Secretary.*



# Minutes of the Fifty-Seventh Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association.

PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA,  
DECEMBER 7, 1948.

The fifty-seventh annual session of the Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association met December 7, 1948, at the First Christian Church, Portsmouth, Va.

The president, Rev. Robert M. Kimball, called the session to order at 4:30 p. m.

Opening hymn: "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord."

Prayer by Rev. Stanley Carne, host pastor.

Dr. W. L. Bristow, supply minister at the Bay View Church, was introduced to the Association.

Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of the Southern Convention, addressed the session using as his theme, "The Place of the Church in a Changing World." Dr. Scott presented Dr. F. C. Lester, minister of the Asheboro church, who commented on "The Development of the New Church."

The financial secretary, Rev. R. E. Brittle, enrolled the following members and collected the dues. The final enrollment was as follows:

*Antioch*—Church, \$10. Total, \$10.

*Bay View*—Church, \$10; Bartholomew Bible Class, \$10; Woman's Fellowship, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Young People's Pilgrim Fellowship, \$5; Ladies' Bible Class, \$5. Total, \$50.

*Berea (Nansemond)*—Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Men's Bible Class, \$10; Ladies' Bible Class, \$10; Mrs. H. P. Harrell, \$5; R. T. Bradford, \$10; Mrs. R. T. Bradford, \$5; J. C. Matthews, \$10; Mrs. J. C. Matthews, \$5; L. A. Daniels, Jr., \$5; Mrs. H. P. Outlaw, \$5; Ladies' Aid Society, \$10. Total, \$95.

*Burton's Grove*—Sunday School (Memorial to Mr. M. H. Butler), \$10. Total, \$10.

*Berea (Norfolk)*—Church, \$10; Sunday School Class, \$5; Ladies' Bible Class, \$10; Men's Bible Class, \$10. Total, \$35.

*Bethlehem*—Church, \$10; Ladies' Star Class, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Men's Bible Class, \$10; Ladies' Aid Circle No. 1, \$10; C. F. Savage, \$5; R. E. Brittle, \$10; Mrs. A. C. Moore, \$5. Total, \$70.

*Christian Temple*—Twiddy Bible Class, \$10; Dorcas Bible Class, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Sunday School Mission Treasurer, \$10; R. E. Brickhouse, \$10; Mrs. R. E. Brickhouse, \$5; T. E. Brickhouse, \$10; Mrs. J. R. Wilson, \$5; Church Mission Fund, \$20; Church Treasurer, \$20; Mrs. L. W. Stagg, \$5; Fellowship Bible Class, \$10; Friendship Bible Class, \$10; Woman's Council, \$20; Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Albright, \$10; Templeman's Bible Class, \$10; F. M. Brewer, \$10; Mrs. F. M. Brewer, \$5; Rev. Peter Young, \$10. Total, \$200.

*Cypress Chapel*—Agnes Brittle Circle W. M. S., \$10; Young People's M. S., \$10; Women's Missionary Society, \$10; Men's Bible Class, \$10. Total, \$40.

*Liberty Spring*—Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; R. E. Rogers Class, \$10; A. H. Savage Class, \$10; Friendship Class, \$10; Bertie Johnson Class, \$10; Woman's Missionary Society, \$10; Young People's Missionary Society, \$10; Dr. I. W. Johnson, \$10; Mrs. I. W. Johnson, \$5; I. T. Byrd, \$10; N. W. Byrd, \$10; Mrs. Annie Byrd, \$5; Mrs. F. F. Brinkley, \$5; Park C. Brinkley, \$10; Mrs. Park C. Brinkley, \$5; Kaye Culver Brinkley, \$5; Richard Fairley Brinkley, \$5; Mrs. Sadie Copeland, \$5; Mrs. Rosa Duke, \$5; Mrs. W. E. Duke, \$5; Joel E. Harrell, \$10;



Mrs. Joel E. Harrell, \$5; Carolyn Sue Harrell, \$5; R. Wesley Harrell, \$10; Mrs. R. Wesley Harrell, \$5; Mrs. Lizzie Harrell, \$5; Mrs. P. S. Harrell, \$5; Mrs. Wm. T. Harrell, \$5; Thomas Stanley Harrell, \$5; Mrs. M. E. Harcum, \$5; Mrs. James Lynch, \$5; Mrs. J. Lewis Horton, \$5; George O. O'Berry, \$10; Mrs. George O. O'Berry, \$5; Walter O'Berry, \$5; E. F. O'Berry, \$10; Mrs. E. F. O'Berry, \$5; Fermer Perry, \$10; Mrs. Fermer Perry, \$5; Frank Perry, \$5; Zack Perry, \$10; Mrs. Zack Perry, \$5; Jerry Perry, \$5; Joe Perry, \$10; Mrs. Joe Perry, \$5; R. E. Rogers, \$10; Mrs. R. E. Rogers, \$5; Mrs. Howard Rhodes, \$5; Mrs. John L. Rawles, \$5; Miss Hontas Rawles, \$5; H. E. Savage, Sr., \$10; Mrs. H. E. Savage, Sr., \$5; Mrs. E. C. Skinner, \$5; Mrs. W. L. Turner, \$5; Mrs. Luther Wilkins, \$5; G. R. Holland, \$10; Mrs. G. R. Holland, \$5; Miss Bertie Jeane Oliver, \$5; Mrs. Roscoe Harrell, \$5; Starkey Perry, \$10; Mrs. Starkey Perry, \$5. Total, \$425.

*Franklin*—Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Mr. T. R. Jones, \$10; Mrs. E. P. Jones, \$5; Rev. Robert Kimball, \$10. Total, \$45.

*Holland*—Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; E. L. Daughtrey, \$10; Mrs. R. H. Riedell, \$5; Mrs. J. D. Rawles, \$5. Total, \$40.

*Holy Neck*—Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Men's Bible Class, \$10. Total, \$30.

*Iste of Wight*—Church, \$10; J. E. Brock, \$10. Total, \$20.

*Little Creek*—Church, \$15; Missionary Society, \$10; B. T. I. Class, \$5; West Bible Class, \$10; Junior Boys Class, \$5. Total, \$45.

*Mt. Carmel*—Sunday School, \$10; Mrs. Eunice Johnson, \$5; Mrs. E. W. Beale, \$5; Mrs. Lizzie Turner, \$5; Mrs. Bessie Johnson, \$5. Total, \$30.

*Newport News*—Church, \$70; Woman's Auxiliary, \$40; Robert Lee House Class, \$20; Choir, \$10; Sunday School, \$20; Newman Bible Class, \$10; Golden Rule Bible Class, \$10; Annie Smith Bible Class, \$10; Progressive Bible Class, \$10; Jesse H. Dollar Bible Class, \$10; Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, \$10; R. L. Baker, \$10; C. D. West, \$10; W. B. Williams, \$10; R. J. Moberg, \$10; W. H. Baker, \$10; Carson Coats, \$10; Charles England, \$10; C. E. Holland, \$10; R. C. Luke, \$10; Memorial to Mr. R. L. Smith (given by his wife), \$10; Board of Deacons, \$10; Mrs. W. H. Baker, \$5; Mrs. J. T. Irby, \$5; Mrs. R. E. Pulley, \$5; Mrs. F. W. Vaughn, \$5; Mrs. G. G. Givens, \$5; Mrs. J. E. Rich, \$5; Miss Grace Spivey, \$5; Mrs. W. B. Williams, \$5; Mrs. C. L. Pope, \$5; Mrs. H. R. Byrd, \$5; Miss Ruby Pope, \$5; Miss Katherine Harrell, \$5; Mrs. H. D. Edwards, \$5; Mrs. R. C. Luke, \$5; Mrs. L. L. Taylor, \$5; Mrs. R. J. Moberg, \$5; Mrs. G. C. Hopkins, \$5; Memorial to Mrs. O. H. Griggs (given by her husband), \$5; Mrs. A. G. Simmons, \$5; Mrs. J. H. Duling, \$5; Mrs. W. R. Cole, \$5; Mrs. S. E. Holland, \$5; Mrs. J. W. Holland, \$5; Mrs. L. J. Brown, \$5; Mrs. H. B. Barnes, \$5; Mrs. I. W. Ashburn, \$5; Mrs. Edna R. Webb, \$5; Miss Sandra Cutchins, \$5; Mrs. H. E. Corbit, \$5; Mrs. F. F. Foster, \$5; Mrs. W. B. Stone, \$5; Mrs. C. L. Rountree, \$5; Miss Nancy Luke, \$5; Mrs. S. A. Morgan, \$5; Mrs. Molly Harward (given by the Molly Harward Circle), \$5; Mrs. Raymond Wheeler, \$5; Mrs. R. T. Desler, \$5; Mrs. Frank Blake, \$5; Mrs. J. E. Rich, Jr., Mrs. Rufus Powell, \$5; Miss Shirley Lawson, \$5; Mrs. R. L. Baker, \$5; Mrs. W. B. Baker, \$5. Memorial to Mrs. Laura Butler (given by her daughter), \$5. Total, \$550.

*Norfolk, First*—R. B. Wood, \$10; Sunday School, \$10. Total, \$20.

*Norfolk, Second*—Friendship Sunday School Class, \$10; Morning Star Bible Class, \$10; Men's Bible Class, \$10. Total, \$30.

*Oakland*—Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Forward Movement Class, \$10; A. L. Wagner, \$10; M. E. Godwin, Jr., \$10; Mrs. Mildred Godwin Knight, \$5; Mrs. C. C. Johnson, \$5; Mrs. P. D. Powell, \$5; Dr. N. G. Newman, \$10. Total, \$75.

*Portsmouth, First*—Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Women's Missionary Society, \$10; Men's Bible Class, \$10. Total, \$40.

*Richmond*—J. H. Newman, \$10; Holmes Bible Class, \$10; Carlton Bible Class, \$10; Rev. R. L. House, \$10; Mrs. J. T. Kernodle (Memorial to Mrs. P. J. Kernodle), \$5; Mrs. D. F. Cofer (Memorial to Miss Tamar Savedge), \$5. Total, \$50.

*Rosemont*—Church, \$10; John Morrison Bible Class, \$10; Mrs. H. L. Bondurant, \$5; Mrs. Alice Gibson Mills, \$5. Total, \$30.

*Shelton Memorial*—Ladies' Auxiliary, \$10. Total, \$10.

*Suffolk*—Church, \$10; Dr. John G. Truitt, \$10; W. W. Staley Missionary Society, \$10;

Baraca Class, \$10; Philathea Class, \$20; Mrs. A. T. Holland, \$5; Mrs. W. V. Leathers, \$5; Mrs. Annie Staley Calhoun, \$5; Mrs. A. A. Turner, \$5; Junior Philathea Class, \$10; Mrs. C. A. Shoop, \$10; Dr. D. L. Rawles, \$10; Mrs. J. D. McClenny, \$5; Dr. D. L. Harrell, \$10; Miss Susie Holland, \$5; Mrs. C. B. Duke, \$5; Miss Jamie Felton, \$5; Ladies' Benevolent and Social Union, \$20; Mrs. George W. Nurney, \$5; Woman's Missionary Society, \$10. Total, \$175.

*Sunbury*—Men's Bible Class, \$10; J. M. Byrum, \$10; Ladies' Bible Class, \$10; Young Adult Class, \$10. Total, \$40.

*Union (Southampton)*—Church, \$10; Mrs. W. H. Scott, \$10; W. H. Scott, \$10; Edgar Blythe, \$10; Frank Blythe, \$10. Total, \$50.

*Windsor*—Church, \$10; Mrs. J. M. Raby, \$5; Sunday School, \$10. Total, \$25.

*Wakefield*—Church (Memorial to Mr. John Howard), \$10; Sunday School (Memorial to Rev. M. H. Butler), \$10; Sunday School (Memorial to Mr. John Harris), \$10. Total, \$30.

*Waverly*—Church, \$10; Mrs. A. B. Hartz, \$5; C. D. West (Memorial to Mrs. R. T. West), \$5; A. Paul Hartz, \$5; Garland Gray (Memorial to Mrs. Ella V. Gray), \$5; Sunday School (Memorial to Judge West), \$10; Sarah Johnson Class, \$10; Ladies' Aid Society, \$10; "Acorn" Bible Class, \$10; Women's Missionary Society, \$10; Garland Gray, \$20; Sunday School, \$10. Total, \$110.

*Grand Total*—\$2,380.

On motion and adoption the secretary was instructed to write Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Johnson expression regrets at their absence and our hope for Mrs. Knight's recovery.

The treasurer's report was read and adopted as follows:

# REPORT OF TREASURER.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand December, 1947 .....	\$2,701.05
Received for 1947 membership dues .....	2,660.00
Total receipts .....	\$5,361.05

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to Rev. J. Everette Neese .....	\$ 277.50
Paid to Rev. M. E. Taylor .....	700.00
Paid to Rev. B. H. Watkins .....	733.33
Paid to Rev. W. L. Wood .....	733.26
Paid to Rev. W. J. Andes, Treasurer, E. V. C. M. ....	23.10
Total amount of checks .....	\$2,467.19
Checks outstanding—\$66.73 & \$58.37 .....	125.10
	<hr/> 2,342.09
Balance .....	\$3,018.96
Amount allocated for Bay View Building Fund .....	2,000.00
Balance available .....	<hr/> \$1,018.96

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. RAWLES, *Treasurer.*

The president appointed the following committees:

*Nominations*—Rev. H. C. Councill, Jr., Chairman, Rev. W. L. Wood, Rev. Ellis Clark.

*Resolutions*—Dr. Frank H. Lewis, Chairman, Rev. Peter Young, Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle.

*Place of Meeting*—Mrs. W. B. Williams.

*Press*—Rev. Robert Lee House, Rev. Stanley Carne, Mrs. Wm. Harrell.

*Plans*—Dr. John G. Truitt, Dr. Will B. O'Neill, Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, Rev. O. D.

Poythress, Mr. Caleb West, Mr. Wesley Harrell.

Hymn: "O Lord and Master of Us All."

Benediction by Dr. F. C. Lester.

## EVENING SESSION.

Hymn: "Savior Like a Shepherd." Prayer by Dr. Frank H. Lewis.

Rev. Robert M. Kimball, president, address the Association, using as his theme: "Our Christian World Missions at Home."

The following churches assisted by the C. M. A. reported:

Union (Southampton)—Rev. B. H. Watkins.

Little Creek—Rev. M. E. Taylor.

Bay View—Mr. B. C. Haskett.

Dr. Truitt presented the report of the Plans Committee. The report was adopted as follows:

Little Creek on pastor's salary .....	\$ 600.00
Union (Southampton) on pastor's salary .....	600.00
Bay View on pastor's salary .....	400.00
Bay View on building fund .....	1,000.00
Total .....	\$2,600.00

JOHN G. TRUITT, *Ch'm'n*,

C. D. WEST,

WILL B. O'NEILL,

H. S. HARDCASTLE.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented and adopted as follows:

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

*President*—Rev. B. H. Watkins.

*Vice-President*—Rev. J. Everette Neese.

*Secretary*—Rev. Luther B. Grice.

*Financial Secretary*—Rev. R. E. Brittle.

*Treasurer*—E. L. Rawles.

HERBERT G. COUNCILL, JR.,

ELLIS N. CLARK,

W. L. WOOD.

Secretary's expense account of \$3.35, on motion, ordered paid.

The Committee on Resolutions presented their report and it was adopted as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We hereby express our deep appreciation of the warm welcome extended and the abounding hospitality dispensed by the people and pastor of First Church.

We extend thanks to all who took part in the program, also the churches and pastors whose hearty cooperation made the meeting a success. We admire the altruistic spirit of the C. M. A. We gratefully remember the valued services of the officers of the society; also the collectors and donors who raised such a goodly sum.

It was a good meeting, and may God bless you everyone.

F. H. LEWIS,

PETER YOUNG,

MRS. H. S. HARDCASTLE.

A motion that the 1949 session of the C. M. A. meet with the First Church, Norfolk, was adopted.

A motion was made that the Executive Committee study the most appropriate time of day for the C. M. A. to convene. Adopted.

Hymn: "Before the Cross of Jesus Our Lives are Judged."

Benediction by Dr. W. L. Bristow.

ROBERT M. KIMBALL, *President*.

J. EVERETTE NEESE, *Secretary*.

# Minutes of the Sixth Annual Session of the Western North Carolina Christian Missionary Association.

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HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA,  
DECEMBER 5, 1948.

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The Christian Missionary Association of the Western North Carolina Christian Conference met at the High Point Church on December 5, 1948, at 2:30 p. m. Rev. M. A. Pollard called the Association to order.

Devotional service, led by the host pastor, Rev. Ben Joe Earp, consisted of songs, responsive reading, scripture reading and an inspirational talk by Brother Earp.

The C. M. A. president presented our Conference president, Mr. Geo. T. Gunter, who pointed out some of our pertinent problems for the next year. Some of the problems were: (1) a need of unity, (2) grouping of our churches into pastorates, (3) parsonages for our ministers, (4) need of interest and effort on the part of our laymen, (5) need for missionary endeavor, (6) need for evangelism in our churches, (7) further strengthening of our layman's work.

Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. There were no corrections so they were approved as read.

The treasurer reported an appropriation of \$150.00 to the High Point Church during the past year. This leaves a balance of \$145.00 in the treasury.

Dues were paid as follows:

Women's Class of Asheboro, \$5; Rev. J. Q. Pugh, \$5; Mrs. J. Q. Pugh, \$2.50; H. Beane, \$5; Geo. T. Gunter, \$5; W. D. Murchison, \$5; Rev. M. A. Pollard, \$5; Mrs. M. A. Pollard, \$2.50; Rev. Ben Joe Earp, \$5; High Point Church, \$10; Cyrus Shoffner, \$5; Mrs. Hallie Routh, \$2.50; Pleasant Ridge Young Adults, \$5; Fred Allred, \$5; S. H. Pell, \$5; Mrs. S. H. Pell, \$2.50; Pleasant Ridge Laymen, \$5; Jack McSwain, \$5; Dr. F. C. Lester, \$5; Mrs. F. C. Lester, \$2.50; Harry Lester, \$2.50; Kelsey Friend, \$2.50; E. C. Brady, \$5; W. H. Freeman, \$5; Pleasant Ridge Laymen, \$5. Total collected, \$112.50. This \$112.50 plus \$145 in the treasury will make \$257.50 as a grand total on hand.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

*President*—Rev. M. A. Pollard.

*Vice-President*—Rev. W. W. Hall.

*Secretary-Treasurer*—Rev. E. Carl Brady.

*Assistant Secretary-Treasurer*—Rev. W. T. Madren.

Dr. F. C. Lester suggested that we take High Point as our project for next year. On motion High Point was adopted as such (it being understood that the church was indebted in the amount of \$400). It was decided to raise this money through individual memberships and through special church offerings. Any balance above the said indebtedness will remain in



the C. M. A. treasury. All special church offerings for said project are to be sent to C. M. A. treasurer.

The treasurer of High Point church thanked the Association for its interest and gave assurance that High Point could be counted on as a loyal member in the future.

Dr. Lester made motion that this organization have a Committee on Plans and that this committee be appointed. Rev. Ben Joe Earp seconded. Motion was carried.

On motion the time and place of our next regular annual session was left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

The president appointed Cyrus Shoffner, W. W. Hall and S. H. Pell as a Committee on Plans.

On motion completion of the records was left with the secretary and president.

Ministers attending were Revs. E. Carl Brady, Ben Joe Earp, W. W. Hall, F. C. Lester, W. T. Madren, M. A. Pollard, L. M. Presnell and John Q. Pugh.

Churches represented included Asheboro, Albemarle, Pleasant Cross, Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Ridge and Union Grove.

About 5:00 p. m. the Association adjourned to meet at such time and place as the Executive Committee may designate.

M. A. POLLARD, *President.*

W. W. HALL, *Vice-President.*

E. CARL BRADY, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

W. T. MADREN, *Ass't Sec'y-Treasurer.*

# Minutes of the Sixteenth Annual Session of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Missionary Association.

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LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA,  
JULY 17, 1948.

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Officers of the C. M. A. met and made a grant of \$125.00 to provide a student assistant at Providence Memorial Church at Graham, N. C.

The C. M. A. session was called to order by the chairman, W. M. Stevens, in connection with Conference meeting at Lynchburg, Va., on the 16th and 17th of November, 1948.

Membership fees were collected from delegates and friends who wished to purchase a share in this worthy task:

*Apple's Chapel*—Church (5).

*Belew Creek*—Church.

*Berea*—Church, Sunday School, Junior Philathea Class.

*Bethel*—Mrs. Ida P. Murray.

*Bethlehem*—Church, Ida Simpson, L. F. Troxler, Ladies Aid Society, Mrs. Carl H. Gilliam.

*Burlington*—Sadie V. Fonville, Mr. Walter Sellers, Mrs. Walter Sellers, Miss Sarah Ingle, Mrs. H. W. Ingle, Mr. H. W. Ingle, Garland F. Huffines, Edith Walker.

*Carolina*—Church (paid up for three years).

*Concord*—Church, Burch Simpson, Sunday School.

*Durham*—Church (5), Dr. Stanley C. Harrell, Mrs. W. N. Boone, Harrell Bible Class.

*Elon College*—W. T. Scott, George D. Colclough, Dr. D. J. Bowden, Dr. L. E. Smith.

*Graham, Providence*—Church.

*Greensboro, First*—Woman's Auxiliary, Truitt's Philathea Class, O'Kelly Class, Dr. W. E. Wisseman, W. B. Truitt.

*Greensboro, Palm Street*—Church, Dr. J. L. Neese, Mrs. J. L. Neese.

*Happy Home*—Church.

*Hines Chapel*—Church, Holt Gerringer, Mrs. Vera Davis, Missionary Society, Mrs. R. W. Isley, Mr. R. W. Isley.

*Ingram*—L. E. Carlton, Kent Bible Class, Rev. Robert Woodruff.

*Liberty*—Church.

*Long's Chapel*—Rev. Guy Veazey, Sunday School (3).

*Lynchburg*—W. T. Dunn.

*Monticello*—Church.

*Mt. Zion*—Church, Sunday School, Mrs. George Bradly.

*Lebanon*—Church.

*Reidsville*—Church, Woman's Society, K. L. Smith, John Dockery, A Friend, Rev. Joe French, C. H. McKinney, Baraca Class, Sunday School, George Pruitt.

*Union, N. C.*—Hustler's Class, Missionary Society.

*Union, Va.*—Church (5), Dr. C. E. Newman.

Those who had not taken part in this particular phase of Conference work were encouraged to do so.

The meeting adjourned to reconvene at a later hour in the day.

The session was again called to order in the afternoon of Wednesday, November 16, at which time the work, aims and goals of the C. M. A. were discussed. From the discussion heard at this time it seemed to be the feeling of the group that money collected through this organization should be used in the main toward the sponsoring of new church developments within the Conference.

After the discussion period the report of the Treasurer was given as follows:

#### REPORT OF TREASURER.

##### RECEIPTS.

Amount received for 1947-48 .....	\$ 540.00
Amount carried over from 1946-47 .....	502.48
Amount collected for 1948-49 .....	180.00
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Total in treasury .....	\$1,222.48

##### DISBURSEMENTS.

Graham, Providence Memorial .....	\$ 125.00
W. J. Andes, Treasurer, Board of Publications .....	8.40
Stationary and postage .....	5.00
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Balance in treasury .....	\$1,084.08

W. W. SNYDER, *Treasurer.*

Report of Committee on Finance follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, have examined the books of the treasurer of the C. M. A. and find them as reported by the treasurer.

W. W. SNYDER,  
J. ROBERT WALKER,  
J. L. NEESE.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

*President*—Rev. W. W. Snyder.

*Vice-President*—Robert Walker.

*Secretary*—Mrs. M. W. Andes.

*Treasurer*—Rev. Mack V. Welch.

Upon motion the C. M. A. of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference was adjourned to meet in 1949 at the same time and place as the Conference.

W. MILLARD STEVENS, *President.*  
KENNETH D. REGISTER, *Secretary.*

# Convention and Conference Officials

Office	Name	Address
THE SOUTHERN CONVENTION		
President	Rev. John G. Truitt	Box 364, Suffolk, Va.
Vice-President	Rev. W. Millard Stevens	401 Church St., Burlington, N. C.
Secretary	Rev. J. E. Neese	1042 W. 35th St., Norfolk 8, Va.
Treasurer	Mr. George D. Colclough	Southern Convention Office, Elon College, N. C.
Assistant Treasurer	Miss Dorothy A. Scott	Southern Convention Office, Elon College, N. C.
Superintendent	Rev. Wm. T. Scott	Southern Convention Office, Elon College, N. C.
VIRGINIA VALLEY CENTRAL CONFERENCE		
President	Rev. R. A. Whitten	108 W. Clifford St., Winchester, Va.
Vice-President	Rev. R. E. Newton	Route 3, Luray, Va.
Secretary	Rev. Silas E. Madren	Elkton, Va.
Assistant Secretary	Mr. Clarence A. Phillips	Route 1, Broadway, Va.
Treasurer	Mr. Owen W. Andes	Route 4, Harrisonburg, Va.
EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE		
President	Rev. C. Carl Dollar	6 Third St., Sanford, N. C.
Vice-President	Rev. R. T. Grissom	Jonesboro Heights, Sanford, N. C.
Secretary	Rev. Emory M. Carter	Youngsville, N. C.
Treasurer	Mr. W. J. Ballentine	Fuquay Springs, N. C.
EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE		
President	Rev. Frank H. Lewis	1057 Leckie St., Portsmouth, Va.
Vice-President	Rev. R. E. Brittle	Route 1, Suffolk, Va.
Secretary	Rev. Will B. O'Neill	Holland, Va.
Treasurer	Mr. G. Chapman White	Waverly, Va.
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE		
President	Mr. George T. Gunter	Trinity, N. C.
Vice-President	Rev. Ben Joe Earp	911 Tryon St., High Point, N. C.
Secretary	Mrs. F. C. Lester	840 Sunset Ave., Asheboro, N. C.
Assistant Secretary	Rev. M. A. Pollard	Route 2, Liberty, N. C.
Treasurer	Mr. Cyrus Shoffner	Liberty, N. C.



# NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

President.....	Rev. Kenneth D. Register.....	Route 2, Burlington, N. C.
Vice-President.....	Rev. W. Millard Stevens.....	401 Church St., Burlington, N. C.
Secretary.....	Rev. Wm. J. Andes.....	637 S. Sunset Dr., Winston-Salem, N. C.
Treasurer.....	Mr. Russell V. Powell.....	411 Woodlawn Ave., Greensboro, N. C.

## THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONVENTION

President.....	Mrs. O. H. Paris.....	1011 N. Eugene St., Greensboro, N. C.
Vice-President.....	Mrs. F. C. Lester.....	840 Sunset Ave., Asheboro, N. C.
Recording Secretary.....	Mrs. H. Shelton Smith.....	1523 Hermitage Court, Durham, N. C.
Corresponding Secretary.....	Mrs. J. Ryland Darden.....	Holland, Va.
Treasurer.....	Mrs. W. V. Leathers.....	512 W. Washington St., Suffolk, Va.

## EASTERN VIRGINIA WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

President.....	Mrs. Robert L. House.....	3206 Grove Ave., Richmond 21, Va.
First Vice-President.....	Mrs. Wm. T. Harrell.....	Route 1, Suffolk, Va.
Second Vice-President.....	Mrs. Ray Gordon.....	218 Grace St., Suffolk, Va.
Secretary.....	Mrs. L. W. Stagg.....	400 34th St., Norfolk, Va.
Treasurer.....	Mrs. W. B. Williams.....	1253 24th St., Newport News, Va.

## NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

President.....	Mrs. F. C. Lester.....	840 Sunset Ave., Asheboro, N. C.
Vice-President.....	Mrs. Wm. J. Andes.....	637 Sunset Drive, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Secretary.....	Mrs. W. W. Tate.....	402 N. Cedar St., Greensboro, N. C.
Treasurer.....	Miss Susie D. Allen.....	612 W. Lane St., Raleigh, N. C.

## VALLEY CENTRAL WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

President.....	Miss Verdi Showalter.....	Route 4, Harrisonburg, Va.
Vice-President.....	Mrs. R. A. Whitten.....	108 W. Clifford St., Winchester, Va.
Secretary.....	Mrs. Carroll Monger.....	Elkton, Va.
Treasurer.....	Mrs. Noah F. Painter.....	Route 3, Luray, Va.

## PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP COUNCIL

President.....	Mr. C. Baxter Twiddy.....	Elon College, N. C.
Vice-President.....	Mr. Richard Smith.....	1523 Hermitage Court, Durham, N. C.
Secretary.....	Miss Helen Jackson.....	Elon College, N. C.
Treasurer.....	Mr. John G. Truitt, Jr.....	Box 364, Suffolk, Va.

## LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Chairman.....	Mr. George D. Colclough.....	Chamber of Commerce, Burlington, N. C.
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Mr. Charles E. Heath, Jr.....	2510 Parish Ave., Newport News, Va.

# Ministerial Directory.

Name	Address	MINISTERS IN FULL STANDING	Conference Membership	Churches served 1948-49 or other status
Allan, James B.,	1509 McKinney Ave., Lynchburg, Va.....	NCVA	Lynchburg, First.	
Andes, William J.,	637 S. Sunset Drive, Winston-Salem, N. C.....	NCVA	Winston-Salem, United, Pfafftown.	
Andes, Mark W.,	Virgilia, Va.....	NCVA	Hebron, Lebanon, Liberty and Union (Va.).	
Apple, J. Frank,	427 Rowland St., Henderson, N. C.....	ENC	Henderson, Mt. Carmel, Teacher.	
*Bowden, Daniel J.,	Elon College, N. C.....	NCVA	Dean, Elon College.	
Bowers, Thurman F.,	Route 4, Box 132, Greensboro, N. C.....	NCVA	Happy Home, Calvary Christian (Greensboro).	
Brady, E. Carl,	Box 26, Robbins, N. C.....	WNC	Flint Hill (M), Niagara, Teacher.	
Brittle, R. E.,	Route 1, Suffolk, Va.....	EVA	Bethlehem (N).	
*Brooks, Arthur C.,	Asheville Boys' School, Asheville, N. C.....	NCVA	Teacher and Chaplain.	
*Carden, John S.,	906 Shepherd St., Durham, N. C.....	NCVA	Retired.	
Carne, W. Stanley,	117 Greenway Drive, Portsmouth, Va.....	EVA	Portsmouth (First).	
Carter, Emory M.,	Youngsville, N. C.....	ENC	Fuller's Chapel, Good Hope, Mt. Hermon, Youngsville, Popes Chapel.	
Clark, Ellis N.,	Route 3, Hickory, Va.....	NCVA	Berea (Great Bridge).	
*Clem, H. Russell,	208 Maple Ave., Burlington, N. C.....	NCVA	Retired.	
Coulter, Roy D.,	High View, W. Va.....	VVA	Timber Ridge.	
Councill, Herbert G., Jr.,	3507 Bainbridge Blvd., Norfolk 6, Va.....	EVA	Rosemont.	
Cox, H. Vance,	Ramseur, N. C.....	WNC	Browns' Chapel, Business.	
Crutchfield, Gaither C.,	Route 4, Burlington, N. C.....	NCVA	Zion, Business.	
Crutchfield, Henry E.,	Route 1, Elon College, N. C.....	NCVA	Apple's Chapel, Bethlehem.	
Denton, James A.,	Route 3, Apex, N. C.....	ENC	Grace's Chapel, Ramseur.	
Dollar, C. Carl,	6 Third St., Sanford, N. C.....	ENC	Sanford.	
Dollar, Jesse H.,	Elon College, N. C.....	NCVA	Elon Community Church.	
Earp, Ben Joe,	911 Tryon St., High Point, N. C.....	WNC	High Point.	
Eutler, Frederick B.,	The United Church, Raleigh, N. C.....	ENC	Raleigh.	
Farrell, Earl,	Haw River, N. C.....	NCVA	Haw River.	
Fisher, Park W.,	Box 183, Sanford, N. C.....	WNC	Providence Chapel, Mount Pleasant, Business.	
Fogleman, James U.,	Route 6, Burlington, N. C.....	WNC	Pleasant Cross, Business.	
*Franks, Jesse E.,	Route 1, Apex, N. C.....	ENC	Retired.	

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Name	Address	Conference Membership	Churches served 1948-49 or other status
*French, Joe A., Lanett, Ala.....		NCVA	Lanett.
*Fuller, Walter B., 225 W. Market St., Harrisonburg, Va.....		VVA	Business.
*Green, Edward F., Box 576, Southern Pines, N. C.....		WNC	Retired.
*Green, Thomas J., Route 1, Ramseur, N. C.....		WNC	Retired.
Grice, Luther B., Holland, Va.....		EVA	Holy Neck, Eure.
Griffin, Johnson L., Bay View Church, 1051 Bay View Blvd., Norfolk 3, Va.....		EVA	Bay View.
*Grissom, William A., Warrenton, N. C.....		ENC	Business.
Grissom, Raymond T., Jonesboro Heights, Sanford, N. C.....		ENC	Shallow Well, Turner's Chapel, Lee's Chapel.
Gwin, John L., 129 Hardy Ave., Norfolk 6, Va.....		EVA	Norfolk (First).
Hall, W. Walter, 338 Concord Rd., Albemarle, N. C.....		WNC	Albemarle.
Hardcastle, Howard S., 2308 Roanoke Ave., Newport News, Va.....		EVA	Newport News.
Harrell, Stanley C., 1010 W. Markham Ave., Durham, N. C.....		NCVA	Durham.
*Howard, Brittain J., 230 McCauley St., Chapel Hill, N. C.....		ENC	State Parole Board.
House, Robert Lee, 3206 Grove Ave., Richmond 21, Va.....		EVA	Richmond, Editor of <i>Christian Sun</i> .
Humphries, Tucker G., 609 Montgomery St., Reidsville, N. C.....		NCVA	Reidsville.
Hurdle, Allen L., Efland, N. C.....		NCVA	Below Creek, Salem Chapel, Student at Duke.
*Jackson, Richard L., American Bd. Mission, Shaowu, Fukien, China		EVA	Missionary at Shaowu.
*Jackson, William P., Coburn Apts., Asheville, N. C.....		NCVA	Retired.
Johnson, I. W., 201 Linden Ave., Suffolk, Va.....		EVA	Berea (Nansemond), Liberty Spring, Oakland.
Johnson, J. Lee, Fuquay Springs, N. C.....		ENC	Catawba Springs, Bethel, Piney Plain, Pleasant Union.
*Johnson, Samuel M., Swannanoa, N. C.....		NCVA	Retired.
*Jones, Elwood W., Homewood Apts., Baltimore 18, Md.....		EVA	Retired.
*Key, Carl R., North Carolina Council of Churches, Durham, N. C....			Executive Secretary.
*Kimball, Robert M., Ashtabula, Ohio.....		EVA	Congregational Church.
Koon, Clyde O., New Market, Va.....		VVA	Bethlehem, Concord, Malyand, Palmyra, Wissler's Chapel, Wood's Chapel.
*Lankford, G. Otis, Elon College, N. C.....		WNC	Retired.
*Lassiter, Lucius L., Suffolk, Va.....		EVA	Retired.
Lester, Fletcher C., 840 Sunset Ave., Asheboro, N. C.....		WNC	Asheboro, Big Oak.
Lewis, Frank H., 1057 Leckie St., Portsmouth, Va.....		EVA	Portsmouth (Shelton Memorial).
Lowdermilk, Benjamin H., Randleman, N. C.....		WNC	Bailey's Grove, Pleasant Union.
*Lucas, A. L., Route 3, Asheboro, N. C.....		WNC	Beacon Community, Business.

McCauley, Joseph A., Waverly, Va.....	EVA	Waverly, Centerville, Spring Hill, Teacher.
Madren, Silas E., Elkton, Va.....	VVA	Bethel, Mt. Olivet (G), Mt. Olivet (R).
Madren, Weldon T., Route 4, Burlington, N. C.....	WNC	Flint Hill (R), Sophia, Ether, Shady Grove.
*Marr, S. Wade, Security Bank Bldg., Raleigh, N. C.....	ENC	Business.
*Moffitt, D. Rufus, Coleridge, N. C.....	WNC	Business.
Morgan, J. Frank, Windsor, Va.....	EVA	Windsor, Antioch, Mt. Carmel, Isle of Wight.
*Morgan, Wm. H., Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, N. C.	NCVA	Teacher.
*Mueller, Robert C. H., American Board Marathi Mission, Ahmednagar, West India.....	NCVA	Missionary to India.
Munger, Bernard V., 232 McCauley St., Chapel Hill, N. C.....	ENC	Chapel Hill.
*Murchison, J. Victor, Winston-Salem, N. C.....	EVA	Friends Church.
Murfeldt, Frank W., Tryon, N. C.....	NCVA	Tryon, Erskine Memorial.
Nese, J. L., 1612 Buffalo St., Greensboro, N. C.....	NCVA	Greensboro, Palm Street.
Nese, J. Everette, 1042 W. 35th St., Norfolk 8, Va.....	EVA	Norfolk (Second).
*Newman, Charles E., Virgilina, Va.....	NCVA	Retired.
*Newman, Nathaniel G., Windsor, Va.....	EVA	Retired.
Newton, R. E., Route 3, Luray, Va.....	VVA	Dry Run, Joppa, Leaksville, Mt. Lebanon, Newport.
*Olejar, George R., 2927 Liberty Pkwy., Baltimore 22, Md.....	EVA	Retired.
O'Neill, William B., Holland, Va.....	EVA	Holland.
*Pearce, George A., Route 1, Franklin, Va.....	EVA	Business.
*Phillips, Slade W., Dillon, S. C.....	EVA	Business.
Pollard, Marvin A., Route 2, Liberty, N. C.....	WNC	Pleasant Hill, Liberty, Smithwood.
Poythress, Olive D., 1214 Guerriere St., South Norfolk 6, Va.....	EVA	South Norfolk.
Presnell, Lacy M., Bennett, N. C.....	WNC	Pleasant Grove, Seagrove, Spoon's Chapel, Business.
Pugh, John Q., Route 1, Asheboro, N. C.....	WNC	New Center, Bennett, Business.
Register, Fred P., Route 2, Burlington, N. C.....	WNC	Amelia, Plymouth, Wake Chapel, Student at Duke.
Register, Kenneth D., Route 2, Burlington, N. C.....	NCVA	Union (N. C.).
Reynolds, Ferris E., Elon College, N. C.....	NCVA	Graham, Providence Memorial, Elon College Faculty.
Roberts, Jesse M., Windsor, Va.....	EVA	Dendron, Union (Surry), Business.
*Robinson, Allyn P., Jr., Box 1532, Charlotte, N. C.....	ENC	N. C. Secretary, National Conf. of Christians & Jews.
Scott, William T., Elon College, N. C.....	EVA	Superintendent of The Southern Convention.
*Sholz, Herbert, Macon, N. C.....	ENC	Retired.
Sloan, W. W., Elon College, N. C.....	NCVA	Shallow Ford, Elon Faculty.
*Smith, H. Shelton, Duke University, Durham, N. C.....	NCVA	Duke University Faculty.



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*Smith, J. Howard,	409 Prospect St., New Haven 11, Conn.	NCVA	Student at Yale.
*Smith, Leon Edgar,	Elon College, N. C.	EVA	President of Elon College.
Smith, William B.,	401 Church St., Burlington, N. C.		Burlington, Student.
Snyder, Walstein W.,	Route 3, Burlington, N. C.	NCVA	Bethel, Concord, Mt. Zion, Student at Duke.
Sorrell, Matthew T.,	162 Third Ave., Danville, Va.	ENC	Danville, Kallum Grove, New Lebanon, Supt. Faith Home.
Stevens, W. Millard,	401 Church St., Burlington, N. C.	NCVA	Burlington.
*Thelen, Miss Mary Frances,	Randolph-Macon College, Lynchburg, Va.	NCVA	Teacher.
Truitt, John G.,	Box 364, Suffolk, Va.	EVA	Suffolk.
Veazey, Guy H.,	Route 5, Burlington, N. C.	NCVA	Long's Chapel.
Weed, Earl D.,	41 Larchmont Rd., Asheville, N. C.	NCVA	Asheville.
*Warren, John H.,	9016½ Cottage Toll Rd., Norfolk, Va.	EVA	Retired.
*Watkins, B. H.,	RFD, Franklin, Va.	EVA	Union (Southampton).
*Weekley, Martin L.,	Route 4, Harrisonburg, Va.	VVA	Retired.
*Wehrenberg, E. L.,	Woodsale, N. C.	NCVA	Faculty, Indian School.
Welch, Mack V.,	Route 1, McLeansville, N. C.	NCVA	Hines Chapel, Monticello, Needham's Grove, Hank's Chapel Student at Duke.
Whitten, Robert A.,	108 West Clifford St., Winchester, Va.	VVA	Winchester.
*Williamson, Robert L.,	2316 Fontaine Ave., Charlottesville, Va.	VVA	Retired.
Wiseman, William E.,	315 N. Edgeworth St., Greensboro, N. C.	NCVA	Greensboro (First), Pleasant Ridge.
Wood, William L.,	Waffield, Va.	EVA	Wakefield, Barrett's, Burton's Grove.
Woodruff, Robert T., Jr.,	Vernon Hill, Va.	NCVA	Ingram, Pleasant Grove, Student at Duke.
Wright, T. Fred,	Route 1, Henderson, N. C.	ENC	Liberty (Vance), Mt. Gilead, Mt. Auburn.
Young, Peter,	272 E. 39th St., Norfolk 8, Va.	EVA	Christian Temple.
MINISTERS WITH LOCAL OR CONFERENCE ORDINATION STANDING			
Gallo, John,	Route 2, Disputanta, Va.	EVA	Bethlehem (Disputantia).
Nash, Durant D.,	Box 791, Hopewell, Va.	EVA	Hopewell, Business.
Sutton, Thomas D.,	Franklinton, N. C.	ENC	Antioch, Beulah, New Hope, Bethlehem, Oak Level.
Taylor, Morris E.,	3200 Shore Drive, Norfolk 3, Va.	EVA	Little Creek (Norfolk).
LICENTIATES			
*Brill, Walton E.,	Lehew, W. Va.	VVA	Business.
*Cook, Richard G.,	Bob Jones University, Greenville, S. C.	NCVA	Student.

Fields, Clyde L., 54 Wentworth St., Reidsville, N. C.....	NCVA	Berea, Pleasant Ridge, Student at Elon College.
*Gleason, H. Allen, Jr., 55 Elizabeth St., Harford 5, Conn.....	EVA	Faculty of Kennedy School of Missions.
Hailey, James R., Elon College, N. C.....	NCVA	Damascus, Mebane, Student at Elon College.
*Harrell, Vivian B., Suolffk, Va.....	EVA	Teacher.
Leebrick, Bland A., Elon College, N. C.....	NCVA	Carolina, Student at Elon College.
*Madren, James W., Elon College, N. C.....	VVA	Student at Elon College.
*Underwood, I. T., Yanceyville, N. C.....	NCVA	Business.

#### MEMBERS OF THE BIBLICAL CLASS

Allred, Fred, Elon College, N. C.....	WNC	Mt. Bethel, Student at Elon College.
*Carson, M. A., 94 Cushing St., Portsmouth, Va.....	EVA	Business.
Fogleman, Martin L., Route 2, Liberty, N. C.....	WNC	Martha's Chapel, Morrisville, O'Kelly's Chapel, Student at Elon College.
*Harper, Roy, Albemarle, N. C.....	WNC	Business.
*Scott, William T., Jr., Elon College, N. C.....	NCVA	Student at Elon College.
*Sorrrell, W. Staley, 162 Third Ave., Danville, Va.....	NCVA	Student at High School.
*Twiddy, Baxter, Elon College, N. C.....	EVA	Student at Elon College.
*Varga, Paul, Elon College, N. C.....	EVA	Student at Elon College.

#### MINISTERS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS SERVING CHURCHES IN

##### THE SOUTHERN CONVENTION

Farrell, W. Clay, Sanford, N. C.....	INDPT	Antioch (C), Auburn, Shiloh, Wentworth, Ebinezer.
Lonan, Harold, 212 Denim Station, Greensboro, N. C.....	PIL. H.	Gibsonville, Hopedale.
Tally, George M., Sanford, N. C.....	INDPT	Antioch (R), Biscoe, Christian Chapel, Christian Light, Moore Union, Pleasant Hill.
Tally, R. Eugene, 303 McIver St., Sanford, N. C.....	INDPT	Lebanon, New Elam, Zion.
Taylor, J. S., 1508 Elm Ave., Portsmouth, Va.....	BAPT.	Portsmouth, Elm Ave.

##### CHURCH ASSISTANTS—LAY WORKERS

Foltz, Dorothy, Elon College, N. C.....	Director R. E. Elon Community Church.
Ricketts, Percy H., 2075 Rockland Ave., Danville, Va.....	Assistant Pastor, Danville.

\*Not actively engaged as pastor of church or churches within the Convention.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 1—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—VIRGINIA VALLEY CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations	Christian Sun Goal	Christian Sun Subscribers
Antioch.....		E. A. Showalter, R4, Harrisonburg.....	O. W. Andes, R4, Harrisonburg.....	93	2	2			95	13	61	15	20	14
Bethel.....	S. E. Madren.....	Mrs. H. T. Hensley, R2, Elkton.....	K. B. Dofflemeyer, R2, Elkton.....	184	8	21	1	5	200	13	124	36	18	12
Bethlehem.....	Clyde O. Koon.....	Miss Ella Pickering, R1, Broadway.....	C. A. Phillips, R1, Broadway.....	102		8	1	4	106	21	134	27	10	11
Beulah.....		Mrs. Joe Tibbins, Keezletown.....	(No Sunday School)	20					20					2
Concord.....	Clyde O. Koon.....	Mrs. R. L. Smith, Timberville.....	Mrs. R. L. Smith, Timberville.....	60			1	1	59	9	48		5	4
Dry Run.....	R. E. Newton.....	W. B. Burke, Seven Fountains.....	W. B. Burke, Seven Fountains.....	84	1	1		2	83	5	34	6		2
Ioppa.....	R. E. Newton.....	Mrs. Eaylean Nicholson, Edinburg.....	(No Sunday School)	26					26					5
Leaksville.....	R. E. Newton.....	R. O. Rothgeb, R3, Luray.....	K. T. Rothgeb, R3, Luray.....	186	5	5	3	3	188	17	77	23	20	30
Linville.....		Mrs. Harold Rhodes, Linville.....	Robt. Miller, R2, Harrisonburg.....	198		2		2	198	18	86	10	13	8
Mayland.....	Clyde O. Koon.....	Mrs. Charlotte Litten, New Market.....	Thos. F. Stoner, Broadway.....	98			4	53	45	8	45	25	8	3
Mt. Lebanon.....	R. E. Newton.....	Mrs. Allene Kite, Shenandoah.....	Mrs. E. E. May, Shenandoah.....	126	5	6	2	2	130	11	129	27	8	8
Mt. Olivet (G).....	S. E. Madren.....	Miss Winnona Morris, Dyke.....	Norman W. Morris, Dyke.....	133	1	2	1	2	133	13	63	12	10	9
Mt. Olivet (R).....	S. E. Madren.....	Miss Laura E. Lam, R2, Elkton.....	Warren Good, R2, Elkton.....	156	5	5			161	13	110	26	12	6
New Hope.....		H. E. Liskey, R3, Harrisonburg.....	H. E. Liskey, R3, Harrisonburg.....	58			1		57	7	53	25	8	6
Newport.....	R. E. Newton.....	C. W. Louderback, R1, Shenandoah.....	Leonard Higgs, R1, Shenandoah.....	180	15	16	4	5	191	13	128		10	6
Palmyra.....	Clyde O. Koon.....	Mrs. Shirley Oliphant, Edinburg.....	Woodrow Baker, R3, Edinburg.....	98			4	4	94	8	26		5	5
Timber Ridge.....	Roy D. Coulter.....	Walton E. Brill, Lewinsburg, W. Va.....	Richard Kump, High View, W. Va.....	233	9	10	3	7	236	14	76	31	15	8
Winchester.....	R. A. Whitten.....	Roy A. Larrick, 367 E. Piccadilly.....	O. A. Fazzelle, 316 Fairview Ave.....	304	30	48	5	7	345	21	191		20	18
Wissler's Chapel.....	Clyde O. Koon.....	Miss Selvena Hines, Quicksburg.....	Miss Selvena Hines, Quicksburg.....	51					51	10	50		5	
Wood's Chapel.....	Clyde O. Koon.....	Mrs. Austin Kipps, Quicksburg.....	Mrs. G. Gouchevour, New Market.....	94		2			96	6	32		5	4
Totals.....				2,484	81	128	30	98	2,514	219	1,467	263	212	156

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 2—FINANCE—VIRGINIA VALLEY CONFERENCE

CHURCH	Paid on Convention Home Missions and Church Extension	Paid on Convention Foreign Missions Including Shaowu	Raised for Orphanage	Raised for Elton College	Raised for Christian Education	Raised for Supernatural Fund	Paid on Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Paid on Conference Fund	Total Paid on Apportionment	Paid to Woman's Missionary Conf.	Raised for Christian Missions by Association	Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Bldg. Improvement	Total Amount Raised on Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness
Antioch.....	\$ 71	\$ 148	\$ 210	\$ 64	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 41	\$ 8	\$ 71	\$ 647	\$ 170	\$ 33	\$ 235	\$1,085	\$ 247	\$ 262	\$ 40	\$ 549	\$ 1,634	\$ 5,000	.....
Bethel.....	21	101	36	34	11	11	25	15	45	299	40	20	339	339	566	780	2,332	3,678	4,037	11,000	.....
Bethlehem.....	21	173	46	35	...	22	25	7	60	389	...	28	417	417	570	863	160	1,993	2,010	4,500	.....
Beulah.....	3	28	60	3	1	1	3	2	6	107	...	8	115	115	75	15	...	1,90	205	2,005	.....
Concord.....	21	21	13	13	4	4	10	5	27	118	...	5	21	144	175	329	560	1,064	1,208	2,800	\$ 640
Dry Run.....	13	27	21	20	7	7	18	...	35	148	...	...	148	148	227	130	...	357	505	5,000	.....
Joppa.....	4	7	6	6	2	2	5	3	9	44	...	...	44	44	83	40	...	123	167	700	.....
Leaksville.....	49	107	100	50	16	68	36	15	105	546	197	15	487	1,245	628	841	...	1,469	2,714	6,200	.....
Linville.....	62	123	148	77	22	22	58	15	105	632	...	13	645	645	971	158	621	971	1,616	7,500	300
Mayland.....	5	5	7	7	2	2	5	2	65	100	...	...	100	100	217	240	1,100	1,557	1,657	5,000	.....
Mt. Lebanon.....	13	23	11	11	4	4	9	9	17	101	...	...	40	141	381	117	...	498	639	1,100	.....
Mt. Olivet (G).....	26	64	28	28	16	8	21	10	69	268	...	8	62	338	355	154	182	871	1,209	6,000	.....
Mt. Olivet (R).....	9	46	23	15	5	5	12	10	60	185	25	6	41	257	439	272	427	1,138	1,395	6,400	.....
New Hope.....	23	41	28	5	5	9	20	35	31	188	40	13	70	311	200	138	...	338	649	3,800	.....
Newport.....	58	146	183	56	14	20	34	14	69	594	...	...	301	895	641	113	...	754	1,649	3,800	.....
Palmyra.....	11	11	11	11	3	3	9	8	18	85	...	13	23	121	175	190	663	1,098	1,219	2,500	.....
Timber Ridge.....	26	179	49	42	13	13	31	19	69	441	...	30	471	471	1,470	300	...	1,470	1,941	10,000	4,000
Winchester.....	54	654	134	86	28	28	65	23	110	1,182	166	90	207	1,645	2,400	3,650	996	7,046	8,691	40,000	.....
Wissler's Chapel.....	8	8	13	13	3	3	10	8	18	80	...	...	80	252	252	600	...	877	600	957	800
Wood's Chapel.....	11	11	14	12	3	3	8	7	20	89	16	...	72	177	258	65	589	912	1,089	800	521
Totals.....	\$ 509	\$1,867	\$1,190	\$ 611	\$ 180	\$ 252	\$ 445	\$ 176	\$1,013	\$6,243	\$ 654	\$ 262	\$1,559	\$8,738	\$9,501	\$8,682	\$8,270	\$ 26,453	\$35,191	\$124,600	\$6,261



STATISTICAL TABLE No. 3—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations	Christian Sun Goal	Christian Sun Subscribers
Amelia.....	F. P. Register.....	Mrs. Leon Stevens, R2, Clayton.....	Linwood Penny, R2, Clayton.....	120	4	6	0	1	125	7	83	30	6	3
Antioch.....	T. D. Sutton.....	H. L. Wall, Elams.....	S. B. Spragin, Gasburg, Va.....	100	11	12	2	2	110	7	52	35	5	.....
Auburn.....	*W. C. Farrell.....	Mrs. Gladys Allen, R2, Raleigh.....	Herbert Langston, R2, Clayton.....	138	0	0	0	2	146	20	89	.....	6	.....
Bethel.....	J. Lee Johnson.....	Calvin Spragin, R3, Littleton.....	Luther Walker, R3, Littleton.....	122	6	20	0	0	122	7	32	.....	3	.....
Bethlehem.....	T. D. Sutton.....	A. W. Watkins, R4, Zebulon.....	W. C. Barham, R2, Wake Forest.....	50	6	20	0	0	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beulah.....	T. D. Sutton.....	Mrs. H. H. Jennings, 232 McCauley.....	Albert Lovejoy, 127 Daniel Rd.....	325	11	14	0	10	329	8	117	.....	9	7
Catawba Springs.....	B. V. Munger.....	.....	.....	1244	.....	.....	.....	.....	1244	.....	.....	.....	14	.....
Chapel Hill.....	*G. M. Tally.....	.....	.....	60	1	18	1	3	75	6	40	.....	5	17
Christian Chapel.....	*G. M. Tally.....	.....	.....	1148	.....	.....	.....	.....	1148	.....	1104	.....	9	.....
Christian Light.....	.....	.....	.....	1173	.....	.....	.....	.....	1173	.....	.....	.....	8	.....
Clayton.....	James R. Hailey.....	Mrs. P. N. Long, R3, Chapel Hill.....	Allen Johnson, R3, Chapel Hill.....	141	.....	.....	.....	.....	141	.....	.....	.....	4	.....
Damascus.....	J. A. Denton.....	Mrs. O. J. Smith, R6, Raleigh.....	Junius Dillard, R1, Cary.....	174	3	5	0	7	72	5	25	.....	4	.....
Ebenezer.....	E. M. Carter.....	Miss Margaret Edwards, Henderson.....	T. T. Coghill, R4, Henderson.....	217	2	4	5	6	215	6	92	.....	10	.....
Fuller's Chapel.....	E. M. Carter.....	Miss Valda Davis, Youngsville.....	Miss Vivian Davis, Youngsville.....	121	5	5	0	1	125	8	100	.....	11	6
Good Hope.....	.....	.....	.....	109	0	0	0	2	107	5	45	.....	5	.....
Hayes Chapel.....	*W. C. Farrell.....	Mrs. John Hall, 713 Montgomery.....	Henry Lane, Granite St.....	166	.....	.....	.....	.....	166	.....	132	.....	4	.....
Henderson.....	J. F. Apple.....	Mrs. Joel Johnson, Hope Mills.....	D. E. Culbreth, Hope Mills.....	293	4	7	3	4	296	13	183	40	15	25
Hope Mills.....	T. G. Humphries.....	Mrs. R. P. Stevens, R2, Sanford.....	(No School).	38	0	1	1	2	37	7	38	25	5	4
Lebanon.....	*R. E. Tally.....	Mrs. J. F. Stevens, R2, Sanford.....	Mrs. Carson Lanier, R5, Sanford.....	45	0	0	0	1	44	.....	.....	2	.....	
Lee's Chapel.....	R. T. Grissom.....	.....	.....	63	3	5	1	1	67	10	46	.....	3	.....
Liberty (Vance).....	T. F. Wright.....	Margaret Alston, R1, Henderson.....	K. G. Weldon, R1, Henderson.....	390	12	22	4	11	401	25	267	38	28	36
Martha's Chapel.....	*M. L. Fogleman.....	Otis Council, 1002 6th St., Durham.....	Otis Council, 1002 6th St., D. ham.....	74	4	4	0	5	73	8	55	.....	4	.....
Moore Union.....	*G. M. Tally.....	Mrs. J. U. Lett, R2, Jonesboro.....	N. G. Burns, R2, Sanford.....	102	3	4	0	0	106	6	31	.....	6	.....
Morrisville.....	*M. L. Fogleman.....	Mrs. G. J. Green, Morrisville.....	J. F. Hilliard, Cary.....	45	3	5	0	0	50	7	34	.....	3	3
Mt. Auburn.....	T. Fred Wright.....	W. H. Moss, RFD, Manson.....	J. Allen Kimball, RFD, Manson.....	119	1	9	4	11	117	12	75	14	20	15

Mt. Carmel.....	J. F. Apple.....	Mrs. R. L. Pearce, R1, Franklinton...	115	4	5	0	3	117	6	55	30	6
Mt. Gilead.....	T. Fred Wright.....	Esther Wester, R2, Louisburg...	164	3	5	1	3	166	9	60		18
Mt. Hermon.....	Mrs. M. Carter.....	Mrs. Guy Smith, RFD, Garner...	88	6	9	0	1	96	9	69		4
New Elam.....	*R. E. Tally.....	Lola Jones, R2, New Hill...	279	5	6	6	11	274	6	91		12
New Hope.....	T. D. Sutton.....	B. T. Bunn, R1, Louisburg...	261	6	7	0	5	263	9	166		10
Niagara.....												2
Oak Level.....	T. D. Sutton.....	Miss Gladys Snipes, Niagara...	21	0	0	0	0	21		46		9
O'Kelley's Chapel.....	M. L. Pogleman.....	J. U. Hudson, RFD, Youngsville...	129	0	3	4	6	126	9	89		2
Piney Plain.....	J. Lee Johnson.....	Mrs. U. H. Pittard, R1, Durham...	29	4	11	3	3	37	9	37	10	6
Pleasant Hill.....	*G. M. Tally.....	Mrs. J. P. Stevens, R4, Raleigh...	175					175		135		7
			193					193		156		5
Pleasant Union.....	J. Lee Johnson.....		1139					1139		1140		7
Plymouth.....	F. P. Register.....	B. G. Partin, R3, Raleigh...	158	0	2	1	5	155	10	110		6
Pope's Chapel.....	E. M. Carter.....	Ethel Holmes, R1, Franklinton...	112	0	0	1	6	106	7	61		9
Raleigh.....	F. B. Eutsler.....	Edwin Massengill, 2117 Fairview Rd.	342	3	9	1	11	340	17	100		15
Sanford.....	C. Carl Dollar.....	Mrs. Joe Watson, 107 McIver St...	201	1	8	6	12	197	18	168	32	50
												30
Shallow Well.....	R. T. Grissom.....	Mrs. Jack Campbell, Jr., Sanford...	238	2	12	0	0	250	11	201	90	14
Six Forks.....	(Inactive)		123					123				2
Southern Pines.....	T. G. Humphries.....		1275					1275		1175		8
Turner's Chapel.....	R. T. Grissom.....	Mrs. D. V. Wicker, R5, Sanford...	87	4	7	1	6	88	9	87	25	5
Wake Chapel.....	F. P. Register.....	H. W. Johnson, Fuquay Springs...	236	5	6	1	6	236	15	160		15
												8
Wentworth.....	*W. C. Farrell.....		112	0	5	0	2	115	7	89		7
Youngsville.....	E. M. Carter.....	Mrs. E. M. Carter, Youngsville...	42	0	0	0	1	41	7	35		5
												13
Totals.....			6,406	116	236	46	150	6,492	325	3,538	369	500
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\*Not affiliated with Congregational Christian Church.

†Student.

‡1947 Membership.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 4—FINANCE—EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	Paid on Convention	Home Missions and	Church Extension	Paid on Convention	Foreign Missions	Including Shaowu	Raised for Christian	Orphanage	Raised for Christian	Elon College	Raised for Christian	Education	Raised for	Supernatunnal Fund	Paid on Convention	Per Capita Dues	for General Council	Raised for Ministerial	Scholarship Fund	Paid on Conference	Total Paid	on Apportionment	Raised by Woman's	Missionary Conf.	For Other Missions	and Benevolences	Total for Missions	and Benevolences	Paid on Pastor's	Salary	Paid on Misc. Current	Expenses by Church	Bldg. Improvement	Total Raised on	Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised	for All Purposes	Value of Church	Property	Indebtedness			
	\$	12	\$	38	\$	18	\$	5	\$	19	\$	15	\$	8	\$	7	\$	140	\$	196	\$	675	\$	214	\$	66	\$	955	\$	1,151	\$	2,000	.....										
Amelia.....	6	6	14	14	5	5	5	10	8	7	75	75	204	204	58	332	332	1,407	1,407	2,500	.....																						
Antioch.....	40	40	96	96	2	2	2	9	6	4	68	68	200	200	20	124	124	500	500	195	2,700	3,395	3,634	3,634	5,000	.....																	
Auburn.....	5	30	5	5	2	2	2	9	6	4	68	68	200	200	20	124	124	500	500	195	2,700	3,395	3,634	3,634	5,000	.....																	
Bethel.....	12	15	67	15	5	5	5	15	22	2	5	163	163	26	475	475	600	600	240	777	1,617	2,092	2,092	5,000	.....																		
Beulah.....	16	86	28	28	8	8	8	20	4	11	209	209	193	193	235	444	1,890	830	100	2,820	2,820	3,264	3,264	33,000	.....																		
Catawba Springs	.....	.....	79	79	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	79	60	139	139	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	139	139	3,000	.....																		
Chapel Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
Christian Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....				
Christian Light	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....				
Clayton.....	14	14	24	24	7	7	18	7	2	7	124	124	143	143	19	203	257	600	158	280	1,038	1,038	1,181	1,181	5,000	.....																	
Damascus.....	15	23	57	30	7	20	20	9	9	9	54	54	257	257	23	213	200	500	58	440	998	1,255	1,255	3,000	.....																		
Ebenezer.....	10	10	15	16	6	5	14	8	5	5	89	40	22	151	300	32	332	483	2,500	.....																							
Fuller's Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			
Good Hope.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			
Hayes Chapel.....	25	115	105	50	15	15	30	19	.....	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Henderson.....	20	20	24	28	7	7	13	3	.....	374	167	90	631	631	113	23	213	200	500	58	440	998	1,255	1,255	3,000	.....																	
Hope Mills.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Lebanon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Lee's Chapel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Liberty (Vance).....	72	237	310	178	33	40	70	28	37	1,005	1,751	490	1,751	1,500	614	1,024	3,138	4,889	30,000	.....																							
Martha's Chapel.....	8	8	35	10	5	5	12	6	2	96	96	161	161	38	295	199	280	5,000	.....																								
Moore Union.....	7	5	41	5	5	5	5	5	7	80	80	200	200	78	467	253	407	3,000	.....																								
Morrisville.....	23	31	58	17	7	11	9	4	.....	169	214	45	214	175	78	200	1,100	1,900	2,806	7,500	.....																						
Mt. Auburn.....	30	65	135	76	22	38	32	8	13	419	906	294	906	600	200	1,100	1,900	2,806	7,500	.....																							

Mt. Carmel.....	12	12	27	17	5	10	15	8	5	111	15	126	250	63	313	439	3,000				
Mt. Gilead.....	22	22	28	28	10	10	2	2	11	133	..	133	600	21	1,161	1,915	2,000				
Mt. Hermon.....	..	10	28	..	..	9	..	..	5	52	78	130	240	70	1,425	1,735	3,500				
New Elam.....	37	33	73	2	2	2	2	2	..	153	..	153	400	222	800	1,422	3,500				
New Hope.....	20	20	125	50	8	8	18	18	..	267	35	312	600	328	96	1,024	6,000				
Niagara.....	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	8	..	..	..	8	1,500				
Oak Level.....	19	17	35	26	8	10	18	8	5	155	19	174	300	630	250	1,354	6,000				
O'Kelley's Chapel.....	3	3	7	4	1	1	8	2	3	32	..	32	180	..	180	212	3,000				
Piney Plain.....	1	1	123	..	..	19	..	..	..	144	..	144	..	..	..	144	4,500				
Pleasant Hill.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,500				
Pleasant Union.....	12	12	174	..	7	7	15	11	..	198	..	198	500	414	242	1,156	6,200				
Plymouth.....	10	25	36	32	7	7	18	8	7	150	35	185	500	414	242	1,156	3,000				
Pope's Chapel.....	15	15	30	30	7	7	18	8	9	139	..	139	400	91	42	533	672				
Raleigh.....	40	40	60	60	20	20	38	20	..	298	248	746	3,600	3,010	6,100	7,356	\$ 19,602				
Sanford.....	25	150	70	68	10	20	27	16	13	399	223	873	2,400	535	2,055	4,990	5,863				
Shallow Well.....	22	22	55	45	10	10	25	14	11	214	157	403	1,250	1,987	6,000	9,237	15,000				
Six Forks.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,500				
Southern Pines.....	25	25	52	52	10	10	27	16	8	238	118	856	4,000	..	4,000	4,856	49,000				
Turner's Chapel.....	20	20	84	35	7	7	15	6	7	201	91	376	1,000	355	28	1,383	6,000				
Wake Chapel.....	81	81	1,850	182	15	40	47	18	25	2,339	240	2,715	1,150	866	600	5,331	25,000				
Wentworth.....	..	..	92	..	..	..	..	..	..	92	..	92	..	..	..	92	1,500				
Youngsville.....	8	8	15	15	7	7	12	4	5	81	18	139	400	77	477	616	5,000				
Totals.....	\$ 687	\$1,259	\$4,466	\$1,160	\$ 266	\$ 482	\$ 579	\$291	\$ 19	\$259	\$ 9,468	\$1,964	\$3,301	\$ 14,733	\$ 29,000	\$ 13,159	\$ 19,472	\$ 61,631	\$ 76,364	\$474,300	\$ 19,602



STATISTICAL TABLE No. 5—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations	Christian Sun Goal	Christian Sun Subscribers
Antioch.....	J. Frank Morgan..	C. E. Tomlin, Zuni.....	W. E. Garrison, Jr., Windsor.....	117	1	3	0	3	117	5	80	0	0	.....
Barrett's.....	W. L. Wood.....	P. B. Barrett, Sedley.....	John Simms, Jr., Sedley.....	60	1	1	1	1	60	6	25	0	0	.....
Berea, Great Bridge.....	Ellis N. Clark.....	Mrs. L. Curling, R1, Hickory.....	Ernest Waterfield, R1, Hickory.....	203	12	44	3	6	241	21	260	100	100	.....
Berea, Nansmond.....	I. W. Johnson.....	Mrs. Herbert P. Harrell, Driver.....	Mrs. R. T. Bradford, R2, Suffolk.....	134	7	27	0	0	161	10	160	100	100	.....
Bethlehem, Disp.....	John Gallo.....	J. C. Tomko, R1, Prince George.....	A. H. Sykora, Prince George.....	128	6	6	4	6	128	6	64	38	38	.....
Bethlehem, Nans.....	R. E. Brittle.....	W. E. White, 108 Chestnut, Suffolk.....	Edward Johnson, R1, Suffolk.....	540	24	34	2	8	566	18	293	75	75	.....
Burton's Grove.....	W. L. Wood.....	Mrs. G. C. Brittle, Wakefield.....	F. N. Gay, Wakefield.....	40	1	1	0	0	41	7	33	18	18	.....
Centerville.....	J. E. McCauley.....	J. C. Morris, Disputanta.....	G. W. Rann, Disputanta.....	65	0	3	1	1	67	8	42	8	8	.....
Cypress.....	R. E. Brittle.....	Mrs. G. C. Mann, Cypress Chapel.....	F. E. Harrell, R1, Suffolk.....	386	22	26	4	8	404	30	195	92	92	.....
Dendron.....	J. M. Roberts.....	Mrs. G. W. Spratley, Dendron.....	E. T. Atkinson, Dendron.....	43	1	1	2	3	41	11	51	12	12	.....
Eure.....	L. B. Grice.....	J. H. Lilley, Eure, N. C.....	T. A. Eure, Eure, N. C.....	310	2	2	3	5	307	11	75	27	27	.....
Franklin.....	R. M. Kimball.....	Samuel Bradshaw, 303 Lee St.....	T. H. Holland, RFD, Franklin.....	434	4	14	2	3	443	24	226	25	25	.....
Holland.....	Will B. O'Neill.....	J. R. Jones, Holland.....	A. J. Holland, Holland.....	428	11	16	3	11	433	13	155	20	20	.....
Holy Neck.....	L. B. Grice.....	E. H. Harrell, R2, Holland.....	H. L. Weaver, RFD, Holland.....	324	6	11	4	8	328	16	198	40	40	.....
Hopewell.....	D. D. Nash.....	Mrs. F. Sodomka, 104 City Pt. Rd.....	Mrs. F. Lowe, Sr., 213 15th Ave.....	214	5	5	2	4	215	10	68	37	37	.....
Isle of Wight.....	J. Frank Morgan.....	Mrs. W. E. Wills, Isle of Wight.....	S. R. Turner, R2, Windsor.....	82	4	5	2	3	84	12	67	18	18	.....
Johnson's Grove.....	R. M. Kimball.....	Mrs. B. F. Hancock, Sedley.....	R. Wesley Harrell, R1, Suffolk.....	55	0	0	2	2	53	0	0	0	0	.....
Liberty Spring.....	I. W. Johnson.....	E. B. Rawles, R1, Suffolk.....	G. B. Martin, Waters.....	403	27	39	6	14	428	30	171	60	60	.....
Mt. Carmel.....	J. Frank Morgan.....	Mrs. F. H. Johnson, Zuni.....	Z. B. Martin, Eclipse.....	221	7	12	3	4	225	22	227	0	0	.....
Mt. Zion.....	J. Frank Morgan.....	Mrs. Geo. W. Dixon, Eclipse.....	Ollie V. Cockes, Elberon.....	38	5	9	3	4	43	19	53	0	0	.....
New Lebanon.....	Claud W. Roberts.....	Ollie V. Cockes, Elberon.....	L. D. Williams, 1253 24th St.....	58	4	4	1	3	59	8	38	0	0	.....
Newport News.....	H. S. Hardcastle.....	Mrs. R. J. Moberg, 15 Elm Ave.....	W. B. Williams, 2205 Chesapeake.....	520	15	44	3	9	555	32	372	70	70	.....
Norfolk, Bay View.....	Johnson Griffin.....	Mrs. B. C. Haskett, 2533 Chesapeake.....	L. D. Albert, 2205 Chesapeake.....	137	12	30	2	5	162	11	148	24	24	.....
Christian Temple.....	Peter Young.....	I. W. Vaughn, 730 Delaware St.....	A. C. Godfrey, 602 W. 34th St.....	837	12	24	3	15	846	35	421	80	80	.....
First.....	John L. Gwin.....	V. E. Holloman, 805 W. Liberty St.....	Mrs. J. M. Harris, 201 Poplar St.....	150	11	18	3	3	165	11	140	40	40	.....

Little Creek.....	M. E. Taylor.....	Mrs. W. B. Bowden, 3200 Shore Dr..	44	1	3	1	2	45	10	107	15
Rosemont.....	H. G. Council, Jr.....	Mrs. A. C. Dyer, 3605 Bainbridge....	521	8	22	1	8	535	39	420	50
Second.....	J. Everette Neese.....	C. C. Etheridge, 529 Burleigh Ave....	221	9	13	3	109	125	11	126	25
Oak Grove.....	W. K. Parker, Sunbury, N. C.....	W. K. Parker, Sunbury, N. C.....	88	0	0	2	17	71	16	40	12
Oakland.....	I. W. Johnson.....	Mrs. J. Rollie Gayle, Carrollton.....	410	22	40	3	16	434	13	292	65
Portsmouth											
Elm Avenue.....	*J. S. Taylor.....	J. A. Branch, 18 S. Colin Drive.....	123	37	37	0	0	160	13	117	50
First.....	W. S. Carne.....	Miss C. Gort, 1713 Spratley St.....	203	18	43	0	12	234	21	183	38
Shelton Memorial..	Frank H. Lewis.....	W. F. Lawrence, 1724 Matthews Tr....	124	1	5	1	1	128	11	51	24
Richmond.....	Robt. Lee House.....	Miss Ruth Burgess, 3220 Floyd Ave....	171	6	17	1	6	182	15	95	0
South Norfolk.....	O. D. Poythress.....	C. E. Hollowell, 1231 Chesapeake....	700	42	43	7	23	720	62	536	74
Spring Hill.....	J. E. McCauley.....	E. B. Richardson, Jr., Waverly.....	80	2	6	1	2	84	7	40	16
Suffolk.....	John G. Truitt.....	J. D. McClenny, 211 S. Broad St.....	1,479	40	81	15	46	1,514	52	836	165
Sunbury, Damascus..	L. E. McCoy, Sunbury, N. C.....	L. E. McCoy, Sunbury, N. C.....	191	0	5	4	11	185	9	129	35
Union, Southampton.	B. H. Watkins.....	M. Whitley, R2, Franklin.....	168	6	15	4	5	178	11	132	35
Union, Surry.....	J. M. Roberts.....	Frederick F. Huber, Dendron.....	28	0	0	1	1	27	6	25	0
Wakefield.....	W. L. Wood.....	Wallace F. Brittle, Wakefield.....	125	0	0	2	6	119	13	85	13
Waverly.....	J. E. McCauley.....	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Waverly.....	199	6	12	2	4	207	15	135	0
Windsor.....	J. Frank Morgan.....	Miss M. V. Griffin, Windsor.....	150	1	5	0	3	152	13	140	25
Totals.....			10,952	399	726	105	406	11,272	703	7,053	1526
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STATISTICAL TABLE No. 6—FINANCE—EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	Paid on Convention Home Missions	Paid on Convention Church Extension	Foreign Missions Including Shaowu	Raised for Christian Orphanage	Raised for Elton College	Raised for Christian Education	Raised for Supernatation Fund	Paid on Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Raised for Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Paid on Conference Fund	Paid on Conference Missions	Virginia Council of Churches	Total Paid on Apportionment	Raised by Christian Miss. Association	Raised by Woman's Missionary Conf.	For Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Paid on Misc. Current Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Bldg. Improvement	Total Raised on Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness
Antioch.....	\$ 28	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 30	\$ 10	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 10	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 10	\$ 5	\$ 221	\$ 10	\$ 86	\$ 16	\$ 333	\$ 525	\$ 195	\$ 0	\$ 720	\$ 1,053	\$ 6,000	.....
Barrett's.....	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	7	5	2	79	20	155	13	92	212	65	90	367	8,459	8,000	.....
Berea, Nansmond.....	45	30	40	50	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	5	366	20	155	204	745	2,340	1,933	3,433	7,705	8,451	45,000	.....
Berea, Great Bridge.....	35	60	77	50	20	25	25	15	35	10	15	15	4	371	100	270	200	941	600	650	200	1,450	2,391	25,000	.....
Bethlehem, Disp.....	37	67	16	5	10	10	5	5	10	5	5	5	4	174	100	270	188	362	1,500	203	239	1,942	2,304	15,000	.....
Bethlehem, Nans.....	52	267	110	30	60	50	35	15	35	15	15	15	15	751	65	613	786	2,215	1,200	823	8,080	10,103	12,318	23,000	.....
Burton's Grove.....	6	18	10	6	5	5	5	5	10	2	5	5	1	78	47	47	16	141	254	23	114	391	532	2,000	.....
Centerville.....	13	13	26	9	4	4	5	4	5	4	5	5	2	95	50	300	97	192	168	152	173	493	685	1,500	.....
Cypress Chapel.....	58	72	145	95	20	35	45	22	15	15	15	15	50	583	50	300	90	1,023	1,200	1,101	1,304	2,963	3,986	25,000	.....
Dendron.....	33	33	90	18	3	33	3	3	5	2	3	3	2	226	191	191	76	493	162	197	1,304	1,663	2,156	4,500	.....
Eure.....	35	30	58	95	10	50	50	25	25	15	15	15	5	328	10	94	0	432	500	463	0	963	1,395	2,500	.....
Franklin.....	100	261	250	200	20	60	100	22	28	15	15	15	12	1,130	45	728	253	2,156	2,750	5,210	6,428	14,388	16,544	92,000	.....
Holland.....	110	90	260	225	27	58	120	28	10	10	10	10	12	1,025	60	284	481	1,850	2,870	1,993	3,136	5,727	7,577	50,000	.....
Holy Neck.....	35	35	110	96	20	48	65	18	9	10	10	10	10	465	30	325	560	1,380	2,400	1,433	3,136	6,969	8,349	17,000	.....
Hopewell.....	10	10	10	5	5	5	5	5	10	5	5	5	6	80	.....	15	10	105	900	513	1,000	2,413	2,518	7,000	\$ 1,000
Isle of Wight.....	12	15	25	62	5	5	20	5	10	10	10	10	2	181	20	123	315	639	525	627	19,000	20,152	20,791	25,000	4,750
Johnson's Grove.....	4	5	12	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	2	61	.....	65	45	171	150	0	150	321	4,000	.....	
Liberty Spring.....	42	105	151	120	15	50	45	22	15	15	15	15	12	632	455	558	557	2,202	600	1,571	3,298	5,469	7,671	40,000	.....
Mt. Carmel.....	63	19	138	85	20	37	50	15	15	15	15	15	35	549	20	225	50	844	800	675	400	1,875	2,719	8,000	.....
Mt. Zion.....	5	58	20	10	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	2	129	.....	6	70	197	670	1,151	365	2,186	2,385	8,000	.....
New Lebanon.....	13	25	25	5	10	15	15	10	5	10	10	10	2	143	.....	24	20	187	150	79	0	229	416	10,000	.....
Newport News.....	611	632	529	444	70	366	170	30	25	25	25	100	15	3,017	540	455	1,491	5,503	3,600	7,192	4,989	15,781	21,284	125,000	19,800
Norfolk, Bay View.....	16	21	47	30	5	5	5	5	20	5	10	10	5	178	40	134	101	453	2,050	1,837	1,382	5,269	5,722	13,000	100
Christian Temple.....	373	948	426	750	60	175	375	80	35	35	35	100	31	3,388	215	677	3,142	7,422	4,800	13,557	0	18,357	25,779	310,000	.....
First.....	60	60	124	125	20	35	65	20	10	10	10	35	9	573	.....	131	0	704	2,270	1,984	1,149	5,403	6,107	56,000	.....

Little Creek.....	19	25	2	2	2	2	5	2	4	2	1	85	25	114	17	241	1,200	160	510	1,870	2,111	9,000	1,800
Rosemont.....	456	539	1,007	81	140	30	70	10	10	10	35	6	682	40	183	695	1,600	2,669	2,866	4,735	4,976	25,000	470
Second.....	45	155	51	30	155	7	10	10	10	10	5	3	239	20	117	224	600	2,787	3,093	8,033	9,633	75,000	7,500
Oak Grove.....	20	31	20	5	5	25	7	5	5	5	10	3	186	20	78	30	314	200	83	3,713	4,277	21,000	.....
Oakland.....	52	53	165	100	15	35	40	25	10	10	35	10	550	145	264	245	1,204	600	8,200	10,356	11,560	30,000	.....
Portsmouth,																							
Elm Avenue.....	50	48	30	.....	30	.....	30	.....	5	5	30	3	241	.....	.....	0	241	2,066	0	4,735	4,976	25,000	470
First.....	71	121	125	159	30	35	70	10	10	10	35	6	682	40	183	695	1,600	2,787	2,866	8,033	9,633	75,000	7,500
Shelton Memorial..	21	84	23	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	5	3	239	20	117	224	600	2,787	3,093	8,033	9,633	75,000	7,500
Richmond.....	50	50	166	150	10	35	50	10	15	15	35	5	591	50	86	34	761	2,700	294	7,684	8,445	120,500	.....
South Norfolk.....	157	162	283	250	20	25	85	42	15	15	60	5	1,099	130	398	559	2,156	3,065	2,800	11,600	13,756	160,000	.....
Spring Hill.....	21	32	30	25	5	5	20	5	5	5	10	2	165	.....	39	0	204	180	0	292	496	3,500	.....
Suffolk.....	373	385	647	875	75	150	365	100	40	40	300	43	3,425	255	1,451	884	6,015	10,771	10,870	26,141	32,156	168,000	.....
Sunbury, Damascus..	25	60	52	60	5	22	30	12	10	10	15	5	306	40	184	133	663	800	761	3,042	3,705	32,500	3,200
Union, Southampton..	30	55	65	60	5	10	25	10	20	20	15	5	320	10	139	61	530	1,100	5,815	7,459	7,989	17,000	6,000
Union, Surry.....	23	23	63	15	5	5	5	3	5	5	5	2	159	.....	.....	62	221	120	0	146	367	3,000	.....
Wakefield.....	22	37	50	10	5	20	9	5	5	5	10	4	199	10	111	0	320	503	0	1,482	1,802	14,000	.....
Waverly.....	60	160	98	150	18	37	80	15	10	10	25	5	668	105	119	518	1,410	1,800	342	3,144	4,554	37,000	.....
Windsor.....	45	103	240	124	10	15	40	9	15	15	30	4	650	25	306	473	1,454	483	293	1,376	2,830	10,000	.....
Totals.....	\$3,323	\$4,754	\$6,115	\$5,095	\$739	\$1,647	\$2,477	\$713	\$484	\$489	\$1,406	\$308	\$27,550	\$2,625	\$9,573	\$15,046	\$54,794	\$62,833	\$92,354	\$239,843	\$294,637	\$1,739,600	\$44,620



STATISTICAL TABLE No. 7—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations	Christian Sun	Christian Sun Goal	Subscribers
Albemarle.....	W. W. Hall.....	Alfred G. Plyler, 708 N. Depot St.....	Odell Russell, R4, Albemarle.....	254	14	24	...	8	270	15	229	...	25	23	...
Antioch (C).....	*W. C. Farrell.....	Mrs. G. Lassiter, B. 43, Pittsboro.....	W. C. Thomas, R2, Bear Creek.....	95	7	18	...	1	112	11	91	...	...	...	...
Antioch (R).....	F. C. Lester.....	Mrs. Orva Brown, 967 Straight St.....	Paul Craven, Box 565, Asheboro.....	†103	...	...	...	...	†103	...	...	...	...	...	...
Asheboro.....	F. C. Lester.....	Mrs. C. S. Allred, R1, Asheboro.....	Fred Smith, R1, Asheboro.....	62	9	24	1	2	84	20	183	23	5	14	...
Bailey's Grove.....	B. H. Lowdermilk.....	Mrs. C. S. Allred, R1, Asheboro.....	...	39	0	0	0	1	38	5	75	...	...	...	...
Bennett.....	J. Q. Pugh.....	L. M. Murray, Bennett.....	R. Sheldon Murray, Bennett.....	40	0	0	0	0	40	6	...	...	...	...	...
Big Oak.....	F. C. Lester.....	Miss Maurine Morrison, Eagle Spgs.....	(No Sunday School).....	68	0	0	1	3	65	...	...	...	...	...	...
Biscoe.....	H. V. Cox.....	Mrs. Iola S. McDuffie, Spies.....	J. W. H. Moore, R1, Robbins.....	153	...	...	...	5	153	7	81	10	...	...	...
Brown's Chapel.....	W. T. Madren.....	Miss Nellie Moore, Ether.....	Homer J. Cochrane, Ether.....	207	6	6	1	24	208	6	45	15	...	...	...
Ether.....	W. T. Madren.....	Miss Etta Rea Britt, R1, Biscoe.....	W. T. Britt, R1, Biscoe.....	100	9	9	...	...	85	6	...	...	...	...	...
Flint Hill (M).....	E. Carl Brady.....	Miss Lola Farlow, R1, Sophia.....	W. R. Lanier, R3, Asheboro.....	49	3	3	0	0	52	4	45	20	...	...	...
Flint Hill (R).....	W. T. Madren.....	Miss Bertha Riddle, R1, Pittsboro.....	Clifford Blaylock, Pittsboro.....	40	1	2	0	0	42	9	35	...	4	2	...
Glendon.....	Jas. A. Denton.....	A. C. Farrell, Sanford.....	H. M. Nicholson, R1, Sanford.....	182	28	28	2	12	198	14	225	...	...	...	...
Grace's Chapel.....	M. V. Welch.....	Miss Bertha Riddle, R1, Pittsboro.....	...	206	2	3	0	2	207	12	154	35	...	...	...
Hank's Chapel.....	M. V. Welch.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
High Point.....	R. J. Farp.....	Mrs. B. P. Moffitt, R5, Box 243.....	Bruce Woodell, R5, High Point.....	94	25	33	1	2	125	...	...	...	...	...	...
Liberty.....	M. A. Pollard.....	Mrs. H. K. Routh, Liberty.....	Jack P. Shofner, Liberty.....	71	19	25	0	1	95	9	98	...	4	4	...
Mt. Pleasant.....	Park W. Fisher.....	L. D. Brooks, R2, Vass.....	E. M. Marks, R2, Cameron.....	112	1	1	1	3	110	7	94	...	...	...	...
Needham's Grove.....	M. V. Welch.....	Miss Henrietta Moore, R1, Steeds.....	W. W. Ritter, R1, Steeds.....	141	2	4	0	0	145	10	114	...	...	...	...
New Center.....	M. V. Welch.....	A. L. Davis, R1, Seagrave.....	David Chriscro, R3, Seagrave.....	83	3	3	0	3	83	5	...	...	...	...	...
Park's Cross Roads.....	...	...	...	†212	...	...	...	...	†212	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patterson's Grove.....	J. U. Fogleman.....	Mrs. J. Q. Pugh, Sr., R1, Asheboro.....	D. G. Craven, R1, Franklinville.....	123	...	...	...	...	123	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pleasant Cross.....	L. M. Presnell.....	Mrs. J. M. Brown, R1, Bennett.....	M. E. Jones, R1, Bennett.....	44	1	1	1	2	43	8	41	...	...	...	...
Pleasant Grove.....	M. A. Pollard.....	L. C. Fogleman, R2, Snow Camp.....	Glenn Fogleman, Liberty.....	233	4	4	1	3	324	14	168	...	...	...	...
Pleasant Hill.....	M. A. Pollard.....	...	...	241	2	4	1	5	240	13	283	47	...	...	...

Pleasant Ridge.....	†Clyde Fields.....	Mrs. H. R. Stewart, B. 84, Ramseur.....	Theodore Cox, R1, Ramseur.....	147	9	14	3	4	157	18	154	16	15
Pleasant Union.....	B. H. Lowdermilk.....	Mrs. I. L. McDowell, R2, Asheboro..	Lewis Trotter, R3, Asheboro.....	38	0	0	2	2	36	7	144	4	4
Providence Chapel...	Park W. Fisher.....	H. B. J. Moore, R2, B27, Robbins.....	(No Sunday School).....	20	0	0	0	1	19	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ramseur.....	J. A. Denton.....	Roy L. Smith, R1, Asheboro.....	E. A. Cox, Ramseur.....	123	3	4	0	2	125	17	138	.....	.....
Randleman.....	B. H. Lowdermilk.....	W. G. Lamb, Box 95, Randleman.....	Vance Dorsett, Randleman.....	48	1	3	1	1	50	8	90	12	6
Seagrove.....	Lacy M. Presnell.....	Mrs. Shelton Graves, Seagrove.....	R. J. Lawrence, R1, Seagrove.....	70	7	18	0	8	80	7	57	.....	.....
Shady Grove.....	*W. C. Farrell.....	Mrs. Charlie Singleton, Troy.....	B. B. Martin, Troy.....	67	1	1	1	1	67	7	53	.....	.....
Shiloh.....	M. A. Pollard.....	Mrs. N. W. Brooks, R1, Ramseur.....	N. L. Rumley, R1, Seagrove.....	113	0	0	1	1	112	7	88	.....	.....
Smithwood.....	W. T. Madren.....	Thos. B. Lowe, R1, Liberty.....	Thos. B. Lowe, R1, Liberty.....	181	3	6	3	4	183	9	134	.....	.....
Sophia.....	.....	Mrs. Howard Hall, Sophia.....	Lewis Waynick, Sophia.....	64	3	3	0	9	58	8	65	35	1
Spoon's Chapel.....	L. M. Presnell.....	Miss Edith Stout, R1, Asheboro.....	Mrs. Will Berry, R1, Asheboro.....	30	0	0	0	0	30	9	49	.....	.....
Union Grove.....	B. H. Lowdermilk.....	Wade Brown, R2, Randleman.....	J. H. Ferree, R4, Asheboro.....	99	0	0	0	0	99	14	110	.....	.....
Zion.....	.....	.....	.....	†142	.....	.....	.....	.....	†142	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	.....	.....	.....	3,984	163	241	21	110	4,115	286	3,043	185	70 87

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†1947 Membership.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 8—FINANCE—WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	Paid on Convention Home Missions and Church Extensions	Paid on Convention Foreign Missions Including Shaowu	Raised for Christian Orphanage	Raised for Elion College	Raised for Christian Education	Raised for Supranational Fund	Paid on Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Paid on Conference Fund	Total Paid on Apportionment	Raised for Christian Missionary Assoc'n	Raised by Woman's Missionary Conf.	For Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Paid on Misc. Current Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Bldg. Improvement	Total Raised on Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness
Allemanle.....	\$ 82	\$ 282	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 20	\$ 57	\$ 44	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 645	\$ 100	\$ 72	\$ 817	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,461	\$ 792	\$ 4,653	\$ 5,479	\$ 20,250	.....	.....
Antioch (C).....	4	2	46	2	.....	10	1	5	6	76	.....	35	111	200	167	166	533	644	1,500	.....	.....
Antioch (R).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Asheboro.....	85	108	30	30	15	15	20	10	20	333	120	147	600	1,800	1,200	.....	3,000	3,600	67,500	20,000	.....
Bailey's Grove.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bennett.....	8	8	24	5	2	3	5	1	12	68	.....	.....	68	124	70	150	344	412	2,500	.....	.....
Big Oak.....	25	27	22	20	5	5	15	5	10	134	.....	34	168	200	.....	.....	200	368	5,000	.....	.....
Biscoe.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brown's Chapel.....	25	25	19	20	6	8	15	4	14	136	.....	.....	136	254	170	.....	424	560	3,500	3,500	.....
Ether.....	23	53	83	25	5	12	5	10	10	216	.....	31	247	287	173	1,156	1,616	1,863	2,500	150	.....
Flint Hill (M).....	11	11	20	14	4	7	12	3	12	94	.....	.....	12	106	109	19	133	239	500	.....	.....
Flint Hill (R).....	11	23	19	20	4	11	7	6	11	112	41	.....	20	173	171	33	305	478	2,500	.....	.....
Glendon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grace's Chapel.....	30	30	.....	24	.....	12	.....	.....	20	116	.....	.....	81	1,020	669	6	1,695	1,892	8,000	.....	.....
Hank's Chapel.....	87	84	243	60	16	34	50	5	60	639	.....	1,345	1,984	800	833	284	1,717	3,701	10,000	.....	.....
High Point.....	38	48	45	20	18	10	25	4	20	228	\$10	12	250	2,184	428	1,956	4,568	4,818	10,000	3,134	.....
Liberty.....	27	45	50	50	8	17	20	4	15	234	7	10	279	391	428	447	1,266	1,545	7,500	.....	.....
Mt. Pleasant.....	25	34	27	20	6	26	15	3	14	172	.....	.....	16	188	197	128	320	508	3,000	.....	.....
Needham's Grove.....	28	28	28	20	6	20	14	4	14	162	.....	.....	233	886	45	4,032	4,963	5,196	2,000	.....	.....
New Center.....	7	20	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	14	46	.....	.....	46	112	51	.....	163	209	.....	.....	.....
Parks Cross Roads.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Patterson's Grove.....	18	18	50	18	6	14	13	3	12	152	.....	.....	152	340	73	271	684	836	3,000	.....	.....
Pleasant Cross.....	25	25	30	30	14	26	25	5	20	200	.....	.....	17	217	500	446	946	1,163	5,000	.....	.....
Pleasant Grove.....	60	65	150	65	20	31	45	9	65	510	8	34	618	1,736	486	308	2,530	3,148	15,000	.....	.....

Pleasant Ridge.....	70	170	135	65	20	35	45	12	65	617	98	715	1,040	449	830	2,319	3,034	.....
Pleasant Union.....	10	10	165	20	5	5	11	2	10	238	.....	238	803	509	32	1,344	1,582	2,500
Providence Chapel.....	6	6	11	10	5	5	6	2	6	57	.....	57	116	195	.....	311	368	.....
Ramseur.....	.....	.....	309	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	329	.....	329	600	.....	.....	600	929	.....
Randleman.....	20	34	43	20	5	5	15	3	15	160	15	175	850	343	75	1,268	1,443	8,000
Seagrove.....	30	40	55	30	10	10	35	3	30	243	.....	293	551	243	18	812	1,105	7,000
Shady Grove.....	2	2	13	2	2	2	2	1	7	33	.....	33	333	58	140	331	364	1,000
Shiloh.....	.....	.....	180	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	197	.....	467	508	113	.....	621	1,078	1,000
Smithwood.....	20	20	30	25	6	16	22	2	20	161	260	171	934	165	2,182	3,281	3,452	6,500
Sophia.....	10	35	30	25	4	9	15	2	13	143	5	148	780	260	1,067	2,107	2,255	.....
Spoon's Chapel.....	10	20	25	25	5	8	25	2	15	135	.....	135	232	54	34	320	455	1,550
Union Grove.....	6	6	48	18	3	3	11	3	15	113	.....	113	188	553	1,198	1,939	2,052	2,000
Zion.....	.....	.....	115	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	115	.....	115	.....	.....	.....	.....	115	.....
Totals.....	\$ 803	\$1,279	\$2,105	\$ 743	\$ 220	\$ 441	\$ 518	\$123	\$ 592	\$ 6,824	\$ 25	\$ 430	\$2,300	\$ 9,579	\$ 20,346	\$ 45,517	\$ 55,006	\$198,800
																		\$ 26,784



STATISTICAL TABLE No. 9.—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations	Christian Sun	Christian Sun Goal	Subscribers
Apple's Chapel.....	H. E. Crutchfield.	Mrs. R. E. Apple, R1, Whitsett.....	J. B. Busick, R1, Brown Summit..	471	1	2	3	7	466	14	214	.....	48	.....	.....
Asheville.....	Earl D. Weed.....	Miss Philena Dickey, 132 Spears Av.	Mrs. Robt. Crane, 27 Fenner Ave..	107	3	18	1	9	116	5	23	.....	13	.....	.....
Belew Creek.....	A. L. Hurdle.....	Mrs. H. C. Murray, Belew Creek....	James Self, Walkertown.....	94	5	9	0	11	92	7	47	.....	12	.....	.....
Berea.....	†Clyde L. Fields.....	Mrs. G. H. Pritchett, R1, Elon Col..	Wm. Jones, R2, Elon College.....	127	0	3	0	9	121	8	110	.....	16	.....	.....
Bethel.....	W. W. Snyder.....	Mrs. Lewis King, R2, Burlington....	Lewis King, R2, Burlington.....	187	4	13	1	4	196	15	60	.....	19	.....	.....
Bethlehem.....	H. E. Crutchfield.	Clyde Iseley, R4, Burlington.....	Thos. Brown, R2, Elon College.....	356	2	2	9	20	338	15	304	.....	36	.....	.....
Burlington.....	W. M. Stevens.....	Walter L. Cooper, Box 38.....	J. A. Holt, 403 Central Terrace....	836	11	31	9	16	851	.....	512	.....	92	.....	.....
Carolina.....	†B. A. Leebick.....	J. W. Trollinger, Sr., R3, Burlington	J. W. Trollinger, Sr., R3, B'gton..	50	8	12	1	1	61	13	144	.....	9	.....	.....
Concord.....	W. W. Snyder.....	Mrs. W. R. Simmons, R2, Elon Col..	H. P. Terrill, R1, Elon College....	120	1	1	2	4	117	7	45	.....	20	.....	.....
Danville.....	M. T. Sorrell.....	Mrs. W. V. Crawford, 1471 Myrtle...	P. H. Ricketts, 2075 Rocklawn....	860	25	46	8	35	871	34	750	.....	250	.....	.....
Durham.....	S. C. Harrell.....	J. O. Kimrey, 807 W. Club Blvd....	J. A. Riggsbee, 104 E. Seeman St..	463	5	21	4	23	461	31	236	.....	37	.....	.....
Elk Spur.....	Jesse H. Dollar.....	Norma Cole, R2, Fancy Gap, Va....	Mrs. Lannie Utt, Fancy Gap, Va...	61	6	6	1	1	66	8	80	.....	10	.....	.....
Elon College.....	*Harold Loman.....	Mrs. G. W. Longest, R1, Elon Col..	George Noah, Elon College.....	286	19	46	1	20	312	42	223	.....	70	.....	.....
Gibsonville.....	F. E. Reynolds.....	Mrs. Ella Holt, 403 N. Main St.....	Robert Russell, W. Harden St.....	†235	3	3	1	2	90	10	†278	.....	40	.....	.....
Graham, Prov.-Mem.	W. E. Wiseman.....	R. G. Moffitt, 218 F. Bragg St.....	J. H. Rountree, 515 Woodlawn Av.	476	18	28	9	25	479	22	250	.....	60	.....	.....
Greensboro, First.	J. L. Neese.....	Mrs. Lena Hall, 3710 High Point Rd.	Carl Wallace, 2504 Spring Garden..	277	26	32	5	6	303	15	204	.....	39	.....	.....
Happy Home.....	T. F. Bowers.....	Miss Clarice Gunn, R3, Reidsville..	R. J. Hudson, Irvin St., Reidsv'le.	285	15	21	2	8	298	12	136	.....	35	.....	.....
Haw River.....	Earl Farrell.....	Kent Rice, Nelson, Va.....	Carl Chandler, Nelson, Va.....	164	7	7	2	6	165	4	141	.....	17	.....	.....
Hebron.....	Mark W. Andes.....	L. V. Smith, R1, McLeansville.....	M. Martin, 124 Robbins, Gr'n'sboro	109	0	0	0	4	105	7	41	.....	17	.....	.....
Hines Chapel.....	M. V. Welch.....	Mrs. P. W. Farthing, Ingram, Va....	J. K. Landrum, Vernon Hill, Va....	140	0	8	3	4	144	8	174	.....	29	.....	.....
Hopetate.....	*Harold Loman.....			†93	.....	.....	.....	.....	†93	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Howard's Chapel.	R. T. Woodruff, Jr.			205	7	10	1	3	212	11	75	.....	15	.....	.....
Ingram.....	(Not organized).....														
Ivy Hill.....															

Kallen Grove.....	M. T. Sorrell.....	Mrs. Ralph McCollum, R2, Madison.	J. A. Washburn, R2, Madison.....	59	13	13	0	4	68	5	65	9
Lebanon.....	Mark W. Andes.....	T. J. Earp, RFD, Milton.....	R. S. Taylor, Semora.....	130	0	0	1	3	127	9	59	16
Liberty.....	Mark W. Andes.....	C. S. Wilkins, Lening, Va.....	Bernard Owen, Nathalie, Va.....	208	6	6	1	4	210	13	35	22
Long's Chapel.....	G. H. Veazey.....	W. J. Fonville, R5, Burlington.....	H. L. Foster, R1, Mebane.....	151	1	5	1	23	133	11	104	23
Lynchburg.....	J. B. Allan.....	Earl Dunn, 4873 Fort Ave.....	Miss Ettie K. Harvie, R1.....	124	4	12	1	5	131	21	106	30
Mebane.....	James R. Hailey.....	Miss Lillie D. Fowler, Box 547.....	Lloyd Moore, Mebane.....	20	0	0	1	4	16	9	39	6
Monticello.....	M. V. Welch.....	Mrs. J. W. Kernodle, Brown Summit.....	J. E. Cumble, Brown Summit.....	95	2	2	0	0	97	10	95	10
Mt. Bethel.....	†Fred Allred.....	Mrs. C. B. Haynes, R1, Summerfield.....	Martin Barham, R2, Stokesdale.....	76	2	2	0	0	78	7	54	16
Mt. Zion.....	W. W. Snyder.....	Samuel D. George, Mebane.....	Gatiss Carden, R3, Mebane.....	159	9	9	2	4	104	6	60	60
New Lebanon.....	M. T. Sorrell.....	Miss Carrie Sharpe, 818 Crescent Dr.....	J. I. Sharpe, R4, Reidsville.....	206	5	6	4	13	199	9	145	26
Pfafftown.....	W. J. Andes.....	Mrs. H. O. Cline, Pfafftown.....	James Cohn, Pfafftown.....	29	3	10	1	4	35	9	85	20
Pleasant Grove.....	R. T. Woodruff, Jr.....	Mrs. D. J. Sipe, News Ferry, Va.....	G. C. Talbert, R1, Halifax, Va.....	272	0	1	4	12	261	11	100	35
Pleasant Ridge.....	W. E. Wiseman.....	Miss Dorothy Walker, R7, G'sboro.....	J. W. Pegrum, R2, Summerfield.....	83	0	0	1	1	82	6	51	20
Reidsville.....	Joe A. French.....	Mrs. E. H. Abell, 717 Lawsonville A.....	C. McKinney, 807 Lawsonville Av.....	608	26	38	4	21	625	42	452	62
Rocky Ford.....	.....	Clarence Edwards, Cana, Va.....	Walter Edwards, Fancy Gap, Va.....	48	0	7	0	0	55	6	25	9
Salem Chapel.....	A. L. Hurdle.....	Selma Marshall, R2, Walnut Cove.....	Abe J. Gorrey, Walnut Cove.....	128	1	1	3	5	124	9	79	12
Shallow Ford.....	W. W. Sloan.....	Ethel Barber, R2, Elon College.....	Elmer Wyrick, R4, Burlington.....	230	15	27	1	3	254	16	150	20
Tryon, Erskin Mem.....	F. W. Murtfieldt.....	Mrs. Olive Ashworth, RFD, Saluda.....	Nelson Jackson, Tryon.....	197	9	19	2	7	209	14	115	73
Union (N. C.).....	K. D. Register.....	Mrs. A. H. Blalock, R2, Burlington.....	C. C. Ward, 411 Granville, B'lin'tn.....	338	0	2	6	11	329	27	198	30
Union (Va.).....	Mark W. Andes.....	R. A. Dunkley, Virginia, Va.....	A. R. Seat, Virginia, Va.....	435	16	21	2	15	441	9	105	44
Winston-Salem.....	W. J. Andes.....	E. M. Whitman, 1023 S. Hawthorne.....	W. L. Padgett, 1234 E. 24th St.....	46	6	13	2	4	55	11	63	12
Zion.....	G. C. Crutchfield.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	.....	.....	.....	9,733	284	513	100	361	9,885	555	6,409	828
												1076
												400

\*Not affiliated with Congregational Christian Church.

†Student.

‡1947 Membership.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 10—FINANCE—NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	CHURCH																			Indebtedness	
	Paid on Convention Home Missions and Church Extensions	Paid on Convention Foreign Missions Including Shaowu	Raised for Christian Orphanage	Raised for College Elon College	Raised for Christian Education	Raised for Supernatural Fund	Paid on Convention Incl. Christmas Fund	Paid on Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Paid on Conference Fund and Ministerial Scholarships	Total Paid on Apportionment	Raised by Christian Miss. Association	Raised by Woman's Missionary Conf.	For Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Paid on Misc. Current Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Bldg. Improvement	Total Raised on Local Expenses		Grand Total Raised for All Purposes
Apple's Chapel.....	\$ 49	\$ 79	\$ 114	\$ 111	\$ 32	\$ 32	\$ 70	\$ 34	\$ 39	\$ 560	\$ 25	\$ 103	\$ 336	\$ 1,024	\$ 1,045	\$ 935	\$ 315	\$ 2,295	\$ 3,319	\$ 14,000	\$ 2,873
Asheville.....	19	13	6	6	6	6	6	8	8	50	106	211	366	1,230	1,230	1,210	976	3,416	3,782	35,000	
Belew Creek.....	16	16	36	38	13	16	36	9	22	202	5	6	223	600	600	183	783	1,006	1,006	5,000	
Berea.....	45	66	49	38	14	35	36	10	22	315	96	368	779	1,000	1,000	590	1,949	3,539	4,318	3,000	
Bethel.....	18	44	62	50	10	10	20	14	12	240	5	228	528	720	720	456	1,176	1,704	6,000		
Bethlehem.....	50	42	136	116	30	36	67	27	33	537	5	.....	542	1,028	1,028	1,600	21,382	24,010	24,552	6,000	2,000
Burlington.....	201	606	3,158	500	115	530	215	64	135	5,524	50	1,712	8,357	4,500	4,500	14,110	27,654	46,264	54,621	187,000	3,198
Carolina.....	33	36	35	22	10	8	31	6	186	212	46	186	444	370	370	400	1,550	2,820	3,264	7,500	
Concord.....	27	31	46	57	16	13	31	9	23	253	50	60	373	627	627	93	730	1,093	5,000		
Danville.....	240	50	50	.....	20	55	46	64	31	506	.....	4,155	4,661	3,600	3,600	15,233	16,726	35,559	40,220	130,000	
Durham.....	201	491	455	418	92	199	205	35	108	2,204	40	823	3,598	3,900	3,471	3,471	10,979	14,577	14,577	65,000	
Elk Spur.....	7	3	10	9	5	2	15	2	12	65	.....	3	68	75	75	40	115	183	183	6,750	
Elon College.....	203	194	207	352	110	112	160	35	77	1,450	60	608	2,724	3,600	3,600	5,222	5,848	14,670	17,394	30,000	3,000
Gibsonville.....	.....	.....	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	130	.....	.....	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	70	15,000	
Graham, Prov. Mem.....	14	12	30	19	10	5	16	6	18	130	28	.....	158	1,200	1,200	464	1,664	1,822	4,000		
Greensboro, First.....	187	443	757	440	70	160	195	36	86	2,374	25	557	3,942	3,640	3,640	4,972	9,041	12,983	77,500		
Palm Street.....	37	235	100	95	20	30	37	21	23	598	15	55	778	3,120	3,120	1,632	1,412	6,164	6,942	17,700	
Happy Home.....	65	75	166	99	30	28	56	22	34	575	10	182	949	2,227	2,227	643	7,878	10,748	29,000	3,627	
Haw River.....	39	55	77	88	20	19	46	13	.....	357	65	.....	422	1,800	2,077	2,910	6,787	7,209	13,000		
Hebron.....	20	13	27	40	10	10	21	9	22	172	.....	172	172	400	400	65	575	747	1,500		
Hines Chapel.....	87	87	174	50	15	20	30	10	25	498	20	253	987	965	965	478	3,349	4,792	5,779	16,000	3,200
Hopedale.....	.....	.....	246	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	246	84	330	330	.....	.....	.....	.....	330	330	5,000	
Howard's Chapel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000	
Ingram.....	57	95	125	136	32	28	67	17	46	603	.....	194	797	770	770	522	1,292	2,089	15,000	2,000	
Ivy Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	





# STATISTICAL TABLE No. 11—FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## CONFERENCE

	Paid on Convention Home Missions and Church Extension	Paid on Convention Foreign Missions Including Shaowu	Raised for Christian Orphanage	Raised for Flion College	Raised for Christian Education*	Raised for Superan- nation, Including Christmas Fund	Paid on Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Ministerial Scholarship Fund†	Paid on Conference Fund	Paid on Conference Missions	Virginia Council of Churches	Total Paid on Apportionment
Virginia Valley Central.....	\$ 509	\$ 1,867	\$ 1,190	\$ 611	\$ 180	\$ 252	\$ 445	\$ 176	.....	\$ 1,013	.....	.....	6,243
Eastern Virginia.....	3,323	4,754	6,115	5,095	739	1,647	2,477	713	484	489	1,406	308	27,550
Western North Carolina.....	687	1,259	4,466	1,160	266	482	579	291	19	259	.....	.....	9,468
Eastern North Carolina.....	803	1,279	2,105	743	220	441	518	123	.....	592	.....	.....	6,824
North Carolina and Virginia.....	2,227	8,210	7,618	3,756	1,011	1,696	2,121	721	.....	1,336	.....	.....	28,696
Totals.....	\$ 7,549	\$ 17,369	\$ 21,494	\$ 11,365	\$ 2,416	\$ 4,518	\$ 6,140	\$ 2,024	\$ 503	\$ 3,689	\$ 1,406	\$ 308	\$ 78,781

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	Raised by Christian Miss. Association	Raised by Woman's Missionary Conf.†	For Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Paid on Misc. Current Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Bldg. Improvement	Total Raised on Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness on Church Property
Virginia Valley Central.....	\$ 282	\$ 654	\$ 1,559	\$ 8,738	\$ 9,501	\$ 8,682	\$ 8,270	\$ 26,453	\$ 35,191	\$ 124,600	\$ 6,261
Eastern Virginia.....	2,625	9,573	15,046	54,794	62,833	84,656	92,354	239,843	294,637	1,739,600	44,620
Western North Carolina.....	.....	1,964	3,301	14,733	29,000	13,159	19,472	61,631	76,364	474,300	19,602
Eastern North Carolina.....	.....	430	2,300	9,579	20,346	9,989	15,182	45,517	55,096	198,800	26,784
North Carolina and Virginia.....	432	6,690	13,105	48,923	58,586	70,766	177,408	306,320	355,743	1,083,450	36,388
Totals.....	\$ 3,364	\$ 19,311	\$ 35,311	\$ 136,767	\$ 180,266	\$ 187,252	\$ 312,746	\$ 680,264	\$ 817,031	\$ 3,590,750	\$ 133,165

\*In addition to total contributed by churches to Christian Education, Board of Christian Education received \$1,482 from Sunday School Conventions, as follows: Virginia Valley, \$131; Eastern Virginia, \$700; Eastern North Carolina, \$228; Western North Carolina, \$145; North Carolina and Virginia, \$278.

†Woman's Year Book Receipts reported: \$18,136.42—including Memorials and Life Memberships, but not including Virginia Valley Central, plus \$3,118 C. W. V. R. Thank Offering.

‡North Carolina and Virginia Conference includes Scholarship Fund in Conference Fund.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 12—SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP

CONFERENCE	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations	Christian Sun Goal	Christian Sun Subscribers*
Virginia Valley Central.....	2,484	81	128	30	98	2,514	219	1,467	263	212	156
Eastern Virginia.....	10,952	399	726	105	406	11,272	703	7,053	1,526	1,000	746
Eastern North Carolina.....	6,406	116	236	46	150	6,492	325	3,570	369	500	196
Western North Carolina.....	3,984	163	241	21	110	4,115	286	3,043	185	500	87
North Carolina and Virginia....	9,733	284	513	100	361	9,885	555	6,409	828	1,076	400
Totals.....	33,559	1,043	1,844	302	1,125	34,278	2,088	21,542	3,171	3,288	\$1,585

\*Incomplete. There are approximately 2,100 subscribers to The Christian Sun.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 13—THE CONVENTION FUNDS

NAME OF FUND	CONFERENCE	Appt'd by Con- vention	Appt'd by Con- ference	Paid by Churches
Home Missions— Including Church Extension	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 500	\$ 386	\$ 509
	Eastern Virginia.....	2,300	2,302	3,323
	Eastern North Carolina.....	800	792	687
	Western North Carolina.....	600	765	803
	North Carolina and Virginia...	1,800	1,804	2,227
	Total.....	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,049	\$ 7,549
Foreign Missions— Including Shaowu	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 500	\$ 386	\$ 1,867
	Eastern Virginia.....	2,300	2,296	4,754
	Eastern North Carolina.....	800	792	1,259
	Western North Carolina.....	600	765	1,279
	North Carolina and Virginia...	1,800	1,805	8,210
	Total.....	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,044	\$ 17,369
Elon Orphanage	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 800	\$ 607	\$ 1,190
	Eastern Virginia.....	4,000	3,975	6,115
	Eastern North Carolina.....	1,750	1,735	4,466
	Western North Carolina.....	950	1,128	2,105
	North Carolina and Virginia...	5,000	5,083	7,618
	Total.....	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,528	\$ 21,494
Elon College	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 800	\$ 607	\$ 611
	Eastern Virginia.....	5,000	4,865	5,095
	Eastern North Carolina.....	1,750	1,735	1,160
	Western North Carolina.....	950	977	743
	North Carolina and Virginia...	4,000	4,000	3,756
	Total.....	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,184	\$ 11,365
Christian Education	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 250	\$ 191	\$ 180
	Eastern Virginia.....	1,100	1,216	739
	Eastern North Carolina.....	400	395	266
	Western North Carolina.....	250	295	220
	North Carolina and Virginia...	1,000	1,000	1,011
	Total.....	3,000	3,097	2,416
Superannuation	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 250	\$ 191	\$ 252
	Eastern Virginia.....	1,100	1,099	1,647
	Eastern North Carolina.....	400	395	482
	Western North Carolina.....	250	332	441
	North Carolina and Virginia...	1,000	1,000	1,696
	Total.....	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,017	\$ 4,518
Convention Fund	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 600	\$ 457	\$ 445
	Eastern Virginia.....	2,500	2,487	2,477
	Eastern North Carolina.....	950	936	579
	Western North Carolina.....	700	743	518
	North Carolina and Virginia...	2,250	2,248	2,121
	Total.....	7,000	6,871	6,140
Per Capita Dues for The General Council— 8 Cents per Member	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 191	\$ 193	\$ 176
	Eastern Virginia.....	862	720	713
	Eastern North Carolina.....	430	464	291
	Western North Carolina.....	293	151	123
	North Carolina and Virginia...	765	763	721
	Total.....	\$ 2,541	\$ 2,291	\$ 2,024
Grand Total.....		\$ 52,541	\$ 52,081	\$ 72,875

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 14—TOTAL CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION APPORTIONMENTS

NAME OF CONFERENCE	Apportioned by Convention	Apportioned by Conference for Convention Enterprises	Raised for Convention Apportion- ment	Apportioned by Conference for Conference Causes	Paid on Ap- portionment for Conference ence Causes	Total Appor- tionment for Conference and Convention	Total Paid on Conference and Convention Apportion- ments
Virginia Valley Central.....	\$ 3,891	\$ 3,018	\$ 5,230	\$ 1,013	\$ 1,013	\$ 4,904	\$ 6,243
Eastern Virginia.....	19,162	19,060	24,863	2,769	2,887	21,931	27,550
Eastern North Carolina.....	7,280	7,244	9,190	673	259	7,953	9,468
Western North Carolina.....	4,593	5,158	6,232	721	592	5,314	6,824
North Carolina and Virginia.....	17,616	17,548	27,360	1,440	1,336	19,056	28,696
Totals.....	\$ 52,542	\$ 52,028	\$ 72,875	\$ 6,616	\$ 5,887	\$ 59,158	\$ 78,781



STATISTICAL TABLE No. 15—RECEIPTS FOR MISSIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BENEVOLENCES

SOURCE	Conference Home Missions	Convention Home Missions	Total Home Missions	Foreign Missions Including Shaowu	Other Conference and Convention Enterprises	Col. for War Victims and Reconstruction	Miscellaneous Benevolences	Grand Total
Conference Apportionments.....	\$ 1,406	\$ 7,549	\$ 8,955	\$17,369	\$50,750*	.....	.....	\$ 77,074
Woman's Missionary Convention.....	.....	5,647	5,647	6,830	.....	\$ 3,118	.....	15,895†
Christian Missionary Associations.....	3,477	.....	3,477	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,477
Local Churches—Other Gifts.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,769†	\$35,311	40,080
Totals.....	\$ 4,883	\$13,196	\$18,079	\$24,199	\$50,750 \$	7,887	\$35,311	\$ 136,226

\*Including Orphanage, \$21,494; Elon College, \$11,365; Christian Education, \$2,416, plus \$1,482 from S. S. Conventions; Superannuation, including Christmas Fund, \$4,518; Convention Fund, \$6,140; Per Capita Dues, \$2,024; Ministerial Scholarships, \$1,003 (including \$484 from E. Va.); Virginia Council (E. Va.), \$308.

†Convention Office receipts, calendar year 1948; Woman's Year Book, 1948-49, totals \$18,136.42.

‡Church and Miscellaneous contributions to CWVR, calendar year 1948.

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# Proceedings of the Nineteenth Mid-Year Session of the Virginia Valley Central Congre- gational Christian Conference.

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BETHLEHEM CHURCH, TENTH LEGION, VA.  
MARCH 31, 1949.

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## MORNING SESSION.

The Nineteenth Mid-Year Session of the Virginia Valley Central Conference met with Bethlehem Christian Church March 31, 1949. The conference was called to order at 10:00 a. m. by the President Rev. R. A. Whitten.

The worship was conducted by Rev. C. O. Koon.

The roll was called and the following churches were represented by delegates:

Anioch, Bethel, Bethlehem, Beulah, Concord, Dry Run, Leaksville, Linville, Mayland, Mt. Lebanon, Mt. Olivet (R), New Hope, Newport, Timber Ridge, Winchester, Wissler's Chapel and Wood's Chapel.

The following visitors were introduced and accorded the privilege of the floor.

Dr. W. T. Scott, Dr. L. E. Smith, Mr. Walter P. Graham, Rev. Mark W. Andes, Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Veazey.

A motion carried that the printed program be accepted as the order of business with such changes as may be necessary.

A motion carried that a bill of \$3.25 for printing be paid.

Dr. W. T. Scott presented *The Christian Sun*. Resolutions were drawn up by Dr. L. E. Smith as follows:

### RESOLUTIONS REGARDING THE CHRISTIAN SUN.

1. That we consider *The Christian Sun* essential to the progress and efficiency of our church.

2. That in view of the present financial condition of the Board of Publications of the Convention, we suggest to the Executive Board of the Convention that a list of at least 2,500 laymen of our churches, who do not subscribe to *The Christian Sun*; and that these laymen be appealed to by letter and in person to subscribe for *The Christian Sun* at the present subscription price of two dollars.

3. That this Conference go on record as approving this plan and pledge its full cooperation.

It was moved and carried that the resolution be adopted.

The President appointed the following special committees:

Place—B. F. McDaniel, Mrs. J. E. Bryant, Mrs. Edgar Nelson.

Press—Mrs. B. F. Frank, Roy A. Larrick.

Dr. W. T. Scott addressed the Conference on "The Institutions of the Church."

Dr. Scott led a round table discussion on "How to Develop Good Stewards."



Rev. R. A. Whitten addressed the Conference on the topic: "Witnessing for Christ."

The Conference adjourned for lunch.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference reconvened at 2:00 p. m.

The worship was conducted by Rev. G. H. Veazey.

Echoes from the orphanage were expressed by Dr. W. T. Scott and Dr. L. E. Smith.

The Conference stood in silent meditation to the memory of Chas. D. Johnston, the late Superintendent of the Orphanage.

Echoes from the College were given by Dr. L. E. Smith.

Mr. Walter P. Graham addressed the conference on the topic: "The Church and America's Recovery."

Echoes from the Mission Board were given by Dr. W. T. Scott and Roy A. Larrick.

An offering of \$102.00 was received.

Rev. S. E. Madren made announcements about the Young People's Camp at Powell's Fort.

The Committee on Place made a report as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

Palmyra Christian Church, near Edinburg, has extended an invitation for the Annual Conference (August 10-11, 1949).

B. F. MCDANIEL,  
MRS. EDGAR NELSON,  
MRS. J. E. BRYANT,  
*Committee.*

On motion the report was adopted.

The Committee on Apportionments made a report as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

In keeping with the report of the Committee on Apportionments offered by this Conference at its last session (1948) we submit the following apportionment table for the Conference year 1948-49. (See table in minutes of Annual Conference, August 10-11, 1949.)

E. A. SHOWALTER,  
R. A. LARRICK,  
B. F. MCDANIEL,  
M. A. DOFFLEMYER,  
*Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the report of the Apportionments Committee be adopted.

A motion carried that following the closing meditation led by Mr. Walter P. Graham, the Conference stand adjourned.

Mr. Graham led a brief devotion.

The Conference adjourned.

R. A. WHITTEN, *President.*  
S. E. MADREN, *Secretary.*

# Proceedings of One Hundred First Annual Session of the Virginia Valley Central Congre- gational Christian Conference.

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PALMYRA CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
EDINBURG, VIRGINIA  
AUGUST 10-11, 1949

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## WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The One Hundred and First Annual Session of the Virginia Valley Central Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met with the Palmyra Church near Edinburg, Virginia, on August 10, 1949. The conference was called to order at 10:00 a. m. by the President, Rev. R. A. Whitten.

Rev. Clyde O. Koon conducted the devotional service.

### ENROLLMENT.

*Ministers*—Roy D. Coulter, W. B. Fuller, Clyde O. Koon, S. E. Madren, R. E. Newton, R. A. Whitten.

### *Churches and Delegates.*

*Antioch*—E. A. Showalter, Miss Verdie Showalter.

*Bethel*—Mrs. M. A. Dofflemyer.

*Bethlehem*—H. G. Brown, Wanda Good.

*Beulah*—By letter.

*Concord*—Mrs. Galen Salyards, Mrs. Russell Smith.

*Dry Run*—W. B. Burke, A. C. Boyce.

*Joppa*—Angelo Bowman, Mrs. Angelo Bowman.

*Leaksville*—Mrs. N. F. Painter, Miss Joanna Griffith, Ray G. Rothgeb, Miss Doris Sours.

*Linville*—Mrs. Eva Hosaflook, Miss Bertha Kratzer, Mrs. Harold Rhodes, Mrs. Grace Smith.

*Mayland*—Marion Spitzer, Tom Stover.

*Mt. Lebanon*—Mrs. Betty Supples, Mrs. Ollie Andrews.

*Mt. Olivet (G)*—Elphis Morris, Mrs. B. G. Snow, Mrs. Guy Snow.

*Mt. Olivet (R)*—Mrs. Joseph Frazier, Mrs. Warren Good, Mrs. John Miller.

*New Hope*—Mrs. J. E. Bryant, E. M. Spitzer.

*Newport*—Vernon Foltz, Mrs. Vernon Foltz, Mrs. Annie Louderback.

*Palmyra*—Clarence Rush, Hubert Wolf.

*Timber Ridge*—Leyburn R. Brill, Mrs. Leyburn Brill, Loy H. Hook, Mrs. Loy Hook.

*Winchester*—C. A. Pugh, O. A. Bazzle, Roy A. Larrick, Mrs. Edgar Nelson.

*Wissler's Chapel*—R. L. Ettel, A. N. Green.

*Wood's Chapel*—Mrs. Wilton Shiflett, Mrs. Florence Day.

Rev. R. A. Whitten presented the printed program as the report of the Program Committee. It was moved and carried that the printed program be adopted as the order of this session, subject to such changes as Conference may find it necessary to make.

The report of the Executive Committee was presented and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Executive Committee, received a recommendation from the Conference Committee on the Ministry that James W. Madren be licensed as a probationer to preach the gospel. The recommendation was approved.

Rev. R. E. Newton, Rev. Roy D. Coulter, Rev. S. E. Madren and Rev. Clyde O. Koon met with the President of Conference, Rev. R. A. Whitten at Bethel Christian Church, December 30, 1948. Brother James W. Madren was licensed at this time.

We recommend that this action of the Executive Committee be approved by Conference.

R. A. WHITTEN,  
R. E. NEWTON,  
S. E. MADREN,  
ROY A. LARRICK,  
*Committee.*

The following visitors were introduced to Conference and accorded the privilege of the floor:

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Walters, Rev. Robert J. Harding, Dr. and Mrs. John G. Truitt, Dr. F. C. Lester, Dr. Frank H. Lewis, Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Rohart, and Rev. W. C. Hook.

News came of Dr M. L. Weekley's death this morning. The Conference stood in Meditation while Dr. Lester led a prayer in behalf of the bereaved family.

The President appointed Rev. R. E. Newton to act as Chairman, assisted by the other Ministers of Conference, to present a suitable resolution in memory of Dr. Weekley.

Special Committees were appointed as follows:

*Press*—Miss Dorothy Scott, Miss Betty Showalter, Mrs. R. A. Whitten, Miss Irma Foltz, Miss Thelma Morris.

*Place*—W. B. Burke, O. A. Bazzle, Mrs. D. T. Kibler.

*Resolutions*—E. J. Rohart, Leyburn Brill, Mrs. A. W. Andes.

*Nominations*—E. A. Showalter, Miss Ella Pickering, Mrs. Leburn Brill, A. N. Green, R. L. Ettel.

*Finance*—R. A. Larrick, C. A. Phillips, C. A. Pugh.

Dr. John G. Truitt addressed the Conference on "Team Work in Church Work."

An offering of \$36.75 was received to help defray expenses of visiting speakers.

Hymn: "Come Thou Almighty King."

Dr. Frank H. Lewis addressed the Conference on the subject: "Christ's Church Must Evangelize."

Dr. Truitt pronounced the benediction and gave thanks for lunch.

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### WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference was called to order at 1:45 p. m. by the President.

Rev. Roy D. Coulter conducted the devotional service.

Rev. Clyde O. Koon delivered the Conference Sermon, using as his topic: "Letting Ourselves Off and Down."

The Conference gave way to the C.M.A. with Rev. S. E. Madren presiding.

During this period a report about the C. M. A. was given; the roll was called and dues collected. The total amount received in dues and donations was \$272.00. This amount was turned over to the Conference Treasurer.

A motion passed that the C. M. A. President solicit the members who have not paid dues and enlist new members.

Officers for 1949-50 are: Rev. S. E. Madren, President; Mrs. Warren Good, Secretary.

The Conference resumed business at 3:00 p. m. with Rev. R. E. Newton, Vice-President, presiding (the President was called away because of a funeral).

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was presented and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Christian people have come to realize that the blessings of God are for all nations and for all races. In supporting Missions in other lands we share the Gospel of Christ.

Shaowu should have a larger place in our prayers. Rev. and Mrs. Richard Jackson, Dr. and Mrs. Edward Riggs have chosen to share the hardships of the people of Shaowu, China, who have been taken over by Communism, rather than to leave the field. Not only should we support them but we should give them a place in our daily meditations.

The more we know about Missions the more interested we will become. Let us study more earnestly the missionary books, the Mission Page in *The Christian Sun* and other important literature on Missions.

R. E. NEWTON,  
MISS VERDIE SHOWALTER,  
MRS. DONALD SMITH,  
MRS. A. W. ANDES,  
*Committee.*

The report of the Conference Mission Secretary was read and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF MISSION SECRETARY.

Missions, in the early Church, was the giving of the Gospel to others as it had been given unto them.

Missions means sending out, or being sent. Missions means a message. A missionary is one sent with a message.



Jesus called his disciples together and then sent them out with a message. The true church of today is coming together for spiritual strength and inspiration, and then going out with the gospel message, which is the power of God unto salvation to all who believe.

The same gospel message which was committed to the first church is committed unto the churches of today. How faithful have we been in giving it to others?

If we can judge by our financial contributions, then we are becoming a little more faithful each year.

Most of the churches in our conference gave more to both Home and Foreign Missions last year than in any previous year.

Our contributions to Home Missions this year .....	\$1,116.84
To Foreign Missions .....	1,537.84
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Total .....	\$2,654.68
Contributions to Home Missions last year .....	\$ 491.61
To Foreign, Regular .....	432.78
To Shaowu .....	1,223.32
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	2,147.71
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Net gain .....	\$ 506.97

We have in the Conference 11 Women's Missionary Societies, five Young People's Societies, three Junior Societies, and two Cradle Rolls, making a total of 21 Societies. These raised a total of \$1,039.43. Total raised for Missions—\$3,694.11.

We commend the ladies for their faithfulness, and urge the men to take a greater interest in the Missionary Cause.

R. O. ROTHGEB, *Secretary.*

The report of the Committee on Religious Literature was read and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Realizing the great need of people to know more about the Word of God in order to live more Godly lives, and knowing the need for other religious reading, we, therefore, recommend:

1. That we give a part of each day to the prayerful reading of God's Holy Word.
2. That our Sunday Schools use the literature of our denomination best suited to their need.
3. That we strive to place *The Christian Sun* in every home.
4. That we use *The Missionary Herald*, *The Pilgrim Youth*, *The Christian Herald*, and other religious papers.

MRS. B. F. FRANK,  
MRS. PEARL H. PAINTER,  
*Committee.*

The reports of ministers were read.

The Entertainment Committee made report.

Benediction was given by Rev. W. C. Hook.

#### WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Conference was called to order at 8:00 p. m. by the Vice-President, Rev. R. E. Newton.

Devotions were conducted by the Pilgrim Fellowship, Miss Isabell Sheetz leading.

Rev. W. J. Andes delivered a sermon on "Givers Keepers."

Following the sermon, Holy Communion was observed with Dr. John G. Truitt, Rev. E. J. Rohart, Rev. R. A. Whitten, Rev. S. E. Madren and Rev. C. O. Koon administering the Sacraments.

Benediction was pronounced by Dr John G. Truitt.

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#### THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Conference was called to order at 9:45 a. m.

Rev. E. J. Rohart conducted the devotional service.

The minutes of Wednesday's session were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on the Ministry was adopted as follows:

##### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY.

Rev. Emerson J. Rohart, a member of the Pennsylvania Conference of Congregational Christian Churches, is now serving as pastor of Linville, Antioch, New Hope and Beulah Churches of this Conference. He desires membership in the Virginia Valley Conference.

We recommend that he be received, pending the transfer of his letter.

R. A. WHITTEN,  
R. E. NEWTON,  
S. E. MADREN,  
R. D. COULTER,  
C. O. KOON,

*Committee.*

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was read and adopted as follows:

##### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

Stewardship is a way of life. It is an outlet for our emotions. Stewardship involves the proper use of our time, talents and means—those important things which God has given us to use during our existence on earth.

Our purpose for living is to glorify God. The business of the Church as well as the individual should be conducted on a high plane. We are not worthy of the love and forgiveness of Christ if we do not practice stewardship.

Stewardship and Christianity are so closely united that there is no room for the existence of the one without the other. If one dies, both die.

R. D. COULTER,  
E. F. SHOWALTER,  
THELMA MORRIS,

The report of the Virginia Valley Woman's Missionary Conference was presented by Miss Verdie Showalter and received as follows:

##### REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

The Woman's Missionary Conference met in annual session, July 29, 1949, with the Linville Church. Miss Pattie Lee Coghill was the guest speaker. The theme, "We Dedicate Ourselves," was emphasized throughout the day's program.

There are only eleven active Missionary Societies in the Valley Conference. Our goal is a society in every church.

Last year we reached our goal of \$1,000.00. We pray as each member of this Conference dedicates herself to this service that there shall be greater activity in the societies and a greater increase in financial interest. We rejoice at the increased interest manifested in the past year.

We held three rallies in the Conference with Miss Elizabeth McGuffey of Chicago as guest speaker. When we lift our eyes to the field before us and behold the task to be done, we are made to realize that we must all be willing to say: "We Dedicate Ourselves."

VERDIE SHOWALTER, *Secretary.*

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The country needs men to lead its people who are of good, sound mind, not marred or slowed up by the effects of strong drink.

We need the moral strength and courage to stop this enslaver. Then our mental institutions will be free of those inmates caused by alcoholic beverages, and crime will be greatly lessened. Travel on the highways will be safer. These are but a few of the benefits that would help to make a freer and happier world.

We recognize and deplore the increasing evil of strong drink in our country; boys and girls visiting road houses and places where they may purchase beverages of intoxicating strength, many of them becoming habitual drinkers. This presents America's number one problem, one that will bring disaster to the youth of our fair land.

We are trying to bring this problem of temperance to the attention of our several Conferences and churches, urging that they take a firm stand against the movement in our country. We believe that every Christian should further aid in bringing about better conditions by voting for those in public office who stand for those sacred principles which we as Christians cherish.

MRS. B. F. SINE, *Chairman,*  
MRS. JOSEPH FRAZIER,  
MRS. O. J. SOURS,  
*Committee.*

Dr. John G. Truitt addressed the Conference on the topic: "The Children and the Church."

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was given as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee is pleased to report that once again all of the churches in our conference are supplied with pastors. We heartily welcome Brother Rhohart and family into our fellowship, and solicit for him the faithful cooperation of every member of his parish, that the work of the kingdom might be advanced in winning many souls for Christ.

We note the progress made in a material way throughout the conference. Practically all of the churches have made some improvements to their properties. Others are raising funds for that purpose.

All of these things are needful and indicate interest and devotion and yet the most important thing might be neglected. Church buildings are important. Parsonages are important, yes, even necessary, but the thing most important of all is the winning of souls for the Spiritual Church, which is the body of Christ.

This is done by the preaching and teaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ which is the power of God unto Salvation to all who believe. This is Missions in the truest sense of the word, whether at home or abroad.

We are thankful for the progress that has been made in the cause of missions, and we commend all of the leaders for their faithfulness.

We feel that a great Evangelistic effort should be put forth by ministers and laymen, as there are yet many unsaved within the bounds of our conference.

We are grateful to the Mission Board for the financial assistance which they

have given to our conference through the years, and we ask that this be continued, as we feel that the results gained justify its continuance.

R. O. ROTHGEB,  
E. A. SHOWALTER,  
CLYDE KOON,  
O. W. ANDES,  
ROY D. COULTER,  
CLARENCE A. PHILLIPS,  
*Committee.*

On motion the following amendment was added to the report on Home Missions: "That this Conference ask the Mission Board to grant us the sum of \$1,500 to be used as supplement to pastor's salaries for the year 1949-1950."

The motion to amend was carried.

On motion the report on Home Missions was adopted as amended.

Following the singing of a hymn, Dr. F. C. Lester addressed the Conference on the topic: "The Missionary Program of the Church for the Next Fifty Years."

Rev. S. E. Madren pronounced the benediction and gave thanks for lunch.

#### THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference was called to order at 1:45 p. m. by Roy A. Larrick, Chairman of Men's Work for the Conference.

A male quartette sang.

Mr. Larrick led in a Problem Discussion period for laymen.

Rev. I. Stewart McElroy, District Secretary of the American Bible Society, spoke briefly on the work of the American Bible Society.

A motion carried that the President of the Conference be authorized to draw orders on the Treasurer for amounts to supplement pastors' salaries for the month of September.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

The Southern Convention endorsed a recommendation made by the Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life to make the 1949-50 biennium "one in which special emphasis shall be placed upon Evangelism and Spiritual Life."

We, therefore, recommend:

1. That we give ourselves more devotedly to Bible reading and prayer.
2. That we dedicate ourselves wholeheartedly in personal commitment to our Christ.
3. That ministers sound a definite note of Evangelism in all their messages.
4. That every church with its pastor set up a definite program of evangelism.
5. That we strive to win others to Christ and to restore those who have fallen by the wayside.

S. E. MADREN,  
C. O. KOON,  
MRS. EDGAR NELSON,  
*Committee.*



The report of the Committee on Apportionments was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

We, your Committee on Apportionments recommend that we strive for the goal we set last year.

We recommend that the churches make their contributions to the Convention Office according to the apportionment table.

E. A. SHOWALTER,  
B. F. McDANIEL,  
C. A. PHILLIPS,  
R. A. LARRICK,

*Committee.*

### VIRGINIA VALLEY CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

#### APPORTIONMENT GOAL TABLE—1949-50

To be used by the Churches in making their contributions for others in  
*"Our Christian World Mission"*

NAME OF CHURCH	Home Missions and Church Extension	Foreign Missions and Shaowu	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Conference Fund	Totals	Apportionments Paid, 1948-'49
Antioch.....	\$ 172	\$ 100	\$ 85	\$ 85	\$ 29	\$ 29	\$ 58	\$ 8	\$ 5	\$ 71	\$ 642	\$ 647
Bethel.....	114	75	67	82	24	24	45	15	9	45	500	289
Bethlehem.....	100	76	67	92	24	24	45	7	5	60	500	389
Beulah.....	13	13	6	6	2	3	4	2	1	6	56	107
Concord.....	40	30	21	21	7	7	14	5	3	27	175	118
Dry Run.....	44	30	28	42	11	11	18	7	4	35	230	148
Joppa.....	16	16	9	9	3	3	7	3	1	9	76	44
Leaksville.....	130	80	79	109	28	28	51	15	10	105	635	546
Linville.....	140	110	70	90	28	28	54	15	10	105	650	632
Mayland.....	42	26	42	26	9	10	18	7	5	65	250	100
Mount Lebanon.....	47	37	23	23	9	10	18	9	7	17	200	101
Mount Olivet (G).....	54	50	33	33	11	11	22	10	7	69	300	268
Mount Olivet (R).....	40	30	24	24	9	9	17	10	8	60	231	185
New Hope.....	51	45	33	33	12	12	21	5	3	35	250	188
Newport.....	122	35	155	88	27	27	54	14	9	69	600	594
Palmyra.....	19	19	12	12	4	4	9	8	5	18	110	85
Timber Ridge.....	111	91	66	66	22	22	44	19	12	69	522	441
Winchester.....	160	607	100	100	61	58	126	23	15	110	1,360	1,182
Wissler's Chapel.....	43	19	21	21	5	5	14	4	3	18	153	80
Wood's Chapel.....	42	20	19	19	5	5	11	7	4	20	152	89
Totals.....	\$1,500	\$1,509	\$ 960	\$ 981	\$ 330	\$ 330	\$ 650	\$ 193	\$ 126	\$1,013	\$7,592	\$6,243

The report of the Committee on Social Action was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION.

The smallest unit of society is the home. Whatever affects the home, affects society. Therefore, we urge our churches to do everything possible to develop Christian homes.

While churches should not deal in politics, yet it is important that Christians run for office, and assist in making and enforcing the right kind of laws.

We should ever hold before us the brotherhood of mankind as an ideal. To attain this we should carefully avoid distinctions of race, nationality, wealth or social characteristics.

We can help build good society in the world by supporting good government, and by zealously and generously supporting our world-wide church program.

MRS. CLYDE KOON,  
MISS ELLA PICKERING,  
*Committee.*

The report on Sunday Schools was read by H. E. Liskey and received as follows:

#### REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Sunday School Convention was held June 30, 1949, at Winchester Christian Church. The young people of Winchester conducted the opening worship.

The Convention program gave emphasis to the work of the Sunday School. Mrs. Clyde O. Koon spoke on "The Value of the Sunday School." Rev. S. E. Madren spoke on: "Teaching in Sunday School." Dr. W. T. Scott gave emphasis to: "Materials to Help Us Do a Better Job in the Sunday School." Rev. R. E. Newton spoke on "What the Sunday School Endeavors to Do."

Nineteen of the twenty churches in the Conference have Sunday Schools all of which sent Convention dues and written reports. Fifteen were represented by delegates.

Officers for the year are as follows: President—H. E. Liskey, Route 3, Harrisonburg, Va.; Vice-President—Richard Krump, High View, W. Va.; Secretary—Mrs. Galen Salyards, Route 1, Timberville, Va.; Assistant Secretary—Miss Gene Fahnestock, Linville, Va.; Treasurer—E. A. Showalter, Route 4, Harrisonburg, Va.

The convention will meet June 8, 1950, with Antioch Christian Church.

H. E. LISKEY, *President.*

The report of the Committee on Place was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

We, your Committee on Place, have received only one invitation.

Therefore, we recommend that the invitation of the Newport Church for the next Annual Conference be accepted.

W. B. BURKE,  
MRS. AMY L. KIBLER,  
O. A. BAZZLE,  
*Committee.*

The vote to accept the invitation of Newport for the next Annual Conference was unanimous.

The report of the Committee on Finance was given as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, the Committee on Finance, recommend that the following bills be paid:

Printing of Programs .....	\$ 9.25	<i>Visiting Speakers—</i>	
Salary of Secretary .....	20.00	Dr. John G. Truitt .....	10.00
Expense of Secretary .....	6.97	Dr. Frank H. Lewis .....	15.00
Salary of Treasurer .....	10.00	Dr. F. C. Lester .....	15.00
Expense of President .....	23.75	Rev. W. J. Andes .....	7.50

R. A. LARRICK,  
C. A. PHILLIPS,  
C. A. PUGH,  
*Committee.*

A motion carried that the bills included in the report of the Finance Committee be paid.

The report of the Treasurer was given as follows:

# REPORT OF TREASURER.

## RECEIPTS.

Amount brought forward as reported at Conference last year .....		\$1,883.04
1949		
June 30	By cash from Rev. Clyde O. Koon for ANNUALS .....	6.00
	30 By check from Harrisonburg, Loan & Thrift, Interest .....	2.69
July 28	By cash from Rev. R. E. Newton for ANNUALS .....	5.50
	31 By cash, Antioch, ANNUALS .....	1.25
Aug. 10	C. M. A. Fund .....	245.50
	10 Special Conference Offering .....	36.75
	11 C. M. A. Fund .....	36.50
	11 By cash, Winchester, ANNUALS .....	5.00
	11 Special Conference Offering .....	20.79
	11 By cash from Rev. R. E. Newton, ANNUALS .....	1.25
	11 By cash from Rev. R. D. Coulter, ANNUALS .....	.50
	11 By cash from Rev. S. E. Madren, ANNUALS .....	4.75
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		\$2,249.52

## From Churches for Conference Fund:

Antioch .....	\$ 71.00
Bethel .....	45.00
Bethlehem .....	60.00
Beulah .....	6.00
Concord .....	27.00
Dry Run .....	
Joppa .....	6.00
Leaksville .....	105.00
Linville .....	94.00
Mayland .....	65.00
Mt. Lebanon .....	10.00
Mt. Olivet (G) .....	36.50
Mt. Olivet (R) .....	60.00
New Hope .....	35.00
Newport .....	69.00
Palmyra .....	18.00
Timber Ridge .....	69.00
Winchester .....	105.00
Wissler's Chapel .....	18.00
Wood's Chapel .....	20.00
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	924.50

Total Receipts ..... \$3,174.02

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## DISBURSEMENTS.

Aug. 7	O. W. Andes—Treasurer Services .....	\$ 10.00
	7 Dr. John G. Truitt—Honorarium .....	12.50
	7 Dr. W. T. Walters—Honorarium .....	20.00
	7 Rev. B. J. Earp, Honorarium .....	20.00
	7 Rev. Roy D. Coulter—Expenses to General Council, Oberlin, Ohio .....	25.00
	7 Mr. C. A. Phillips—Expenses to General Council, Oberlin, Ohio .....	25.00
	7 Pifer Printing Co.—Printing Programs .....	14.25
	7 Rev. Robert Lee House, Honorarium .....	12.50
	7 Rev. S. E. Madren—Secretary and Expenses .....	26.85
Nov. 8	Pifer Printing Co. ....	11.30

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Mar. 31	Pifer Printing Co. ....	3.25
June 6	Rev. W. J. Andes—ANNUALS .....	120.00
Aug. 10	Pifer Printing Co. ....	3.75
10	Rev. Frank H. Lewis, D. D., Honorarium .....	15.00
11	Dr. John G. Truitt .....	10.00

*Pastoral Services:*

Rev. S. E. Madren .....	270.00
Rev. Clyde O. Koon .....	270.00
Rev. Roy D. Coulter .....	600.00
Rev. E. J. Rohart .....	45.00

1,539.40

Balance in Conference Fund .....	\$1,634.62
Church Extension Fund .....	224.22

Total Balance in Treasury ..... \$1,858.84

O. W. ANDES, *Treasurer.*

On motion the report of the Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A motion carried that the Treasurer continue to send receipts.

A supplemental report of the Committee on Finance was given as follows:

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We have examined the Treasurer's Report and find it correct.

R. A. LARRICK,  
C. A. PHILLIPS,  
C. A. PUGH,

*Committee.*

A motion carried that the supplemental report of the Committee on Finance be received and that the report of the Treasurer be adopted.

Resolutions in memory of Dr. M. L. Weekley were read as follows:

IN MEMORIAM.

MARTIN LUTHER WEEKLEY.

Martin Luther Weekley, a consecrated, intelligent preacher of the Gospel, gave the later years of his life to the ministry to the Virginia Valley Conference of Congregational Christian Churches. As a preacher, pastor, counselor, and personal friend he brought a benediction and blessing to all who knew him.

On August 10, 1949, he gave his spirit back to the Father, after a long and worthy life of Christian service.

We, his fellow ministers, record with appreciation our debt to him for his service and friendship; our regret that he can no longer sit in our counsels nor share our fellowship; our faith in the God of triumph in whom he lived and died.

We recommend that this Conference place on record this expression of appreciation of our fellow-soldier of Jesus Christ; that the Secretary of the Conference be instructed to convey our condolence to the family of Brother Weekley; and that we lift up our hearts to our Heavenly Father in thankfulness for His servant in submission to His will, and in petition for the relatives he left.

R. E. NEWTON,  
R. A. WHITTEN,  
ROY D. COULTER,  
C. O. KOON,  
E. J. ROHART,  
S. E. MADREN,

*Committee.*



The Conference stood in silent meditation in memory of Dr. Weekley while Rev. S. E. Madren led in prayer.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was adopted by rising vote as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee, submit the following resolutions:

1. That we give a rising vote of thanks to the pastor and people of the Palmyra Church and community for their gracious hospitality.

2. That we express our appreciation to Dr. John G. Truitt, President of the Southern Convention; Dr. Frank Lewis, Dr. F. C. Lester and Rev. W. J. Andes for their inspiring messages.

3. That we thank Roy A. Larrick for his thought provoking remarks and suggestions during the Laymen's Hour; that we observe in our churches Laymen's Sunday, October 16; and that we encourage laymen to participate in the services of the church.

4. That each church school take an offering for the American Bible Society during the year. Last year (1948) Congregational Christians gave only one-half of one per cent per member toward this noble cause.

5. Now we thank our Temperance Committee for their splendid report, and urge each church to work unitedly towards a constructive temperance program both locally and nationally.

6. That we carry the spirit of our speakers back to our churches, resolving by the grace of God to be true witnesses of our Christ; remembering and striving in our prayers for one another until we have fulfilled the spirit of the hymn writer who wrote:

— *Lord, lay some soul upon my heart,  
And love that soul through me,  
And may I nobly do my part,  
To win that soul for Thee.*

E. J. ROHART, *Chairman*,  
LEYBURN BRILL,  
MRS. A. W. ANDES,  
*Committee.*

A motion carried that the important matters in the reports be mimeographed and sent out to the churches of the conference as early in the year as possible.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was given as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, the Committee on Nominations submit the following to serve as officers for the Conference year 1949-50:

*President*—R. A. Whitten.

*Vice-President*—Rev. R. E. Newton.

*Secretary*—Rev. S. E. Madren.

*Assistant Secretary*—C. A. Phillips.

*Treasurer*—O. W. Andes.

*Director of Religious Education*—Mrs. R. A. Whitten.

*Conference Mission Secretary*—R. O. Rothgeb.

*Representatives to Virginia Council of Churches*—

R. A. Larrick, S. E. Madren.

E. A. SHOWALTER,  
LEYBURN BRILL,  
MISS ELLA PICKERING,  
B. F. MCDANIEL,  
C. A. PHILLIPS,

*Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the report of the Nominating Committee be adopted and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the conference in favor of the nominees. The Secretary cast the ballot as directed, and the officers named were declared elected.

A motion carried that the Secretary be authorized to complete the minutes; that the minutes be printed in THE ANNUAL and that this conference purchase 125 ANNUALS for pro rata distribution among the churches. (Those who get annuals should pay twenty-five cents each.)

A motion carried that, following the meditation led by Dr. F. C. Lester, the Conference adjourn to meet in mid-year session at Bethlehem Christian Church the last Thursday in March and in annual session at Newport Christian Church, Wednesday and Thursday after the first Sunday in August 1950 (August 9-10).

Dr. F. C. Lester led a closing meditation and installed the conference officers.

The Conference stood adjourned.

R. A. WHITTEN, *President*.

S. E. MADREN, *Secretary*.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES—1949-50.

*Executive*—Robert A. Whitten, R. E. Newton, S. E. Madren, Roy A. Larrick.

*Ministry*—Robert A. Whitten, R. E. Newton, S. E. Madren, Roy D. Coulter, Clyde O. Koon, Emerson J. Rohart.

*Foreign Missions*—R. E. Newton, Miss Verdie Showalter, Mrs. Edgar Nelson, Mrs. A. W. Andes, Mrs. J. E. Bryant.

*Home Missions*—Ralph O. Rothgeb, Chairman, C. W. Louderback, M. A. Dofflemyer, E. A. Showalter, Clarence A. Phillips, J. M. Loher, Mrs. Harold Rhodes, Russell Smith, Roy D. Coulter, Clyde O. Koon, Leyburn Brill, O. W. Andes, Emerson J. Rohart, K. T. Rothgeb.

*Stewardship*—Emerson J. Rohart, Roy D. Coulter, E. F. Showalter.

*Evangelism*—Roy D. Coulter, S. E. Madren, Clyde O. Koon.

*Religious Literature*—Mrs. B. F. Frank, Mrs. Noah Painter, Miss Ella Pickering.

*Apportionment*—E. A. Showalter, Roy A. Larrick, B. F. McDaniel, M. A. Dofflemyer, Clarence A. Phillips.

*Men's Work*—Roy A. Larrick, M. L. Seldon, H. E. Liskey.

*Social Action*—K. T. Rothgeb, N. W. Morris, Eugene Russell, Jr.

*Woman's Conference*—Miss Verdie Showalter.

*Temperance*—Mrs. B. F. Sine, Mrs. Joseph Frazier, Mrs. O. J. Sours.

*Sunday Schools*—H. E. Liskey.

#### MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

*Coulter, Roy D.*—Church served, Timber Ridge; sermons preached, 70; members received, 2; weddings performed, 2; funerals, 5.

*Koon, Clyde O.*—Churches served, Bethlehem, Concord, Palmyra, Mayland, Wissler's Chapel, Wood's Chapel; sermons preached, 144; members received, 30; conversions, 34; baptisms, 42; prayer meetings, 12; addresses, 12; weddings performed, 6; funerals, 22.

*Madren, Silas E.*—Churches served, Bethel, Mt. Olivet (G), Mt. Olivet (R), supplied for New Hope and Beulah; sermons preached, 160; members received, 18; conversions, 14; baptisms, 10; addresses, 6; weddings performed, 7; funerals, 10.

*Newton, R. E. Newton*—Churches served, Dry Run, Joppa, Leaksville, Mt. Lebanon, Newport; sermons preached, 104; members received, 13; conversions, 11; baptisms, 10; prayer meetings, 34; addresses, 4; weddings performed, 8; funerals, 15.

*Whitten, Robert A.*—Church served, Winchester; sermons preached, 96; members received, 17; conversions, 8; baptisms, 8; prayer meetings, 50; addresses, 8; weddings performed, 250; funerals, 16.

*Williamson, R. L.*—Retired.

*Fuller, W. B.*—Business.

#### LICENTIATES.

*Brill, Walton E.*

*Madren, James W.*—Churches served, Rocky Ford, Elk Spur, Carroll County Mission since June 1, 1949. as Student Summer Service Worker.

# Proceedings of the One Hundred Twenty-Fourth Annual Session of the Eastern North Carolina Conference.

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CHURCH OF WIDE FELLOWSHIP  
SOUTHERN PINES, N. C.  
OCTOBER 18-19, 1949

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## FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The One Hundred Twenty-Fourth Annual Session of the Eastern North Carolina Conference met with the Church of Wide Fellowship, Southern Pines, N. C., and was called to order by President, C. Carl Dollar at 10:15 a. m.

Devotional Services were conducted by Rev. Frederick B. Eutsler.

Philip J. Weaver, Principal of the Schools of Southern Pines, welcomed the Conference with a few but interesting remarks.

The roll of ministers and churches was called and there were eight ministers and nine-five delegates present, as follows:

### ENROLLMENT.

*Ministers*—J. Frank Apple, Emory M. Carter, C. Carl Dollar, Frederick B. Eutsler, Raymon T. Grissom, Bernard V. Munger, Thomas D. Sutton, T. Fred Wright.

### *Churches and Delegates.*

*Amelia*—K. D. Jones, Mrs. K. D. Jones.

*Antioch*—H. L. Wall, Mrs. C. H. Acree, Mrs. S. R. Jones.

*Auburn*—Annie L. Ford, Mrs. Vernie Poole, Mrs. Gladys Allen.

*Bethlehem*—Luther Walker, Calvin Spragins, Howard Shearin.

*Bethel*—

*Beulah*—C. J. Perry, A. W. Watkins, Mrs. B. B. Edwards, W. C. Barham.

*Chapel Hill*—S. H. Basnight, W. W. Neville.

*Christian Chapel*—

*Christian Light*—

*Clayton*—

*Damascus*—Reported.

*Ebenezer*—Reported.

*Fuller's Chapel*—Pattie Lee Coghill.

*Good Hope*—Miss Vivian Davis.

*Hayes Chapel*—

*Henderson*—I. H. Vickery, Mrs. I. H. Vickery.

*Hope Mills*—Reported.

*Lee's Chapel*—E. H. Buchanan.

*Liberty (Vance)*—Mrs. H. F. Mitchell, Mrs. R. J. Newton, W. S. Ayscue.

*Martha's Chapel*—Reported.



*Moore Union*—Mrs. Woodrow Carter, Mrs. Gilbert Lett, Mrs. J. W. Lett.  
*Morrisville*—Mrs. J. F. Hilliard, Miss Wilma Johnson, Miss Lessie Pugh.  
*Mt. Auburn*—J. A. Kimball, Mrs. J. A. Kimball.  
*Mt. Carmel*—E. W. Woodlief, Mrs. Mary Birchett.  
*Mt. Gilead*—B. T. Wester, N. G. Inscoc.  
*Mt. Hermon*—Guy Smith, Mrs. Guy Smith.  
*New Elam*—  
*New Hope*—Odell Arnold.  
*Niagara*—Mrs. B. C. Morgan, Mrs. Parker, Leroy Snipes.  
*Oak Level*—W. H. Hudson.  
*O'Kelly's Chapel*—B. E. Bradley, Mrs. B. E. Bradley.  
*Piney Plain*—Reported.  
*Pleasant Hill*—  
*Pleasant Union*  
*Plymouth*—Ottis Bowling, Mrs. Eppie Johnson, Mrs. Jerry King, Mrs. Hudson Sauls.  
*Pope's Chapel*—Mrs. A. M. House, J. W. House, Miss Ethel Holmes.  
*Raleigh*—  
*Sanford*—A. H. McIver, Mrs. C. C. Bridges, Gunter Wicker.  
*Shallow Well*—J. W. Kelly, Mrs. Ernest Spivey, W. E. Cox, Mrs. J. A. Griffin.  
*Six Forks*—Inactive.  
*Southern Pines*—  
*Turner's Chapel*—Mrs. C. C. Spivey, Mrs. Leonard Lassiter, Mrs. D. V. Wicker.  
*Wake Chapel*—J. M. Stephenson, Melvin Cotton, Felton Harris, Mrs. Ruth Stephenson, Miss Delmo Cotton.  
*Wentworth*—  
*Youngsville*—Mrs. W. G. Scarborough.

By motion the program as presented by the Program Committee was adopted for the session subject to such changes as may be necessary.

The report of the Executive Committee was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee would report as follows:

On April 4, 1949, a certificate of transfer for Rev. William R. Steininger of the Northern California Congregational Conference was presented, signed by the Registrar of said conference. Upon the recommendation we accepted Mr. Steininger as a member of our fellowship, and so recommend to you.

At a meeting held on September 19, 1949, at the Congregational Christian Church of Sanford, North Carolina, it was unanimously voted that the property of the Congregational Christian Church of Sanford be deeded to the Trustees of said church for the specific purpose of securing a Loan and Grant by the Church Building Society of the Home Mission Board. And when the Loan and Grant is satisfied the title of said property is to revert to the Eastern North Carolina Christian Conference. We so recommend to you.

C. C. DOLLAR, *President*,  
 E. M. CARTER, *Secretary*,  
 R. T. GRISSOM,  
 A. H. McIVER,  
 J. F. HILLIARD,  
*Committee.*

## REPORT OF TREASURER.

## RECEIPTS.

October 16, 1948 .....	\$ 371.75
By Student Fund at Conference .....	21.00
By Conference Fund at Conference .....	182.00

## DISBURSEMENTS.

October 30, 1948—To E. M. Carter, Secretary .....	\$ 55.30
October 30, 1948—To N. C. Council of Churches .....	75.00
October 30, 1948—To Central Publishing Company .....	4.50
December 15, 1948—To W. T. Scott, Treasurer, Southern Convention .....	107.00
June 17, 1949—To W. J. Andes, Treasurer, for ANNUALS .....	123.00
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	364.80

October 1, 1949—Balance on hand .....	\$ 209.95
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W. J. BALLENTINE, *Treasurer.*

By motion the report was referred to the Finance Committee.

The following visitors were recognized and seated as deliberative members: Dr. L. E. Smith, President of Elon College; Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of Southern Convention; Rev. Martin L. Fogleman of the Western North Carolina Conference; Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Wisseman of Greensboro; Dr. William Mosley Brown, of Elon College; Rev. R. L. House, Editor of *The Christian Sun*, and Mrs. House.

The President appointed the following Special Committees:

*Nomination*—J. A. Kimball, C. A. Ballentine, E. W. Neville.

*Finance*—I. H. Vickery, W. H. Hudson, B. V. Munger.

*Press*—Rev. J. Frank Apple, S. H. Basnight.

*Place*—Mrs. J. F. Hilliard, Mrs. J. A. Griffin.

*Resolutions*—F. B. Eutsler, J. F. Hilliard, Mrs. C. C. Dridges.

Rev. R. L. House gave a brief but interesting report on Christian Education activities in the Southern Convention.

*The Christian Sun* was presented by Dr. W. E. Wisseman.

Dr. William Mosley Brown of Elon College was introduced by Dr. L. E. Smith and addressed the Conference on the subject, "Our College."

Dr. L. E. Smith, President of Elon College, delivered the Annual Sermon—subject: "The Church."

By motion conference adjourned for lunch.

Benediction by Rev. T. Fred Wright.

## FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was called to order by the President.

The opening prayer was offered by Dr. John G. Truitt.

The report on Education and Standing of the Ministry was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND STANDING  
OF THE MINISTRY.

We, your Committee on Education and Standing of the Ministry, report as follows:

1. That Rev. Thomas D. Sutton, a locally ordained minister of our conference, has done creditable work in his field for the last four years; and, is recommended by

three of the churches of which he is pastor. We recommend the full ordination of Brother Sutton. This recommendation comes after the careful investigation of leaders in the Eastern North Carolina Conference; and, if this recommendation is approved by conference that at some convenient time, during the session the ordination of Brother Sutton will take place.

3. That Rev. Fred Register, an ordained minister of the Western North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches, now serving churches in our Eastern North Carolina Conference requests admission into this conference by letter of transfer. We so recommend.

4. Also, Rev. Robert Lee House presents a letter of transfer from the Eastern Virginia Conference. We recommend that this transfer be accepted.

5. Rev. M. T. Sorrell, an ordained minister of our conference in good and regular standing, is asking for a letter of transfer to the North Carolina and Virginia Conference. We so recommend.

6. Rev. C. Carl Dollar, who has done a creditable work in our Sanford Church, is going back to his native State of Alabama. We, your Committee, recognize Brother Dollar as one of our builders; and, it is with regret that we lose Brother Dollar and family from our conference. We pray God's blessings on these fine folk as they take up their new field of endeavor. By his request we recommend for him a letter of transfer to the East Alabama Association.

7. We recommend to the delegates of churches in this conference that there be a closer relationship between pastor, people and conference of which they are a part.

R. T. GRISSOM,

E. M. CARTER,

F. B. EUTSLER,

*Committee.*

While the report was pending Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of the Southern Convention, spoke on "The State of Our Ministry."

By motion the report was adopted.

*Special Note:* On the second day of Conference a resolution pertaining to the Report of the Committee on Education and the Ministry was adopted as follows:

#### RESOLUTION.

With his full consent and out of his appreciation of the Convention's Standard for Ordination, be it resolved:

1. That the portion of the report of the Committee on Education and Standing of the Ministry authorizing the ordination of Brother T. D. Sutton be rescinded.

2. That we request the Western North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches to recognize the Local Conference Ordination of Brother Sutton by the Eastern North Carolina Conference, during the 1945 session.

3. That we commend Brother Sutton to the Western North Carolina Conference for full ordination upon completion of his college course.

R. T. GRISSOM.

Our Orphanage was presented by the Superintendent, Dr. John G. Truitt.

The report of Committee on Evangelism was presented and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

A certain man died about two thousand years ago at the age of thirty-three. He died because evil men laid hands upon Him. The three years just before His death, He called unto Him a few men and trained them to do a great work. We may call this work the evangelization of the world. His last command to them was, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have com-



manded you, and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." With this little group of men we have the beginning of the Christian Church. The supreme task of the church has been and is the saving of souls.

Perhaps two thousand years is too short a time to expect the world to accept the teachings of Jesus and to live by them. It is a long way from being evangelized. Within one generation the world has experienced two deluges of blood and vast destruction of property or wealth. The skies are still hazy. Why all this? Has the Church failed in its task? What are we, who are members of this great body, doing?

Dr. Stamm, in his book on *Keeping Men on Their Feet* says, "The Church has been prattling about the Cross these many years, but until the Cross gets into the lives of people all our eloquence about it will not affect the course of events. So long as no risk is being taken by the people who sing about the Cross, there will be no compulsion in the sentiments it arouses."

What about the churches in our conference? What are we doing about this matter we call evangelism? Year before last, we reported the total number of members received as 297 or a net gain of 81. Last year, we reported as the total received 236, or a net gain of 86. Will we do any better this year? Twelve pastors who have reported thus far show a total received of 303. Are we proud of our record? To meet the recommendations of the Southern Convention we shall need to receive 780 members.

On October 2 there was launched what we hope and pray to be the greatest evangelistic movement in all Christendom. It is known as the United Evangelistic Advance. In this evangelistic crusade there are 37 denomination and 40,000,000 church members, representing 150,000 churches and 232,672 Sunday Schools. This movement is to run through 1950. Your Church is in this great cause. May God help us to do no less than our best.

Therefore, we recommend:

1. That we use the slogan, "Fill the Pews," to encourage regular church attendance.
2. That we pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the fields that are white unto harvest.
3. That our ministers preach evangelistic sermons at least one-half of the time during 1950.
4. That greater emphasis be placed on evangelism in our Sunday Schools.
5. That we urge our members to use Daily Devotions and other evangelistic materials put out by the Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life of the Congregational Christian Churches, published by The Pilgrim Press, Boston, Massachusetts.
6. That we call on our people to rededicate their lives to God and to give themselves to this great cause.

J. FRANK APPLE,  
T. FRED WRIGHT,  
*Committee.*

Dr. Dumont Clark, Director of the Religious Department of the Farmers' Federation, presented "The Lord's Acre Plan."

The report of Committee on Foreign Missions was read as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In our day Foreign Missions have moved to our front door. What happens in Africa, China, Japan or Turkey today may determine largely the destiny of our children and grand children.

Doors of opportunity for Christian missions are still open. Some may soon be closed, but missionaries are standing in them yet.

Costs of missionary work have greatly increased recently. Income has lagged far behind. This has thrown budgets out of balance. Instead of increasing the workers on the field the American Board expects a deficit of \$100,000.00 during the year ending with August.

This Conference is asked to give \$2,000.00 each year—last year the amount reported was \$1,259.00. We were asked for 30c and gave 20c per person.



## Recommendations:

1. That Sunday Schools consider missions each month.
2. That ministers be asked to keep the people informed concerning Foreign Missions.
3. That plans be made for each family to pray daily for world missions.
4. That each church plan to give, at least, as much as the conference Apportionment for Foreign Missions.
5. That in every possible way we seek to do our World Mission.

DR. F. C. LESTER.

After an address by Dr. F. C. Lester the report was adopted.

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill made an announcement concerning the Literature on the "Christian World Missionary Department."

In accordance with the report on Education and Standing of the Ministry, the President appointed the following as Ordaining Presbytery: Dr. W. T. Scott, Rev. J. Frank Apple and Rev. R. T. Grissom.

The report of Committee on Nominations was given as follows:

We, your Committee on Nominations, submit the following nominations for the ensuing year:

*President*—Rev. R. T. Grissom.

*Vice-President*—Rev. B. V. Munger.

*Secretary*—Rev. E. M. Carter.

*Treasurer*—W. J. Ballentine.

*Representatives to the North Carolina Council of Churches*—Rev. Fred Register, Miss Sussie Allen, A. H. McIver and J. F. Hilliard.

*Members at Large of the Executive Committee of the Southern Convention*—Rev. J. F. Apple and S. H. Basnight,

*Delegates to the Southern Convention*—J. A. Kimball, Manson, N. C.; Mrs. Joel Johnson, Hope Mills; W. H. Hudson, Youngsville; Neal A. Brown, Youngsville; Miss Valda Davis, Youngsville, Route 1; J. F. Hilliard, Cary; E. H. Buchanan, Sanford, Route 5; Luther Walker, Littleton; I. H. Vickery, Henderson; Leon Stevens, Clayton, Route 2; H. L. Wall, Elams; R. M. Cline, Sanford, Route 5; Charlie Watson, Sanford, Route 2; T. T. Coghill, Henderson, Route 4; S. H. Ball, Raleigh, Route 3; Mrs. R. L. Pearce, Franklinton, Route 1; Mrs. R. P. Stevens, Clayton, Route 1; Miss Margaret Alston, Henderson, Route 1; H. W. Johnson, Fuquay Springs; Mrs. Gladys Allen, Raleigh, Route 2; Mrs. M. H. Jennings, Chapel Hill; Mrs. J. W. Lett, Jonesboro Heights, Sanford, Route 2; A. W. Watkins, Zebulon, Route 4; Mrs. D. V. Wicker, Sanford, Route 5; Mrs. B. E. Bradley, Durham, Route 3.

C. A. BALLENTINE,

J. A. KIMBALL,

E. W. NEVILLE,

*Committee.*

By motion the report was adopted, the Secretary cast one ballot for the nominees and each nominee was declared elected to their respective office for the ensuing year.

Moved and carried that Conference adjourn for dinner.

Benediction and blessing by Rev. R. T. Grissom.

## FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Call to Worship was given by the President, Rev. C. Carl Dollar.

Invocation by Rev. E. M. Carter.

The Elon College Choir gave a most delightful and inspiring program of music.

Sermon by Dr. John G. Truitt, President of the Southern Convention.  
Subject: "Hallowed Ground."

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## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Conference was called to order by the President.

Devotional Services were conducted by Rev. Frederick B. Eutsler.

By motion the President and Vice-President, with the Secretary, were authorized to correct the minutes of yesterday's sessions.

The report of Committee on Home Missions was read, discussed and by motion was adopted as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee wishes to recommend the following:

1. That the Conference take definite steps to investigate and relieve conditions as they now exist, with reference to the churches in the conference which have no pastors, and which have discontinued services, also those churches which have pastors that are not loyal to the Congregational Christian Faith. And, that this investigation be made by the Executive Committee of the Conference and the Home Missions Committee.

2. That the conference authorize the Executive Committee and the Home Missions Committee to make a special study of the situation of the Six Forks Church, looking towards re-establishing work there and pastor-supply; and, also to make a study of any other church in the conference that needs help or aid in any way.

3. That we renew our endorsement of the Conference Missionary Association, by supporting the work in trying to get members in each church in the conference; as the work is certainly needed and worthy of our united support.

4. That we urge the Conference not just to adopt this report but *let's act now*, joining our hearts and hands to the task before it is too late. For together we can do it, proving our loyalty to Jesus Christ and his Gospel in this period of human history when his message of Light and Truth is so desperately needed. For the fate of our civilization—of our country, our homes and the world depends upon winning mankind to the teachings of Christ.

MARGARET ALSTON,  
MRS. T. FRED WRIGHT,  
*Committee.*

The Conference recessed briefly for a session of the Conference Missionary Association. After the session of the C.M.A. the Conference reconvened.

The report of Committee on Stewardship was presented as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

The word Stewardship may have many definitions, and the duties of a steward may be many. I think we would agree that the word stewardship means the management of things which belong to another.

Stewardship carries with it a responsibility and a great opportunity. A steward is responsible to the owner for the way he manages his affairs, and has an opportunity to grow in grace and favor with the owner. We find this revealed in the parable of the Talents which is found in Matthew's Gospel (Matt. 25:14-30).

According to the twenty-fourth Psalm which reads, "The earth is mine and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." And, the book of Haggai (2:8) which reads, "The silver is mine and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts;" we are not our own. The life we have, our time, our talents and our means are not ours, they are the Lord's. He has entrusted them into our care.

Being stewards or managers of our lives, all that we have God has entrusted unto us. What are we doing with this which God has entrusted into our care?

Isaiah in the fifty-fifth chapter and the second verse asked two questions that should cause us to open our eyes. The questions are, "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not?"

Wherever we invest our time and talents, and our money there our hearts will be also. Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." If all would give as God has prospered us, and give weekly, there would be sufficient amount of money in the church to carry on God's work on earth.

In the Book of Malachi we hear the prophet bring accusation against the people in his day because they had offered unto God only that which were not of any value to them. I would like to read two verses from the first chapter of Malachi verses seven and eight: "Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, wherein have we polluted thee? And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the Lord of hosts."

It is our conviction if we will give the first part of our time each day, our talents and our money into the Lord's work, he would bless our churches with peace, joy, happiness and Spiritual growth.

THOMAS D. SUTTON, *Chairman.*

Rev. B. V. Munger introduced Miss Frances Query who presented the North Carolina Council of Churches.

The report of Committee on Apportionments was read and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

Your Committee recommends that the apportionment table as adjusted and accepted last year remain unchanged for the ensuing year.

The slight increases made in apportionments last year were necessary in order to meet an unavoidable increase in expenses of some of our church institutions. The increases were made on a proportionate basis, in order to equalize the added responsibility among the churches.

It has been our experience and observation that those churches that make an early start on the matter of raising and paying their apportionments are usually the ones that come to Conference with a good report. We earnestly recommend and urge all our ministers to start immediately and keep the needs of our institutions before the churches during the entire year; rather than stage a whirlwind campaign during the last few days of the church year. Churches that begin paying early will pay more, and their conference obligations will be met and applied as the money is needed—making the task much easier and more pleasant.

A. H. McIVER,  
R. T. GRISSOM,

*Committee.*



## SCHEDULE OF APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1949-50.

NAME OF CHURCH	Home Missions and Church Extension	Foreign Missions and Shaowu	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Conference Fund	Totals
Amelia.....	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 22	\$ 22	7	7	18	\$ 8	3.50	\$ 7	\$ 154.50
Antioch.....	15	15	17	17	7	7	12	8	3.50	7	108.50
Auburn.....	56	56	48	48	14	14	29	8	6.50	13	292.50
Bethel.....	30	30	22	22	7	7	18	2	3.00	7	148.00
Bethlehem.....	13	13	6	6	3	3	11	6	1.50	3	65.50
Beulah.....	30	30	18	18	7	7	18	22	2.00	5	157.00
Catawba Springs.....	58	58	91	91	15	15	33	10	7.00	15	393.00
Chapel Hill.....	40	40	34	34	11	11	24	4	5.50	11	214.00
Christian Chapel.....	38	38	31	31	9	9	21	10	6.50	13	206.50
Christian Light.....	45	45	45	45	14	14	25	12	5.50	11	261.50
Clayton.....	35	35	33	33	11	11	21	10	3.50	7	199.50
Damascus.....	35	35	29	29	9	9	21	7	2.00	7	183.00
Ebenezer.....	38	38	45	45	11	11	24	10	4.00	9	235.00
Fuller's Chapel.....	38	38	33	33	9	9	24	9	4.50	9	206.50
Good Hope.....	25	25	18	18	7	7	15	8	2.50	5	130.50
Hayes Chapel.....	25	25	18	18	7	7	15	5	2.00	5	127.00
Henderson.....	63	63	94	94	20	20	35	19	8.50	15	431.50
Hope Mills.....	33	33	28	28	9	9	15	3	2.00	5	165.00
Lebanon.....	20	20	18	18	5	5	14	3	2.00	5	110.00
Lee's Chapel.....	20	20	19	19	5	5	14	5	2.50	5	114.50
Liberty, Vance.....	177	177	216	216	45	45	82	28	19.50	37	1,042.50
Martha's Chapel.....	20	20	12	12	7	7	14	6	2.00	5	105.00
Moore Union.....	30	30	12	12	9	9	18	8	3.50	7	138.50
Morrisville.....	13	13	21	21	9	9	11	4	4.50	9	114.50
Mt. Auburn.....	76	76	91	91	30	30	38	8	7.50	13	460.50
Mt. Carmel.....	30	30	21	21	7	7	18	8	3.00	5	150.00
Mt. Gilead.....	56	56	34	34	14	14	29	14	6.00	11	268.00
Mt. Herman.....	25	25	34	34	7	7	15	6	1.50	5	159.50
New Elam.....	88	88	62	62	18	18	43	22	8.50	17	426.50
New Hope.....	38	38	30	30	11	11	21	18	4.50	9	210.50
Niagara.....	13	13	10	10	4	4	9	2	6.50	13	84.50
Oak Level.....	38	38	31	31	11	11	21	8	4.50	9	202.50
O'Kelly's Chapel.....	8	8	5	5	1	1	9	2	1.00	3	43.00
Piney Plain.....	56	56	52	52	14	14	31	6	5.50	11	297.50
Pleasant Hill.....	30	30	39	39	9	9	18	7	3.50	7	191.50
Pleasant Union.....	56	56	61	61	14	14	26	12	3.00	6	309.00
Plymouth.....	30	30	39	39	9	9	18	11	3.50	7	195.50
Pope's Chapel.....	38	38	36	36	9	9	21	8	4.50	9	208.50
Raleigh.....	101	101	73	73	23	23	45	25	9.50	19	492.50
Sanford.....	63	63	82	82	14	14	32	16	6.50	13	385.50
Shallow Well.....	56	56	54	54	14	14	29	14	5.50	11	307.50
Six Forks.....	13	13	7	7	4	4	11	10	1.00	3	73.00
Southern Pines.....	63	63	63	63	14	14	32	16	7.50	13	348.50
Turner's Chapel.....	30	30	42	42	9	9	18	6	.....	7	193.00
Wake Chapel.....	114	114	220	220	20	20	55	18	14.50	25	820.50
Wentworth.....	30	30	56	56	14	14	18	8	2.50	5	233.50
Youngsville.....	20	20	15	15	9	9	14	4	3.00	5	114.00
Totals.....	\$1,999	\$1,999	\$2,087	\$2,087	\$ 536	\$ 536	\$1,103	\$464	\$ 220.50	\$448	\$11,479.50



The report of Committee on Superannuation was read and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

The work of the Committee on Superannuation is carried on by the Convention Committee through the Division of Ministerial Relief of the Board of Home Missions, New York City.

The grants to pensioners of the Southern Convention are now approximately 30 per cent higher than they were prior to the merger of our funds with those of the National Division of Ministerial Relief.

In addition to the regular grants to pensioners they are sent checks at Christmas time from the Christmas Fund receipts.

The total contributions to superannuation are approximately \$4,000.00 per year and the regular grants from the Division of Ministerial Relief total about \$5,500.00, and the Christmas Fund checks for 1948 equaled approximately the amount of \$1,200.00.

We urge our churches to pay the full apportionment for superannuation and to exceed it if possible.

We urge our churches to contribute generously to the Christmas Fund, said fund being in addition to the apportionments.

We urge our pastors to become members of the Annuity Fund, that churches share in the payment of annual dues of their respective pastors.

E. W. NEVILLE,  
W. H. HUDSON,  
*Committee.*

Rev. B. V. Munger reported for the Social Action Committee. The report was adopted.

The report of Committee on Resolutions was read and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, The Church of Wide Fellowship in Southern Pines has made most thoughtful and complete provisions for the needs of this Annual Session; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That this conference express its profound appreciation to the Church of Wide Fellowship for its many courtesies, and particularly to the ladies of the church who prepared and served the delicious meals, and the members who provided overnight lodging for the delegates; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our gratitude to our officers who have conducted the affairs of the conference, and the Elon College Singers for their contribution to the success of the program.

FREDERICK B. EUTSLEC, *Chairman.*

It was moved and carried that the Eastern North Carolina Christian Conference convey to the North Carolina and Virginia Congregational Christian Conference the property in Orange County designated as the Mebane Christian Church property; and, that the President and Secretary of this Conference be instructed and empowered to sign and deliver said deed to the North Carolina and Virginia Conference.

The Treasurer reported that he had received of the Conference Fund \$247.00; Special Offering \$29.80, a total of \$276.80 at this session of Conference.

By motion the Conference authorized the Treasurer to pay Rev. C. C. Dollar, President, an expense account of \$10.00 for travel, postage and telephone; and, that we pay such expenses each year as may occur.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Finance Committee recommend payment of the following accounts:

Rev. E. M. Carter—Secretary .....	\$ 50.00
Rev. E. M. Carter—Postage .....	8.25
Central Publishing Co.—Programs .....	4.50
N. C. Council of Churches .....	100.00
Missionary Society of the Church of Wide Fellowship Supper for Elon Singers .....	30.00
President's Expense .....	10.00
Traveling Expense of Elon Singers .....	88.00
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	\$ 290.75

I. H. VICKERY,  
B. V. MUNGER,  
W. H. HUDSON,  
*Committee.*

Moved and carried that the Conference pay the expense of the Elon Singers including travel and supper.

By motion the Conference, by rising vote, expressed its regrets of losing Rev. C. Carl Dollar as he leaves us for his new field in his native State (Alabama), and our best wishes for his future success.

It was moved and carried that the proceedings of Conference session be published in THE ANNUAL and that we purchase 125 copies.

By motion Conference adjourned to meet as per the arrangements of the Executive Committee, on Tuesday after the third Sunday in October, 1950, at 10:00 a. m.

Benediction by Mr. A. H. McIver.

REV. C. CARL DOLLAR, *President.*  
REV. E. M. CARTER, *Secretary.*

## STANDING COMMITTEES—1949-50.

*Executive*—R. T. Grissom, E. M. Carter, J. Frank Apple, T. Fred Wright, A. H. McIver.

*Education and Standing of Ministry*—T. Fred Wright, E. M. Carter, Will B. O'Neill.

*Christian Education*—R. L. House, Fred B. Eutsler, Mrs. B. D. Johnson.

*Superannuation*—Glendon Johnson, I. H. Vickery, Philip J. Weaver.

*Home Missions*—Mrs. R. L. House, Mrs. Jack Campbell, Mrs. Trudy Proctor.

*Foreign Missions*—Miss Margaret Alston, Miss Susie Allen, Mrs. J. F. Apple.

*Apportionments*—A. H. McIver, B. V. Munger, Rex G. Powell.

*Stewardship*—Will B. O'Neill, K. D. Weldon, Odell Arnold.

*Evangelism*—J. Frank Apple, J. A. Denton, Fred P. Register.

*Social Action*—Fred P. Register, Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, S. H. Basnight.

*Religious Literature*—Mrs. Will B. O'Neill, Mrs. B. M. Newman, E. W. Neville.

*Program*—R. T. Grissom, E. M. Carter, J. Frank Apple, R. L. House.

*North Carolina Council of Churches*—Fred B. Eutsler.

## MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

- Apple, J. Frank*—Churches, Henderson, Mt. Carmel; sermons, 95; conversions, 8; members, 23; baptisms, 11; prayer meetings, 23; addresses, 6; weddings, 14; funerals, 4; salary, \$2,950.00.
- Carter, Emory M.*—Churches, Good Hope, Fuller's Chapel, Mt. Hermon, Pope's Chapel, Youngsville; sermons, 81; conversions, 18; members, 32; baptisms, 18; addresses, 3; weddings, 5; funerals, 18; salary, \$1,743.00.
- Denton, J. A.*—Churches, Grace Chapel (W. N. C.), Ramseur; sermons, 55; conversions, 32; members, 30; baptisms, 35; weddings, 3; funerals, 12; salary, \$1,620.00.
- Dollar, C. Carl*—Churches, Sanford, Hope Mills; sermons, 98; conversions, 13; members, 21; baptisms, 18; addresses, 8; weddings, 6; funerals, 5; salary, \$2,600.00.
- Eutsler, Frederick B.*—Church, Raleigh; sermons, 50; members, 30; baptisms, 2; addresses, 12; weddings, 4; funerals, 4; salary, \$3,600.00.
- Franks, J. E.*—Retired.
- Grissom, Raymond T.*—Churches, Shallow Well, Turner's Chapel, Lee's Chapel (supply); sermons, 110; conversions, uncertain; members, 21; baptisms, 14; prayer meetings, 121; addresses, 2; weddings, 13; funerals, 27; salary, \$2,000.00.
- Howard, Britton J.*—Chapel Hill; State Parole.
- Marr, S. Wade, Jr.*—Business; no report.
- Munger, Bernard V.*—Church, Chapel Hill; sermons, 65; conversions, 3; members 9; baptisms, 4; addresses, 5; weddings, 2; funerals, 1; salary, \$2,800.00.
- Sorrell, M. T.*—Churches, Danville, New Lebanon, Kallem Grove; sermons, 155; conversions, 50; members, 39; baptisms, 39; prayer meetings, 5; addresses, 10; weddings, 44; funerals, 39; salary, \$4,350.00.
- Steininger, William R.*—No report.
- Sutton, Thomas D.*—Churches, Beulah, Bethlehem, New Hope, Antioch, Oak Level; sermons, 109; conversions, 12; members, 33; baptisms, 24; prayer meetings, 92; weddings, 4; funerals, 4; salary, \$2,100.00.
- Scholz, Hurbert*—Retired.
- Wright, T. Fred*—Churches, Mt. Auburn, Mt. Gilead, Liberty (Vance); sermons, 88; conversions, 11; members, 24; baptisms, 16; prayer meetings, 2; weddings, 8; funerals, 16; salary, \$2,700.00.

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## WEDNESDAY— MORNING SESSION.

The Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met in its One Hundred and Twenty-Ninth Annual Session at the First Congregational Christian Church, Portsmouth, Virginia, on November 2-3, 1949. The Conference was called to order by the President, Rev. R. E. Brittle, of Bethlehem (Nansemond) Congregational Christian Church, at 10:00 a. m. on Wednesday. The opening hymn, "The Church's One Foundation," was led by Rev. O. D. Poythress of South Norfolk and prayer was offered by Rev. J. S. Taylor of the Elm Avenue Congregational Christian Church of Portsmouth. The following ministers and delegates were enrolled:

### ENROLLMENT.

*Ministers*—R. E. Brittle, W. S. Carne, H. G. Councill, Jr., Ellis N. Clark, John Gallo, L. B. Grice, J. L. Griffin, H. S. Hardcastle, R. L. House, J. E. McCauley, D. D. Nash, J. E. Neese, N. G. Newman, Will B. O'Neill, O. D. Poythress, J. M. Roberts, W. T. Scott, M E. Taylor, J. G. Truitt, B. H. Watkins, W. L. Wood.

### *Churches and Delegates.*

*Antioch*—Mrs. Roger Edwards.

*Barrett's*—

*Berea (Nansemond)*—Mrs. C. P. Darden, Sr., Mrs. J. C. Matthews.

*Bethlehem (Disputanta)*—Edward Bresko.

*Bethlehem (Nansemond)*—Mrs. J. E. Harris, A. C. Hingerty, Sr., Mrs. P. B. Piland, C. F. Savage.

*Burton's Grove*—

*Centerville*—Mrs. W. H. Barlow, Jr., Mrs. J. E. Bishop, Jr.

*Cypress Chapel*—Mrs. F. E. Harrell, Mrs. R. Brinkley, Mrs. H. W. Rountree, J. P. Byrd.

*Dendron*—E. T. Atkinson, Mrs. W. D. Harward.

*Eure*—

*Franklin*—L. B. Norfleet, R. C. Councill, Mrs. T. Hayes Holland.

*Great Bridge (Berea)*—Mrs. C. E. Hanbury.

*Holland*—Mrs. J. D. Rawles, Mrs. H. O. Swanner, Mrs. C. T. Daughtrey, Mrs. A. J. Holland.



- Holy Neck*—Mrs. E. Piland, Mrs. Robert Warren, Mrs. C. C. Baker.  
*Hopewell*—Mrs. J. E. Bishop, Mrs. Woodard.  
*Isle of Wight*—Mrs. R. F. Whitley, Mrs. A. C. Dillon.  
*Johnson's Grove*—George B. Vick, M. H. Doyle.  
*Liberty Spring*—N. W. Byrd, Mrs. W. T. Harrell, Mrs. Joel E. Harrell.  
*Mt. Carmel*—Mrs. E. W. Beale, Mrs. R. B. Simmons.  
*Mt. Zion*—Mrs. G. W. Dixon, Mrs. J. Turner.  
*New Lebanon*—Ollie V Cockes, John T. Savedge.  
*Newport News*—Mrs. W. B. Williams, Mrs. F. W. Vaughan, Mrs. G. G. Givens.  
*Norfolk*:  
*Bay View*—Mrs. W. M. Sydenstricker, Mrs. J. W. Cline, Mrs. R. W. Griffin.  
*First*—Mrs. R. C. Hall, Mrs. B. L. Eason.  
*Little Creek*—Mrs. M. E. Taylor, Mrs. J. L. Eubanks.  
*Rosemont*—O. S. Mills, Mrs. O. L. Mills.  
*Second*—Richard F. Allgood.  
*Oak Grove*—Mrs. E. A. Eason, W. K. Parker.  
*Oakland*—C. W. Darden, Dr. N. G. Newman.  
*Portsmouth*:  
*Elm Avenue*—Mrs. J. A. Branch, Mrs. T. E. Stearns.  
*First*—B. L. Sawyer.  
*Shelton Memorial*—Mrs. W. F. Lawrence.  
*Richmond*—J. T. Kernodle.  
*South Norfolk*—Mrs. E. J. Hall, Mrs. P. Frias, Mrs. W. C. Bunch, Mrs. A. L. Hanbury.  
*Spring Hill*—G. C. White.  
*Suffolk*—Floyd Turner, W. A. Daughtrey, C. C. Rawls, Mrs. Floyd Turner.  
*Sunbury, Damascus*—G. E. Rountree, Mrs. E. E. Parker.  
*Union, Southampton*—S. M. Joyner, Gordon Bridges.  
*Union (South.)*—  
*Union (Surry)*—  
*Wakefield*—  
*Waverly*—  
*Windsor*—S. T. Holland, Mrs. A. Beale.

The following ministers and visitors were recognized: Rev. G. W. M. Taylor, acting minister, The Christian Temple; Rev. Ernest Brickhouse, Ohio; Rev. H. E. Crutchfield of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference; Rev. J. S. Taylor, Portsmouth; Rev. Earl Farrell, Sunbury; Rev. W. A. Grissom, Franklin.

A hearty welcome was extended to the Conference by Mr. Harry W. Lee on behalf of First Church to which Rev. B. H. Watkins made fitting response.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by the secretary and on motion it was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee held four meetings during the year at which the following business was transacted:

1949

- Jan. 17. In the interest of efficiency and economy, to simplify the work of the treasurer in making deposit slips and to avoid service charges it was  
**VOTED** That the four accounts now in the Farmers Bank of Nansemond be combined and that the secretary be authorized to draw drafts for the various amounts and that the treasurer deposit same in the Farmers Bank of Nansemond as one account in the name of the Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches.  
 Present: Lewis, Brittle, Truitt, Hardcastle, O'Neill.
- Feb. 21. On the recommendation of the Committee on Ministerial Education it was  
**VOTED** To loan the Mission Board of the Southern Convention the sum of \$1,7000 from the Ministerial Education Fund, with interest at the rate of two (2%) per cent per annum, for the purchase of lots adjoining the Congregational Christian Churches at Asheboro, North Carolina, and Hopewell, Virginia. \$1,000 of this amount for Asheboro and \$700 for Hopewell.  
 Present: Lewis, Brittle, Hardcastle, Truitt, O'Neill.
- March 21. After a long and faithful ministry in churches of our Conference, Rev. J. Frank Morgan at present incapacitated it was  
**VOTED** That his name be submitted to the Board of Superannuation of the Southern Convention for consideration and with the recommendation he be granted aid.  
 Present: Lewis, Brittle, Hardcastle, O'Neill.
- May 16. The Reverend Robert M. Kimball having left our Conference to assume the pastorate of the First Congregational Church of Ashtabula, Ohio, and on his request it was  
**VOTED** That he be granted a Letter of Transfer to the Grand River Association of Congregational and Christian Churches of Ohio.  
 Present: Lewis, Truitt, Hardcastle, Brittle, O'Neill.

R. E. BRITTLE,  
 H. S. HARDCASTLE,  
 JOHN G. TRUITT,  
 WILL B. O'NEILL,

*Committee.*

The Program Committee presented the printed program and on motion it was voted to make the printed program the official program of the Conference with such changes as may be found necessary.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was read by Dr. H. S. Hardcastle and pending its adoption a challenging address was given by Dr. William T. Scott on "The State of Our Ministry."

The report was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

A symposium entitled "What Makes Ministers?" was recently conducted by Professor Ralph A. Felton, of Drew Theological Seminary, and the results published in booklet form by the Federal Council of Churches make interesting, and also disturbing reading. Questionnaire results, returned by 1,978 ministerial students, from 48 states, and representing 20 denominations, were the basis of Dr. Felton's statistical conclusions. These students are in 57 seminaries and church-related colleges and are regarded by Dr. Felton as a fair cross-section of candidates for the ministry.

In a general summary, Professor Felton wrote "The factors which keep boys out of the ministry are not their girl friends, not the low salary, not parental objection. They are staying out because no one is guiding them in." More specifically, however, Professor Felton gives some cold statistics that are very suggestive and challenging. For instance in reply to the question as to what influence these ministerial students give the most credit for their decision to enter the ministry, 34 per cent of the men said it was the pastor's influence that counted most. On the other hand, only 2.3 per cent of these candidates' teachers in college and church colleges gave them any help so far as they knew toward a church vocation. More specifically the facts were as follows: concerning those who had most powerfully influenced these young ministers in the making to give themselves to the gospel ministry—pastor, 34 per cent; mother, 17.4 per cent; father, 11.2 per cent; college teacher, 5.8 per cent; evangelist, 6.4 per cent; Sunday school teacher, 5.0 per cent; missionary, 4.3 per cent; college friend, 4.3 per cent; wife, 3.9 per cent; girl friend, 2.5 per cent; high school teacher, 2.3 per cent; high school friend, 2.1 per cent, and vocational guidance teacher, .8 per cent.

The survey also reveals some interesting facts as to what these more than nineteen hundred young men consider a "call." Most of them declared that their experience was not a "single event or a sudden revelation, but rather a continuing educational process." Yet in the rating of reasons for entering the ministry, 38 per cent do place "a definite call from God" first, while 31.1 per cent said "the need of men and society for Christ" was the impelling reason, and 26 per cent said the incentive was "to serve mankind."

As Dr. Felton sums up the whole research project, his conclusion is that young men fail to enter the ministry in adequate numbers because nobody makes it a point to influence them in that direction. Here are typical statements from the students: "No one ever talked with me about going into the ministry until I asked about it." "If my Sunday school teacher and my pastor had made the Bible and its teachings live for me more, I would not have had such a long period of indecision. Once I saw the relevance of the message, it set me on fire." "My decision to enter the ministry would never have been made if my pastor had not suggested it to me. He planted the idea I think that most men must have the idea suggested to them, especially young men."

Parents, pastors, Sunday school teachers, teachers, leaders of young people, perhaps we have been recreant to our duty in this vital matter. Let us in penitence ask God to forgive us for our negligence, and let us give ourselves anew to Him with the prayer that He will use us to enlist labourers unto the harvest.

During the conference year we have recommended to the Executive Board of the Conference that Reverend Robert M. Kimball be given a certificate of ministerial membership, transferring his membership to the Ohio Conference of Congregational Christian Churches.

We present herewith the following recommendations:

1. That Paul Varga and Baxter Twiddy be continued as members of the Biblical Class at Elon College.
2. That Vivian Harrell and H. Allan Gleason, Jr., be continued as Licentiates of this conference.
3. That John G. Truitt, Jr., be enrolled as a member of the Biblical Class at Elon College.
4. That the Conference Ordination of Reverends M. E. Taylor and D. D. Nash and John Gallo be renewed for another conference year.
5. That Chaplain Robert G. Forbes, a member of Damascus Congregational Christian Church, be received as a ministerial member of this conference upon presentation of duly accredited credentials from the Chicago Association of Congregational Churches.
6. That Reverend W. A. Grissom be received as a ministerial member of this conference by letter from the Eastern North Carolina Conference.
7. That Reverend Carroll H. Beale be given a letter of transfer to the Methodist Conference of Virginia.
8. That Mr. M. A. Carson be licensed for the current conference year as a minister of the gospel and provision be made for the service of licensure at this conference.
9. That the interest on the note of Reverend Ellis Clarke be remitted in full, and that he be commended on discharging his obligation to the conference in full.



10. That John G. Truitt, Jr., and Paul Varga be given the designated share of the Educational Fund for ministerial students from Eastern Virginia at Elon College, this amount to be credited by Elon College on their college expenses.

11. That the Reverends Duane N. Vore, Roy C. Helfenstein, W. Millard Stevens, Earl Farrell, be received as ministerial members of this conference on receipt of letters of transfer from their respective conferences.

12. That Rev. J. S. Taylor be received as a ministerial member of this conference upon presentation of duly accredited credentials.

13. That letters of transfer be granted to Reverends Robert Lee House and Will B. O'Neill to the Eastern North Carolina Conference.

We also submit herewith a Financial Statement of the funds committed to our trust:

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND.			
1948			
Nov.	3	Balance, Conference Report .....	\$3,336.82
	13	Edward Day—On note .....	10.00
Dec.	2	Francis Wise—On note .....	10.00
1949			
Jan.	8	Edward Day—On note .....	10.00
Apr.	8	Transfer from C.H.M. Little Creek Loan .....	300.00
	15	Two years' interest—Little Creek Loan .....	66.00
	28	Hopewell Church, Principal & Interest (\$1,500) .....	270.00
	30	Ellis Clarke—On note, in full .....	150.00
May	24	H. G. Councill, Jr.—On note .....	10.00
June	7	Edward Day—On note .....	10.00
Sept.	30	Hopewell Church, Principal & Interest .....	265.00
Oct.	19	Elm Avenue, Principal & Interest (Deed of Trust) .....	200.00
Total .....			\$4,637.82

DISBURSEMENTS.			
Mar.	21	Geo. D. Colclough, Convention Acc't, Loan to Hopewell .....	\$ 700.00
Oct.	19	Balance on Hand (Cash) .....	3,937.82

*Schedule of Notes and Bills Receivable:* \$4,637.82

1.	4	Notes .....	\$ 500.00
2.	3	Notes .....	380.00
3.	6	Notes .....	900.00
4.	2	Notes .....	205.00
5.	4	Notes .....	750.00
6.	1	Note .....	90.00
7.	1	Note—Balance, Little Creek .....	1,200.00
8.		Deed of Trust, Mission Board, Elm Avenue Balance .....	207.03
9.	1	Note (Hopewell) .....	485.65
10.	1	Note, Mission Board, Hopewell, dated April 12, 1948 .....	700.00
		Interest on above—December 12, 1949 .....	7.00

Total Notes and Bills Receivable .....	\$5,424.68
Cash on Hand .....	3,937.82

Grand Total \$9,362.50

(NOTE: Since the above report was written the sum of \$200.00 (principal and interest) has been received direct from the Little Creek Church. This item is included in Treasurer's report.—W. B. O.)

H. S. HARDCASTLE,  
W. B. O'NEILL,  
R. L. HOUSE,  
R. E. BRITTLE,  
S. W. CARNE,

*Committee.*



### The President appointed the following Special Committees:

*Nominations*—Dr. Luther B. Grice, Dr. N. G. Newman, Rev. O. D. Poythress.

*Resolutions*—Rev. H. G. Councill, Jr., Rev. E. N. Clark, Mrs. Herbert Harrell.

*Press*—Rev. W. S. Carne, Rev. R. L. House, Rev. J. E. Neese.

*Finance*—Mr. S. T. Holland, Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, Mr. W. H. Baker.

Dr. John G. Truitt, Superintendent of the Christian Orphanage, brought greetings from the Orphanage and made a strong appeal for its continued support.

A telegram from Rev. Robert Lee House was read by the secretary in which Mr. House expressed regret that complications in moving prevented his attendance at this session.

Mr. G. C. White presented his report as Treasurer of the Conference which on motion was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

#### RECEIPTS.

1948		Conf. Fund	Conf. H. M.	Min. Ed. Fd.	Min. Sch. Fd.	Va. C. C.	Total
11/3	Bal. Brought Fwd.	\$ 835.85	\$2,372.69	\$3,336.82	\$ 950.00	\$ 275.00	\$7,770.36
	Conf. Collections ..	35.00	89.00		35.00	33.00	192.00
	C. Col. Conv. Fund	256.00					256.00
1949	Antioch						
10/26	Barrett's .....	5.00	5.00		5.00	2.00	17.00
10/18	Berea (Nans.) ....	15.00	25.00		15.00	4.00	59.00
	Bethlehem (Disp.)						
10/25	Bethlehem (Nans.)	15.00	50.00		15.00	15.00	95.00
1/18	Burton's Grove ...	5.00	5.00		5.00	1.00	16.00
	Centerville .....						
10/26	Cypress Chapel ...	15.00	50.00		15.00	11.00	91.00
10/27	Dendron .....	3.00	2.00		3.00	1.00	9.00
10/28	Eure .....	10.00	10.00		10.00	10.00	40.00
9/9	Franklin .....	15.00	75.00		15.00	12.00	117.00
	Great Bridge, Berea						
10/7	Holland .....	10.00	75.00		10.00	12.00	107.00
10/31	Holy Neck .....	10.00	25.00		10.00	9.00	54.00
	Hopewell .....						
9/14	Isle of Wight ....	10.00	10.00		10.00	2.00	32.00
10/14	Johnson's Grove ..	5.00	3.00		10.00	2.00	20.00
10/25	Liberty Spring ...	15.00	40.00		15.00	12.00	82.00
10/26	Mt. Carmel .....	15.00	35.00		15.00	7.00	72.00
10/28	Mt. Zion .....	5.00	5.00		5.00		15.00
10/28	New Lebanon ....	10.00	10.00		10.00	2.00	32.00
9/17	Newport News ...	25.00	100.00		50.00	15.00	190.00
	Norfolk: Bay View						
10/12	Christian Temple	35.00	100.00		35.00	31.00	201.00
10/28	First .....	10.00	35.00		10.00	9.00	64.00
9/8	Little Creek ....	2.00	2.00		2.00	1.00	7.00
10/24	Rosemont .....	25.00	80.00		25.00	14.00	144.00
	Second .....						
10/28	Oak Grove .....	5.00	10.00		5.00	3.00	23.00
10/29	Oakland .....	15.00	35.00		10.00	5.00	65.00
	Portsmouth:						
10/28	Elm Avenue ....	5.00	30.00		5.00	3.00	43.00
9/17	First .....	10.00	35.00		10.00	6.00	61.00
3/22	Shelton Memorial	10.00	5.00		10.00	3.00	28.00

		<i>Conf. Fund</i>	<i>Conf. H. M.</i>	<i>Min. Ed. Fd.</i>	<i>Min. Sch. Fd.</i>	<i>Va. C. C.</i>	<i>Total</i>
9/29	Richmond .....	15.00	35.00		15.00	5.00	70.00
9/27	South Norfolk ....	15.00	60.00		15.00	20.00	110.00
9/27	Spring Hill .....	5.00	10.00		5.00	2.00	22.00
	Suffolk .....						
9/17	Sunbury, Damascus	10.00	15.00		10.00	5.00	40.00
10/18	Union (South.) ...	20.00	15.00		20.00	5.00	60.00
10/22	Union (Surry) ...	5.00	5.00		5.00	2.00	17.00
10/22	Wakefield .....	5.00	10.00		5.00	4.00	24.00
9/17	Waverly .....	10.00	25.00		15.00	5.00	55.00
10/18	Windsor .....	15.00	30.00		15.00	4.00	64.00
1948							
10/13	E. R. Day—Note ..			10.00			10.00
12/2	F. H. Wise—Note .			10.00			10.00
12/29	Tr. Conf. Fund ...					17.00	17.00
1949							
1/8	E. R. Day—Note ..			10.00			10.00
4/9	Tr. C.H.M., a/c L.C.			300.00			300.00
4/15	2 Yrs. Int., L.C. Note			66.00			66.00
4/28	Hopewell, P. & I. ..			270.00			270.00
4/30	Ellis Clark—Note .			150.00			150.00
5/24	H. G. Council—Note			10.00			10.00
5/25	E. Va. Conf.—						
	New A/C .....	648.25	1,930.06	3,462.82	1,000.00	4.00	7,081.13
6/7	E. R. Day—Note ..			10.00			10.00
9/30	Hopewell, P. & I. ..			265.00			265.00
10/18	Elm Ave.—Draft ..			200.00			200.00
10/26	Little Creek—Loan			200.00			200.00
10/28	Eure—Conv. Fd. ..	230.00					230.00
10/28	Oak Grove .....	103.15					103.15
10/31	Total Receipts ....	\$2,549.25	\$5,453.75	\$8,300.64	\$2,420.00	\$ 573.00	\$19,296.64
10/31	Total Disbursements	1,390.10	2,721.73	4,162.82	1,000.00	329.00	9,603.65
10/31	Balance .....	\$1,159.15	\$2,732.02	\$4,137.82	\$1,420.00	\$ 244.00	\$9,692.99

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1948							
11/17	Bank Serv. Charges . \$	.10				\$	.10
	Dr. G. W. Shepherd	25.00					25.00
	Office Equip. Co. .	80.65					80.65
	West & Withers ...	5.00					5.00
	Va. Council of Chs.					\$ 250.00	250.00
11/24	W. L. Wood .....		\$ 33.00				33.33
	W. B. O'Neill, Exp.	13.50					13.50
	Treasurer's Exp. ..	10.00					10.00
11/25	W. T. Scott, Conv.	131.00					131.00
11/30	W. T. Scott, Conv.	7.00					7.00
12/7	Bank Service Charge	.10					.10
12/8	Bank Service Charge	.25					.25
12/29	Tr. V. C. C. ....	17.00					17.00
12/15	W. L. Wood, Salary		41.66				41.66
12/28	Rel. Work Fdn. ...					75.00	75.00
1949							
1/10	W. T. Scott, Conv.	118.00					118.00
1/17	W. L. Wood .....		41.66				41.66
2/21	W. L. Wood .....		41.66				41.66
32/21	W. L. Wood .....		41.66				41.66
3/21	Hopewell, Loan ...			\$ 700.00			700.00

		<i>Conf. Fund</i>	<i>Conf. H. M.</i>	<i>Min. Ed. Fd.</i>	<i>Min. Sch. Fd.</i>	<i>Va. C. C.</i>	<i>Total</i>
4/9	Little Creek, Loan .		300.00				300.00
4/25	W. L. Wood .....		41.66				41.66
5/26	To close a/c EVCC	684.25	1,930.06	3,462.82	\$1,000.00	4.00	7,081.13
5/26	W. L. Wood .....		41.66				41.66
6/23	W. L. Wood .....		41.66				41.66
7/13	W. L. Wood .....		41.66				41.66
8/15	W. L. Wood .....		41.66				41.66
9/5	W. J. Andes, Annals	235.00					235.00
9/27	W. L. Wood .....		41.66				41.66
10/25	W. L. Wood .....		41.74				41.74
10/25	Central Pub. Co. . .	13.25					13.25
10/31	Total Disbursements	\$1,390.10	\$2,721.73	\$4,162.82	\$1,000.00	\$ 329.00	\$9,603.65

## RECAPITULATION.

	Oct. 30, 1948 <i>Balance</i>	1948-1949 <i>Receipts</i>	1948-1949 <i>Disbursements</i>	Oct. 31, 1949 <i>Balance</i>
Conference Fund .....	\$ 835.85	\$1,029.15	\$ 705.85	\$1,159.15
Conference Home Missions	2,372.69	1,151.00	791.67	2,732.02
Ministerial Education Fund	3,336.82	1,501.00	700.00	4,137.82
Ministerial Scholarship Fund	950.00	470.00		1,420.00
Virginia Council of Churches	275.00	294.00	325.00	244.00
	<u>\$7,770.36</u>	<u>\$4,445.15</u>	<u>\$2,522.52</u>	<u>\$9,692.99</u>

Balance October 30, 1948 ..... \$ 7,770.36

Total Receipts 1948-49 ..... 4,445.15

Total Balance ..... \$12,215.51

Disbursements for the Year ..... 2,522.52

\$ 9,692.99

G. C. WHITE, *Treasurer.*

Dr. W. T. Scott presented the Rev. John F. McClelland of Silver Spring, Maryland, to the Conference and on motion it was voted that he be made a deliberative member of the Conference.

The President called to the chair Dr. H. S. Hardcastle who presided while Rev. R. E. Britte gave the President's Address which was as a clarion call for a strong church adequate to the needs of today.

Rev. W. S. Carne made announcements regarding entertainment overnight and arrangements as to the luncheon.

Dr. N. G. Newman pronounced the benediction and the Conference adjourned at 12:30 p. m. for lunch.

## WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The session was called to order at 2:15 p. m. The opening hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers," was led by Rev. J. E. Neese and prayer was offered by Rev. J. M. Roberts.

The President of the Southern Convention, Dr. John G. Truitt, told of some aspects of the Convention program. Speaking from his intimate con-

tact with the Convention Office he spoke in high praise of the efficient and excellent work being done by the field and office staffs and of their inestimable worth to the ongoing life of the Convention. In the unavoidable absence of Dr. L. E. Smith, Dr. Truitt brought greetings from Elon College.

A report from the College was read and pending its adoption, Supt. W. T. Scott gave a glowing account of the present status of the College, its enrollment, its future prospects, and its building program. He told of several ways by which we could render aid to this beloved institution. The report was adopted.

Mr. Shirley T. Holland also spoke to the report.

#### A REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ELON COLLEGE.

The founding fathers of our college had a wonderful vision for the stability and progress of our church when they founded Elon College. The church built the college and has given its support through the years. The type of education proposed and promoted by our church college is essential to our democratic way of life and vital to the life and progress of our churches. The college continues to make progress. The expansion program is under way. The new power house is in operation and is a joy to the entire college constituency. The new gymnasium is nearing completion but is not paid for. Funds are needed for this project. The total enrollment of the college for the first quarter of this year, including specials, is 832. Our faculty is excellent and the equipment is in good condition.

The churches of this conference are requested to give their support to our college by paying their apportionments in full and by sending their young people to their own college for training and guidance in the field of higher education. Individuals of our churches are requested to give generously to our college's expansion program that this vision for our college and church may be realized fully and as quickly as possible.

The report of the Committee on Apportionments, with accompanying Schedule of Apportionments, was given by the chairman, Mr. Shirley T. Holland and pending its adoption Mr. Holland explained that in order to assist the Southern Convention to carry on the various phases of its important work, as represented in Christian Education, Superannuation, Elon College, the Orphanage, Missions at home and abroad, and the Convention Office and Staff, it was absolutely necessary that the askings be no less this year than last. He requested each church to accept its apportionment not in the spirit of compulsion but rather as a goal to be achieved.

Dr. W. T. Scott spoke to the report. Report adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

According to the teachings of Jesus, greatness is in direct proportion to service rendered. The Church is the great institution that it is today because it is trying to reach out through every possible avenue to meet the needs of the world and render the greatest possible service.

Our Southern Convention in its last session, April 27-28, 1948, unanimously voted to accept the challenge inherent in "Our Christian World Mission," resolving "that our spiritual, human and financial resources be mobilized, committed and directed in a Program of Advance during the biennium 1948-50."

In keeping with this program it became necessary last year to make slight proportionate increases in some of our Conference Apportionment items, and at the same time give credit for contributions heretofore not credited on apportionment.

Your Committee on Apportionments would highly commend the churches of our Conference which so readily accepted the increased apportionment (and nearly all of



the churches did accept the increase) and realized it to be a challenge to serve in a greater way. These apportionments are not compulsory but goals toward which each church may strive.

Your Committee herewith presents the same table of Apportionments as presented at last conference and urges each church to strive to reach this goal.

S. T. HOLLAND, *Chairman*,  
J. P. DALTON,  
FLOYD TURNER,  
H. S. HARDCASTLE,  
R. E. BRITTLE,  
*Committee.*

### SCHEDULE OF APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1949-50.

NAME OF CHURCH	Home Missions and Church Extension	Foreign Missions and Shaowu	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues	Conference Fund	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Conference Home Missions	Virginia Council of Churches	Totals
Antioch.....	\$ 60	\$ 57	\$ 12	\$ 85	\$ 22	\$ 13	\$ 33	\$ 10	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 10	\$ 5	317
Barrett's.....	15	14	6	20	11	7	5	5	5	5	5	2	100
Berea, Nansemond.....	100	99	93	60	44	33	38	10	15	15	25	4	536
Bethlehem, Disputanta.....	30	28	12	10	11	7	11	10	5	5	5	4	138
Bethlehem, Nansemond.....	145	142	139	125	66	80	55	35	15	15	50	15	882
Burton's Grove.....	15	14	10	10	11	7	11	2	5	5	5	1	96
Centerville.....	15	14	6	15	10	5	5	4	5	5	5	2	91
Cypress Chapel.....	145	156	151	115	44	47	49	22	15	15	50	11	820
Dendron.....	20	20	60	15	10	7	5	2	3	3	2	1	148
Eure.....	50	50	50	50	10	10	30	15	10	10	10	10	305
Franklin.....	285	311	141	245	45	80	110	22	15	15	75	12	1,356
Great Bridge (Berea).....	130	156	60	40	55	33	55	15	15	15	35	5	614
Holland.....	300	250	275	250	58	70	132	28	10	10	75	12	1,470
Holy Neck.....	110	100	140	140	45	45	80	20	10	10	25	9	734
Hopewell.....	30	24	6	10	11	7	5	10	5	5	4	6	123
Isle of Wight.....	35	42	30	75	11	7	22	5	10	10	10	2	259
Johnson's Grove.....	20	20	10	10	11	7	5	5	5	5	3	2	103
Liberty Spring.....	115	113	121	145	35	40	49	22	15	15	40	12	722
Mt. Carmel.....	145	142	82	105	44	27	55	15	15	15	35	7	687
Mt. Zion.....	15	14	6	15	11	7	5	4	5	5	5	2	94
New Lebanon.....	45	42	12	30	11	13	16	5	10	10	10	2	206
Newport News.....	435	600	250	400	120	150	200	30	25	25	100	15	2,350
Norfolk: Bay View.....	45	42	24	40	11	7	22	5	10	10	5	4	225
Christian Temple.....	940	940	300	850	132	157	400	80	35	35	100	31	4,000
First.....	100	100	140	140	40	40	71	20	10	10	35	9	715
Little Creek.....	20	20	30	5	5	3	5	5	2	2	2	1	100
Rosemont.....	500	600	800	480	90	81	175	30	25	25	80	14	2,900
Second.....	115	113	114	155	22	40	60	14	10	10	30	3	686
Oak Grove.....	60	57	24	60	11	7	27	7	5	5	10	3	276
Oakland.....	130	128	91	125	33	27	44	25	15	10	35	10	673
Portsmouth: Elm Ave.....	145	136	36	50	22	27	33	12	5	5	30	3	504
First.....	200	199	150	185	44	47	77	10	10	10	35	6	973
Shelton Memorial.....	45	43	24	15	22	13	22	5	10	10	5	3	217
Richmond.....	145	142	121	185	22	27	55	10	15	15	35	5	777
South Norfolk.....	240	241	161	230	44	33	93	42	15	15	60	20	1,194
Spring Hill.....	45	45	24	30	11	7	22	5	5	5	10	2	211
Suffolk.....	960	960	781	960	166	201	433	100	40	40	300	43	4,984
Sunbury, Damascus.....	75	57	63	75	11	13	33	12	10	10	15	5	379
Union, Southampton.....	85	85	72	75	11	13	27	10	20	20	15	5	438
Union, Surry.....	25	20	12	20	11	7	5	3	5	5	5	2	120
Wakefield.....	65	62	24	60	22	7	22	9	5	5	10	4	285
Waverly.....	170	170	72	185	22	13	88	15	10	15	25	5	790
Windsor.....	130	128	121	110	22	13	44	9	15	15	30	4	641
Totals.....	\$6,500	\$6,696	\$4,856	\$6,005	\$1,470	\$1,485	\$2,734	\$724	\$500	\$500	\$1,456	\$323	\$ 33,249

The Conference Historian, Dr. N. G. Newman, presented his report which was adopted with the request that it be printed in *THE ANNUAL* as a part of the Conference minutes, and further that it be published in *The Christian Sun*.

### REPORT OF HISTORIAN.

#### OUR MINISTERS FROM 1872-1922.

In 1872 there were nine ministers in this Conference—Wm. B. Wellons, Mills B. Barrett, Robert H. Holland, John N. Manning, Cornelius A. Apple, Stephen S. Barrett, Thomas W. Joyner and Richard H. Costen. They were serving twenty-one churches and receiving a total salary of \$2,710.00 (average of \$301.33⅓). The Conference had a membership of 2,618, raised \$5,007.00 for all purposes, and the church property was valued at \$26,860.00. At the close of the half century in 1922, there were twenty-eight ministers serving forty-six churches and receiving a total salary of \$40,896.75 (average of \$1,460.57). The membership was 9,628, raised for all purposes, \$179,339.00, and the value of the church property was \$782,850.00.

During this half-century eighty-two ministers were received into the Conference by licensure and ordination, and by transfer from other bodies. A few served churches for a while without becoming members of the Conference. Of these eighty-two, forty-eight came from other areas, thirteen of whom were from other denominations. Thirty-two were furnished by this Conference. Of the forty-eight coming from other areas, twenty-two were from North Carolina, one from Georgia, two from Alabama, one from England, and twenty from different areas north of the Mason and Dixon Line. Of those from other areas, nineteen remained about two years, fifteen from three to four years, eight about five years, three ten years, one twenty years, two till death or forced retirement, and one is going strong after more than thirty years. Those remaining ten years and more entered seriously into the work of the Conference and became a vital part of its life. Of the thirty-two native to our Conference, eight went to other denominations, nine were failures, fifteen were mediocre, and ten were outstanding.

During this period, 1872 to 1922, forty-five were received into the Biblical Class as candidates for the ministry. Twenty dropped out of college, or never entered. Two died while in school, three went through college but never entered the ministry, and the other twenty entered and remained in the ministry. Three of the latter are in active service now, and three retired after forty-five to fifty-one years of service. Of the total forty-five, twenty became college or university graduates, and six pursued seminary courses—one at Princeton, two at Harvard, one at Yale, and two at the University of Chicago.

The above statistics do not present a rosy picture. I have given them neither for encouragement nor discouragement, but merely as history. The failures but illustrate the weakness of human nature and the errors of human judgment. But it has ever been thus. There is nothing for this Conference to do but heed the Master's remedy for failure and "launch out a little further into the deep"—"sow beside all waters for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, this or that."

N. G. NEWMAN, *Historian*.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was presented by the chairman, Rev. J. Everette Neese, and on motion it was adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

Stewardship implies something more than money. However, to most people it means just that and that alone. But, needless to say, stewardship is a spirit of living and serving as well as giving. And herein lies the joy of real Christian service. Without the stewardship of time and talent there could be no service for Christ. Without the stewardship of a dedicated life and of money there could be no missionary outreach of the church. In fact, the consecration of all we have is the only way to hasten the progress of the Kingdom of God in the lives of men.

Your Committee therefore makes the following recommendations:

1. That the local churches cooperate with the Convention Committee on Stewardship in supporting Stewardship Institutes.

2. That each church seek to develop a stewardship program of time and talent among its members and thereby enlist as many as possible in the service of the Church.

3. That a Tithing program be inaugurated in our churches whereby the members can more definitely fulfill their Christian obligation.

4. That Stewardship literature be made available to the members of our churches so that they may be constantly enlightened on this department of the Kingdom's work.

J. EVERETTE NEESE, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by the secretary and pending its adoption an address was given by Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Educational Secretary of the Southern Convention, on "Our Christian World Mission." This address was a strong plea for our support of the denominational program at home and abroad. With striking illustrations drawn from her wide travel Miss Coghill told of the world's need with its consequent Christian opportunity.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Five generations or more of Christian Church leaders have convened and called attention to the urgency of sending the Gospel abroad and yet one hears within and without the church, "What good is it to send money and missionaries to the foreign field?" The answer is apparent to the true believer—God's will, command and desire. A generation is a brief span of time to the Heavenly Host and the good wrought in many far places has been solely that of the American trained and supported missionary.

Educating those in the church and those claiming non-belief will remedy much of this. As a people, we are so self-centered, well-fed and over-clothed that one wonders the plea is heard at all. But God's voice is ever heard and many have responded and continue. We often glibly agree with the man in the street when he criticizes our belief and plans. Every jibe is an opportunity to snap back in a friendly way and plant a seed for foreign missions.

Ministers should preach the commandment to go into all the world and expect their people to uphold this tenet with seriousness and reverence. Ministers may well use the mission themes and studies of the women as a basis for a sermon or a series of sermons. The winning of mankind into a peaceful brotherhood will not be achieved by arms, meetings, conferences, monetary or relief systems, but by the knowledge of one another in the light of Christ's teachings. It seems sensible to practice Christian missions to save ourselves as well as our fellow men.

Women in Protestant Churches of America are studying Japan and the peoples about us at home this year. Japan is a most fitting subject at the present time. Men who pride themselves on their knowledge of current events might like to add missionary endeavors to their knowledge.

Never have so many people in so many far places needed our Christian love and help. Many who are unworthy represent us to our foreign friends in a most unseemly manner. Let us keep our foreign mission fields supplied with able personnel, money, our love and prayers. With Christ we can win the world!

MRS. R. L. HOUSE,  
*Acting Chairman,*

MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS,  
REV. JOHN GALLO,  
REV. D. D. NASH,

*Committee.*

Report adopted.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was presented by the chairman, Rev. Will B. O'Neill, and pending its adoption an address was given by Rev. John F. McClelland of Silver Spring, Maryland. It was the fascinating story of the beginnings of a new church in this suburban area of our nation's capital. Following the address the film, "We Would Be



Building," was shown illustrating what can be accomplished when a combination of vision, consecration and leadership are brought together.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions is deeply conscious of the need to open new work within the bounds of this Conference. This is an imperative if we are to remain as a strong religious force in Eastern Virginia. It is to our regret that we lag behind other denominations in this respect. We urge our ministers living near new real estate developments or unchurched communities to inform this committee of any possible opportunities for new work.

At the same time we must continue to support and strengthen churches already established but which need a friendly lift so as to help them secure competent ministers at a salary in keeping with the times. However, we believe it should become the fixed policy of this Conference that future aid granted churches should be on a sliding scale looking towards the time when each church shall come to an early self-support.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That the sum of \$1,000.00 allotted to the Union, Southampton, Christian Church on its new parsonage be paid without further restrictions.
2. That in view of pending readjustments in the Wakefield parish that a sum not to exceed \$500.00 be left at the discretion of this committee for use in this parish.
3. That the sum of \$1,000.00 be granted the Windsor Christian Church towards its new building program and that this amount be paid when your committee has been notified that building operations have begun.
4. That \$300.00 be paid Ministerial Education Fund a/c Little Creek loan.

WILL B. O'NEILL,  
S. T. HOLLAND,  
R. E. BRITTLE,  
J. PARKER CROSS,  
MILLS E. GODWIN, JR.,  
*Committee.*

After the benediction by Rev. John Gallo the Conference adjourned until the evening session.

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#### WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The President called the Conference to order at 7:30 p. m. The Rev. W. Stanley Carne, assisted by the choir of First Church, conducted the service of worship.

Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, chairman of the Committee on Ministerial Education, presented Mr. Murray A. Carson as a candidate for licensure. President R. E. Brittle offered prayer and extended the right hand of fellowship to Mr. Carson admitting him as a licentiate of this Conference.

Memorial Services in tribute to Rev. Lucius L. Lassiter and Rev. Frank H. Lewis, D. D., were conducted by Rev. J. E. McCauley.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

During the past year two of our ministers have passed on to their reward. This report is designed to give some recognition to their personality and work in our midst.

#### LUCIUS L. LASSITER.

Rev. Lucius Lee Lassiter, son of the late John Lassiter and wife, was born in Gates County, near Sunbury, North Carolina, April 9, 1863. He attended Elon College and graduated from that institution in June, 1898. After graduation from college, he



was called to serve a group of churches in the Virginia Valley Conference, where he remained for several years. His principal work as a pastor was done in that conference. He was later called to serve the South Norfolk Church for a few months. After this he retired from active work, as a pastor, and devoted most of his time to repair work as a carpenter, preaching as a supply occasionally, when an opportunity was open to him. For several years he was employed by the Lakeview Hospital of Suffolk where he used his talents to good effect in having general oversight over needed repairs.

He was a spiritually minded man, devout in his attitude towards the church and interested in its progress and spiritual growth. He died on August 23, 1949.

#### FRANK H. LEWIS.

Dr. Frank H. Lewis, pastor of the Shelton Memorial Church, Portsmouth, Virginia, for nine years, was born November 4, 1872, in the state of Maryland. He was a son of the late Abram and Hanly Lewis. He began preaching at the early age of 21 or 22 years, as a minister in the Methodist Protestant Church. Later he became pastor of some of the large churches of that denomination, the most significant pastorate being a great church in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. He served as president of his conference for a term of years and was recognized as a great preacher.

After his retirement he visited some friends in Portsmouth, Virginia. While on that visit the pastor of the Shelton Memorial Church passed on to his reward. Dr. Lewis was invited to preach one Sunday as a supply. The congregation was so well pleased a call was extended to him and he accepted, remaining as pastor until his death at Massanetta Springs Bible Conference on August 28, 1949.

Soon after accepting a call to the church in Portsmouth, he transferred his membership to the Eastern Virginia Christian Conference. In November 1948 he was elected president of this conference.

Dr. Lewis was soon recognized as a great preacher. His physical appearance was a great asset to his work in the pulpit. His massive body, his alert attitude, his strong face, his keen mind, his vivid imagination and his eloquent tongue commanded attention when he appeared in the pulpit to declare the gospel message. He set for himself a high standard of moral conduct and spiritual living. He said to me many times: "I do not understand how any minister can afford to smoke or chew tobacco in any form. I think a minister should be different in his personal life." That was an index to his high standard, for himself, in the whole field of ministerial relations.

He was a great Christian and a powerful preacher of the Word of God. He was a man of God. It was my happy privilege to have him as a real friend. He carried sunshine in his face and friendship in his heart. His death was a great shock to all who knew him well.

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We suggest that the Conference stand for a moment of silence, followed by a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the gift of these men to our Church and a prayer of sympathy and friendship for the bereaved families.

We further suggest that a copy of this tribute be entered upon the records of the Conference, a copy sent to the families and a copy sent to *The Christian Sun* for publication.

I. W. JOHNSON.

The Conference sermon was delivered by Dr. Luther B. Grice on the theme: "How the Church Advances." It was a scholarly presentation of the thought that the church as a divine institution by its sense of mission, its deep convictions concerning the reality of God, and its unfailing faith, makes its greatest advances in the time of stress and storm.

The Communion service was conducted by Rev. William L. Wood, assisted by several ministers who served as deacons.

The Conference adjourned after the benediction by Rev. W. L. Wood.

## THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Conference was called to order by the President at 9:30. Rev. Johnson L. Griffin led the opening hymn and prayer was offered by Rev. W. A. Grissom.

The secretary was instructed to convey the greetings of the Conference to Rev. J. Frank Morgan, Dr. I. W. Johnson and Rev. George R. Olejar who were absent due to illness.

The following ministers and visitors were presented to Conference: Rev. Duane N. Vore of the Suffolk Christian Church; Rev. Robert A. Whitten of Winchester and Rev. Edwin B. and Mrs. Cunningham of Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was read by Rev. O. D. Poythress who spoke to the report and presented Rev. Robert A. Whitten, chairman of the Southern Convention Committee on Evangelism who addressed the Conference on "The United Evangelistic Advance."

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

The most important business of the church is Evangelism. In the 28th chapter of Matthew's Gospel, verses 18, 19 and 20, we have recorded the final messages of our Lord to His disciples before He went back to Heaven. He commissioned them "to make disciples of all nations." Jesus commanded them "to go" and "make disciples" of "all nations." The commission was binding on the disciples. We, your committee, believe it is just as binding on us today, as His followers, as it was on the disciples. The redeemed are to be true witnesses for the Redeemer in this great and important business of Evangelism.

"The How" to get our ministers and members more deeply dedicated to this all important task is of the deepest concern of your committee. When we come to our annual conference and hear the reports of our churches and learn how few souls we have won for Christ in our entire year, we are amazed. It would seem we have forgotten our mission. God forgive us if we have been so taken up with the doing of the lesser things, we do not have time for the all important work of *soul saving*. If this Conference is to *grow* and *glow* and *go*, we must evangelize.

There is no easy way to bring men and women, boys and girls to Jesus Christ. It is costly.

We must remember, Jesus paid the price of our Redemption. He gave His all, can we do less? God alone can save souls, through the atoning blood of Christ, but He uses human beings to make known his message, and to be witnesses of His grace.

We would, therefore, call upon our ministers and members to give themselves anew to God in prayer, that we study God's word daily, and that we dedicate more of our time and talent towards the winning of precious souls to Christ.

We recommend:

1. That this conference sponsor a meeting in which we are given expert leadership in the field of Evangelism.
2. That each church place special emphasis on developing the spiritual life of its members, and increasing their membership during the year.
3. That the Field Secretary of the S.C.C. call together the ministers and leading laymen of this conference at the earliest possible date, to plan for a Great Crusade of Soul Winning.

O. D. POYTHRESS,  
W. L. WOOD,  
W. S. CARNE,  
J. E. MCCAULEY,  
*Committee.*

The report was adopted.

The report of the Christian Missionary Association was presented by the President, Rev. B. H. Watkins, and on motion it was adopted.

#### REPORT OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

The 57th annual meeting of the Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association was held at the First Congregational Christian Church, Portsmouth (Rev. Stanley Carne, pastor) on December 7, 1948, with an afternoon and evening session. The Association was called to order and presided over by the President, Rev. Robert M. Kimball.

The interesting features of the program were as follows: Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of the Southern Convention, addressed the session using as his theme "The Place of the Church in a Changing World." The President, Rev. Robert M. Kimball, addressed the Association, using as his theme, "Our Christian World Missions at Home." Twenty-nine churches responded to the roll call with a grand total of \$2,-380.00. Newport News leads the churches of the Conference with a total of \$550.00, followed by Liberty Spring with a total of \$425.00, Christian Temple with \$200.00, Suffolk with \$175.00 and Waverly with \$110.00. Dr. I. W. Johnson's field still leads with a total of \$595.00. Reports were given from Association-aided churches by the following representatives: Bay View—Mr. B. C. Hasket; Little Creek—Rev. M. E. Taylor; Union (South.)—Rev. B. H. Watkins.

The goal set by the Association (every church in the Conference a member of the Association and every church represented at its annual meeting) should be maintained and worked for by pastors, churches and members of the Association.

The Association adjourned to meet in the First Church, Norfolk, for its next meeting.

B. H. WATKINS, *President.*

The report of the Woman's Missionary Conference was read by the secretary and on motion it was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF EASTERN VIRGINIA WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

For thirty-seven years the women of our denomination have met in Eastern Virginia to report on their home and foreign missionary activities. This year the meeting was held on October 6, 1949, at the Christian Temple. It was the fourth time that the women of the Temple had entertained the Woman's Conference since 1913.

There were 327 women who came to hear Timothy Chang tell of Han Mei School in Shaowu, Baxter Twiddy report on his journeys abroad in work camps, and to hear the officers describe what had been done.

The number of societies at work remain about the same. Much has been done for young people and children throughout the year. We set a high financial goal—\$10,000—and fell somewhat short of reaching it!

"We Dedicate Ourselves" is the theme for the year with Japan and the people about us as a home study.

Officers elected were: Mrs. W. T. Harrell—President; Mrs. R. T. Bradford—Vice-President; Mrs. Ray Gordon—Second Vice-President; Mrs. L. W. Stagg—Secretary; Mrs. W. B. Williams—Treasurer; Mrs. J. H. Duling—Spiritual Life; Mrs. Roy Brinkley—Life Memberships and Memorials; Mrs. W. V. Leathers—Literature; Mrs. Garland Spratley—Interdenominational Cooperation; Mrs. J. B. Gibson—Family Life; Mrs. R. E. Brittle—Young People; Mrs. W. C. Seeley—Children; Mrs. George W. Highsmith—Cradle Roll; Superintendents of Districts: Mrs. L. W. Vaughan—Norfolk; Mrs. A. C. Moore—Suffolk; Mrs. J. F. Brown—Waverly.

The reports were mimeographed and distributed, making possible a longer usefulness.

MRS. R. L. HOUSE,  
*Retiring President.*

Dr. William T. Scott made a strong plea for greater support of *The Christian Sun*, asking for sustaining memberships at \$10.00 per year.



The report of the Committee on Social Action was presented by the chairman, Rev. Herbert G. Council, Jr., and it was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION.

Your Committee on Social Action does not wish to make a lengthy report this year. If you wish to refresh your minds on the meaning and purpose of Social Action as related to the program of the Christian Church today, we refer you to the report made by this Committee last year and printed in *THE ANNUAL* for 1948, Volume 77.

We wish to call your attention to the following publications which are very helpful in promoting Social Action Programs in the local church: *Christian Community*, a program service of the Council for Social Action of the Congregational Christian Churches, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., and the Commission on Christian Social Action of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, 2969 West 25th Street, Cleveland 13, Ohio. This publication, especially the current issue, September-October, 1949, carries many helpful suggestions for setting up a Social Action Committee in the local church and observances of special days. It is free to all pastors and lay workers. Another publication by the same Council and Commission is *Social Action*. It is published monthly and carries very interesting articles on current social questions. The "Washington Report" Department of Social Action which Thomas B. Keehn, Legislative Secretary of the Council for Social Action, has conducted for the past year will not be carried this year as a regular feature of the magazine. *Social Action* editors will call upon Mr. Keehn for frequent analyses of the national political scene as it relates to specific problems discussed in the magazine. Mr. Keehn now edits for the Council a "Legislative Action Service," which may be obtained by writing for it to 1751 "N" Street, N.W., Washington 6, D. C. Subscription rates for *Social Action* magazine are \$1.50 per year, one to nine copies, 15 cents each; ten to 49 copies, 12 cents each; 50 or more copies, 10 cents each.

We would like to call your attention to the Displaced Persons Program of the Congregational Christian Service Committee, 110 East 29th St., New York 16, N. Y. Dr. Douglas Horton, Minister of the General Council, writes: "Of the 800,000 to 1,000,000 Displaced Persons scattered over Europe, by act of Congress 205,000 are admissible to the United States. Of those eligible to come, roughly one-third are Protestants or Greek Orthodox for whom the Protestant Churches of America are solely responsible. We of the Congregational Christian Churches have joined with other denominations to provide job opportunities and homes for them and have committed ourselves to procuring 1,200 assurances of sponsorship. This commitment is commonly referred to as a blanket assurance. Individual assurances are counted towards its fulfillment. The one thing they need now is something you alone can give—an assurance for resettlement in the United States of America. This is the name of the agreement whereby some individual, pastor, church, or civic organization undertakes to sponsor a DP family or single person. The time is short. Therefore we are setting December 25 as the date by which to procure these 1,200 assurances. We can make Christmas 1949 an event memorable in our own lives and in the lives of hundreds of desperate men, women and children. Your assurance is a Displaced Person's passport to new life on these shores." Your Social Action Committee strongly urges you as individuals and as churches to take immediate steps toward rendering aid in this Congregational Christian Program. Wisconsin is magnificently demonstrating what can be done as a mere handful of devoted men and women secure more than 250 assurances. But the job can only be done by the united effort of all our churches. Pamphlets, leaflets and Assurance Blanks may be secured from the above address.

Your Committee on Social Action sometimes feels that it is a Committee in name only since it holds no meetings during the year, nor does it promote any specific projects throughout the Conference. If its function is fulfilled merely by submitting to the Conference an annual report which is usually written by the Chairman, and if you see fit to continue it on that basis, your Committee is happy to render even that small service.

H. G. COUNCIL, JR., *Ch'm'n*,  
HARRY W. LEE,  
LUTHER B. GRICE,  
*Committee.*



The Rev. D. P. Barrett, our former missionary to Puerto Rico, was presented to Conference and spoke briefly.

The report of the Sunday School Convention was read by the secretary and it was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The eightieth session of the Sunday School Convention of the Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met at Oakland Christian Church, Chuckatuck, Virginia, on Tuesday, July 19, 1949, with over 300 delegates and visitors present.

The theme of the Convention was "Go Teach," and a very interesting and inspiring program was presented around this theme.

Collections and reports have been received from nearly all of the 44 Sunday Schools in the Conference, but there are several still lacking and attention is called to those failing to submit their reports and send in their collections, because it seriously handicaps the work of the Convention.

The sum of \$800.00 was appropriated for the Board of Christian Education, and \$100.00 of this amount was earmarked for training schools within the Conference. The sum of \$50.00 was appropriated for the Virginia Council of Churches, and other miscellaneous items of expense were ordered paid.

The Convention was concerned about the opportunity for leadership training courses for our Sunday School workers and it is interested in seeing that some definite steps are taken in order that our Sunday School leaders may have more adequate instructions and preparation for their work.

The Convention voted to hold its 1950 Session on Tuesday following the Third Sunday in July, with the Sunday School of the Cypress Chapel Christian Church, near Suffolk, Virginia.

The following officers were re-elected to serve another year: Mills E. Godwin, Jr.—president; Rev. W. L. Wood—vice-president; W. H. Baker—secretary; Mary Lee Folk—treasurer.

MILLS E. GODWIN, JR., *President.*

The report of the Pilgrim Fellowship was read by the secretary and it was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT FROM EASTERN VIRGINIA PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP.

We are glad of this opportunity to submit this report to the Conference. We feel that this has been a most successful year, to the extent that much more interest and enthusiasm has been shown by the young people, their counselors and their ministers.

We have held two rallies, the first at Liberty Spring Christian Church on Sunday, March 27, with 300 present. The program consisted of talks by Rev. George Poole, missionary from South America, Mr. Mills E. Godwin, Jr., and reports from all of the Departmental Chairmen. The second rally was held at Bethlehem Christian Church on Sunday, August 28, with afternoon and evening sessions. Two hundred and fifty were present for this meeting. The Rev. Earl Farrell gave the afternoon address, and in the evening we were entertained with a movie sponsored by the Suffolk Church.

JACK BYRD, *President.*

The report of the Committee on Finance was presented by Mr. Shirley T. Holland and it was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, the Committee on Finance, have carefully examined the records of the Treasurer, and have found them to be correct. All records are being kept in an excellent manner. The Conference is fortunate in having such an efficient and capable person as Mr. G. C. White to fill this important office.

The records of the Treasurer show the following amounts on hand and in the bank:

Conference Fund .....	\$1,159.15
Home Missions Fund .....	2,732.02
Ministerial Education Fund .....	4,137.82
Virginia Council of Churches & Work in State Insts.	244.00
Ministerial Scholarship Fund .....	1,420.00
Total .....	<u>\$9,692.99</u>

We also report that the Treasurer has received at this session of Conference checks and cash totaling \$468.00 from churches on Conference Apportionments.

We recommend the payment of the following from the Conference Fund:

Conference Collections of Convention Funds .....	\$ 333.15
Suffolk Insurance Corp., Premium, Treasurer's Bond .	5.00
Supplies and Misc. Expenses of Secretary's Office ..	32.37
Secretary's salary .....	50.00
Rev. John F. McClelland—Expenses .....	50.00

(Also any incidental bills incurred by the Secretary & Treasurer)

We authorize the Treasurer to pay from the Conference Fund the amount necessary to pay in full the appropriation of \$325.00 to the Virginia Council of Churches and Work in State Institutions.

In order to avoid confusion in the handling of the Ministerial Scholarship Fund, we recommend that this fund be forwarded direct to the Convention Office with the understanding that it will be returned to the Conference Treasurer.

We authorize the payment of the following appropriations from the Home Missions Fund as recommended by the Home Missions Committee and as approved by the Conference on condition embodied in the report:

Little Creek Church—a/c Min. Education Fund Loan	\$ 300.00
Wakefield Parish—A sum not to exceed .....	500.00
Union (Southampton) .....	1,000.00
Windsor .....	1,000.00

We further recommend that the Treasurer draw checks on all funds handled by the Conference instead of having the Secretary draw drafts on the Treasurer which will simplify the bookkeeping of all funds coming into the hands of the Treasurer.

SHIRLEY T. HOLLAND,  
H. S. HARDCASTLE,  
W. H. BAKER,  
*Committee.*

On motion it was voted that Conference complete its program and adjourn before lunch.

The report of the Committee on Superannuation was presented by the chairman, Mr. John T. Kernodle and it was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

The work of Ministerial Relief of the Southern Convention has now been completely merged with that of our National Division of Ministerial Relief. This has resulted in larger pension payments for all of the pensioners in the Convention amounting to about a thirty per cent increase. This also means that the amount currently being raised by apportionments for Superannuation is falling short of the amount being granted by the Division of Ministerial Relief. Because of this, the Convention Board of Superannuation has asked the Convention to raise the askings for Superannuation. It is interesting to note, however, that the amount asked for by the Board is \$4,500, whole the amount raised in 1948 was \$4,518.

The Board, at its July meeting recommended to the Convention that it have each Conference elect one representative to the Board of Superannuation. At present your

committee chairman represents the Eastern Virginia Conference, but three of the other members are from the North Carolina and Virginia Conference.

It was also recommended that, "In view of the fact that the Board of Superannuation must investigate and approve all requests for pension grants, these requests shall be referred by each Conference Committee . . . for consideration, without Conference action."

At the present time, this Conference has on roll three pensioners—one minister and two widows. One pensioner passed away this year, but another was added, it being recommended by the Board that "he receive the maximum grant of \$468," payments starting immediately (July of this year). Names of pensioners are omitted in accordance with requests of former sessions of Conference.

We note with regret that there are among the younger ministers who have more recently united with the Conference, at least one or two who have not become members of the Annuity Fund. We have proffered our services in helping them so far as we can. They are missing an insurance opportunity of which many laymen would gladly avail themselves if it were possible. Not only the minister, but his family is involved. We hope they will give this opportunity more consideration.

We thank the local churches for the support they have given this Committee and the Convention Board in the past, and urge them to cooperate with their ministers in maintaining their membership in the Annuity Fund and to see that sufficient funds are raised to guarantee the present assistance given our superannuates.

J. T. KERNODLE, *Chairman*,  
B. H. WATKINS,  
ELLIS CLARKE,  
LETCHER ELEY,  
*Committee.*

The report of the Committee on Religious Literature was given by Mrs. William T. Harrell and on motion it was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The task of your Committee on Religious Literature seems to be to make suggestions as to the type of literature our churches should use. There are at our disposal vast sources of religious literature that can inspire us to give our best as workers in God's vineyard. It is our task and opportunity as Christian leaders of the Church to give wise counseling in the choice of reading material.

Therefore, we recommend:

1. That we make a more diligent study of the Bible. It is the basis of all religious literature.
2. That each church appoint a *Christian Sun* representative and endeavor to secure its quota of subscriptions. (Information plus inspiration—all for two dollars!)
3. That each minister subscribe to *Advance*, our national magazine and encourage others to do the same.
4. That *The Pilgrim Youth* be introduced in every home where young people live. (You will enjoy it yourself and it is a must for our young people.)
5. That each pastor and teacher acquire information about many helpful leaflets and pamphlets published on all subjects by our Missions Council and the Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y., in order that they may keep the people of our churches supplied with a variety of helpful religious materials.
5. That, if possible, a Workers' Library be established in each church, where leaders may find helps in their work.
7. That our women subscribe to and make wide use of *The Missionary Herald* and *Children's Religion*.
8. That our Sunday schools use standard literature, preferably our own denominational literature.

MRS. WILLIAM T. HARRELL.



The report of the Committee on Place of Meeting was presented by the chairman, Mrs. W. B. Williams and it was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE OF MEETING.

Your Committee on Place of Meeting has received an invitation for the Eastern Virginia Conference to meet in its one hundred and thirtieth annual session with the Bethlehem (Nansemond) Congregational Christian Church. We recommend that this invitation be accepted.

MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was given by Rev. Ellis N. Clark and it was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, wish to submit the following:

1. RESOLVED, That we extend our sincere appreciation to the pastor and people of the First Congregational Christian Church of Portsmouth, for the gracious manner in which they have entertained the 129th annual session of the Eastern Virginia Conference, for the delicious meals and their hospitality in entertaining delegates in their homes.

2. RESOLVED, That we acknowledge the efficient work of the Program Committee in planning and executing such a splendid program.

3. RESOLVED, That we extend the Reverend John F. McClelland of Silver Spring, Maryland, and the Reverend Robert A. Whitten our sincere appreciation for their inspiring addresses and to all the speakers who have made possible so great a Conference.

4. RESOLVED, That we also express our appreciation to the Choir and Pastor of the First Congregational Christian Church, Portsmouth, for their most heart-warming worship service of Wednesday evening.

5. RESOLVED, That we, the representatives of our churches, take all the good that we have received from the Conference back to our churches to enrich our local church.

HERBERT G. COUNCILL, JR.,  
MRS. HERBERT H. HARRELL,  
ELLIS N. CLARK,

*Committee.*

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read by Rev. O. D. Poythress who moved its adoption; Dr. Hardcastle put the question and the report was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, submit the following:

*President*—Rev. R. E. Brittle.  
*Vice-President*—Rev. W. Stanley Carne.  
*Secretary*—Rev. J. Everette Neese.  
*Treasurer*—Mr. G. Chapman White.  
*Historian*—Dr. N. G. Newman.

*Representatives to the Executive Board of the Southern Convention*—Dr. H. S. Hardcastle and Mr. Mills E. Godwin, Jr.

*Representatives to the Virginia Council of Churches*—Dr. Roy C. Helfenstein, Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, Rev. Duane N. Vore, Rev. W. Millard Stevens.

LUTHER B. GRICE,  
O. D. POYTHRESS,  
N. G. NEWMAN,

*Committee.*

A motion was made by Dr. H. S. Hardcastle that the minutes be printed in THE ANNUAL and that 300 hundred copies be ordered by the secretary. Adopted.



Words were spoken in appreciation of the valuable contribution which Rev. R. L. House had made to the Conference and Convention, and of the services of Rev. Will B. O'Neill as secretary. Dr. N. G. Newman spoke in appreciation of the long and fruitful ministry of Dr. I. W. Johnson.

Dr. H. S. Hardcastle was requested to prepare a letter conveying to the Rev. Will B. O'Neill the appreciation of the Conference for his services as secretary.

Dr. N. G. Newman told of the work being done by Dr. Charles E. Newman as historian of the Southern Convention who makes the request of each church that it prepare a history of its life and send the same to him that it might be deposited in the archives of the Convention at Elon College.

It was voted to accord to Miss Pattie Lee Coghill a warm welcome as she assumes the position of Educational Secretary in the Southern Convention and assuring her of our hearty cooperation in all of her undertakings.

It was voted that the splendid address given by the President of the Conference be published in *The Christian Sun*.

Voted that Conference adjourn following prayer and benediction by the Rev. Earl Farrell, and that it meet in its 130th Annual Session at Bethlehem Congregational Christian Church, near Suffolk, on Wednesday and Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1950.

R. E. BRITTLE, *President*.

WILL B. O'NEILL, *Secretary*.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES—1949-50.

*Executive*—R. E. Brittle, H. S. Hardcastle, W. S. Carne, Herbert G. Councill, Jr., J. E. Neese.

*Ministerial Education*—H. S. Hardcastle, W. S. Carne, J. E. McCauley, N. G. Newman, Millard Stevens.

*Apportionment*—S. T. Holland, J. P. Dalton, Floyd Turner, Luther Grice, Ellis Clark.  
*Home Missions*—N. G. Newman, S. T. Holland, Mills Godwin, J. P. Cross, M. E. Taylor.

*Foreign Missions*—Earl T. Farrell, Mrs. J. F. Morgan, D. D. Nash, John Gallo, Mrs. I. W. Johnson.

*Evangelism*—I. W. Johnson, O. D. Poythress, J. E. Neese, Millard Stevens, J. F. Morgan.

*Religious Literature*—R. C. Helfenstein, W. L. Wood, M. A. Carson, Mrs. W. T. Harrell, Baxter Twiddy.

*Stewardship*—J. H. Dollar, W. A. Grissom, J. M. Roberts, Luther Grice, Darden W. Jones.

*Social Action*—D. N. Vore, H. G. Councill, Jr., Harry W. Lee, Johnson Griffin, J. S. Taylor.

*Superannuation*—John T. Kernodle, B. H. Watkins, Ellis Clark, W. H. Baker, Letcher Eley.

*Program*—R. E. Brittle, H. S. Hardcastle, J. E. Neese, Herbert G. Councill, Jr.

*Place of Meeting*—Mrs. W. B. Williams.

*Memoirs*—I. W. Johnson, J. F. Morgan.

## MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS.

- Brittle, R. E.*—Churches served, Bethlehem (Nans.); sermons preached, 82; members received, 35; weddings performed, 110; conversions, 32; baptisms, 16; addresses, 3; funerals, 28.
- Carne, W. S.*—Churches served, First Christian, Portsmouth, Eclipse Christian; sermons preached, 150; members received, 40; prayer meetings held, 52; weddings performed, 10; conversions, 15; baptisms, 9; addresses, -50; funerals, 4.
- Clark, Ellis N.*—Church served, Berea (Great Bridge); sermons preached, 84; members received, 19; prayer meetings held, 14; weddings performed, 10; conversions, 13; baptisms, 13; addresses, 2; funerals, 6.
- Councill, Herbert George, Jr.*—Church served, Rosemont; sermons preached, 73; members received, 8; prayer meetings held, 25; weddings performed, 18; conversions, 6; baptisms, 5; addresses, 15; funerals, 10.
- Farrell, Earl T.*—Churches served, Haw River, Cypress Chapel, Damascus, Oak Grove; sermons preached, 90; members received, 15; weddings performed, 5; addresses, 8; funerals, 3.
- Grice, Luther B.*—Churches served, Holy Neck, Eure; sermons preached, 89; members received, 11; weddings performed, 2; conversions, 5; baptisms, 7; addresses, 2; funerals, 11.
- Grissom, W. A.*—Churches served, Franklin, Johnson's Grove; sermons preached, 30; members received, 14; weddings performed, 2; conversions, 3; baptisms, 3; addresses, 4; funerals, 1.
- Gwin, John L.*—Church served, First Church, Norfolk; sermons preached, 75; members received, 5; weddings performed, 4; conversions, 2; baptisms, 5; addresses, 12; funerals, 6.
- Hardcastle, H. S.*—Church served, First Church, Newport News; sermons preached, 96; members received, 36; weddings performed, 16 conversions, 29; baptisms, 13; funerals, 12.
- House, Robert Lee*—Church served, First, Richmond; sermons preached, 103; members received, 8; weddings performed, 6; baptisms, 3; addresses, 10; funerals, 4.
- Jackson, Richard L.*—Missionary to China.
- Johnson, I. W.*—Churches served, Berea (Nansemond), Liberty Spring, Oakland; sermons preached, 82; members received, 46; weddings performed (during entire ministry), 2,782; conversions, 24; baptisms, 24; addresses, 24; funerals, 18.
- Jones, Elwood W.*—Retired; sermons preached, 4; weddings performed, 4; addresses, 40; funerals, 1.
- McCauley, Joseph E.*—Churches served, Waverly, Centerville, Spring Hill; sermons preached, 120; members received, 5; prayer meetings held, 15; weddings performed, 7; conversions, 3; baptisms, 3; addresses, 5; funerals, 17.
- Morgan, J. Frank*—Retired.
- Murchison, J. Victor*—No report.
- Neese, J. Everette*—Church served, Norfolk, Second; sermons preached, 84; members received, 21; prayer meetings held, 39; weddings performed, 9; baptisms, 5; addresses, 8; funerals, 8.
- Newman, N. G.*—Retired.
- Olejar, George*—Retired.
- O'Neill, Will B.*—Church served, Holland; sermons preached, 65; members received, 2; prayer meetings held, 45; weddings performed, 2; baptisms, 2; addresses, 10; funerals, 8.

*Pearce, G. A.*—Sermons preached, 4; weddings performed, 1.

*Phillips, Slade W.*—Reported by letter.

*Poythress, O. D.*—Church served, South Norfolk; sermons preached, 115; members received, 60; prayer meetings held, 45; weddings performed, 76; conversions, 40; baptisms, 40; addresses, 16; funerals, 79.

*Roberts, J. M.*—No report.

*Scott, William T.*—Superintendent of The Southern Convention; sermons preached, 38; addresses, 56; funerals, 5.

*Smith, L. E. Smith*—President of Elon College; sermons preached, 16; weddings performed, 4; addresses, 24; funerals, 5.

*Truitt, John G.*—Superintendent of Christian Orphanage; sermons preached, 103; prayer meetings held, 37; weddings performed, 18; addresses, 48; funerals, 35.

*Warren, John H.*—Retired.

*Watkins, B. H.*—Church served, Union (Southampton), sermons preached, 92; members received, 6; prayer meetings held, 3; weddings performed, 3; conversions, 3; baptisms, 2; addresses, 2; funerals, 4.

*Wood, William L.*—Churches served, Wakefield, Barrett's, Burton's Grove; sermons preached, 98; members received, 1; prayer meetings held, 10; addresses, 2; funerals, 2.

*Young, Peter*—No report.

#### CONFERENCE ORDAINED LOCAL MINISTERS.

*Gallo, John*—Church served, Bethlehem (Disputanta); sermons preached, 58; members received, 3; weddings performed, 1; conversions, 3; baptisms, 3; addresses, 5; funerals, 2.

*Nash, Durant D.*—Church served, Hopewell; sermons preached, 164; members received, 4; prayer meetings held, 46; weddings performed, 14; conversions, 3; baptisms, 3; addresses, 5; funerals, 8.

*Taylor, M. E.*—Church served, Little Creek; sermons preached, 104; members received, 11; prayer meetings held, 52; weddings performed, 6; conversions, 15; baptisms, 7; funerals, 2.

#### LICENTIATES.

*Harrell, V. B., Jr.*—Sermons preached, 15; addresses, 4.

*Gleason, H. A. Jr.*—No report.

#### MEMBERS OF THE BIBLICAL CLASS.

*Twiddy, C. Baxter*—Student; sermons preached, 1; addresses, 10.

*Vargo, Paul V.*—Church served, Bethlehem (Disputanta); sermons preached, 4.

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## WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Seventy-Ninth Annual Session of the Western North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met at Asheboro Congregational Christian Church on Wednesday morning, November 9, 1949. The session began at 10:00, with President George T. Gunter presiding. Rev. M. A. Pollard was the song leader and Mrs. J. G. Vestal the pianist. The opening prayer was led by Rev. F. C. Lester, host pastor.

The enrollment of ministers and delegates showed the following present:

### ENROLLMENT.

*Ministers*—Revs. E. Carl Brady, H. V. Cox, Sr., Park W. Fisher, James U. Fogleman, T. J. Green, W. Walter Hall, G. O. Lankford, F. C. Lester, B. H. Lowdermilk, A. L. Lucas, W. T. Madren, M. A. Pollard, L. M. Presnell, John Q. Pugh.

*Biblical Class Members*—C. Fred Allred, Martin Fogleman, Roy Harper.

### *Delegates from Churches.*

*Albemarle*—Roy Harper, Bill Simmons, Mrs. C. C. Mauldin, G. A. Russell, Mrs. J. F. Hill.

*Antioch (C)*—By report.

*Antioch (R)*—

*Asheboro*—Mrs. Henry Keeling, G. A. Phillips.

*Bailey's Grove*—By report.

*Bennett*—By report.

*Big Oak*—Maurine Morrison, E. K. Freeman, Alton Richardson, J. L. Richardson.

*Biscoe*—O. H. Lambert.

*Brown's Chapel*—J. W. H. Moore, Charles Key, Sherman Sanders.

*Center Grove*—By report.

*Ether*—Mrs. B. T. Kern, Mrs. W. C. Floyd.

*Flint Hill (M)*—W. T. Williams.

*Flint Hill (R)*—Helen Lanier, Lola Farlow.

*Grace's Chapel*—J. H. Register, Mrs. G. S. Cox, Mrs. J. W. Carter, Mrs. Clyde E. Burge.



- Hank's Chapel*—Harold Boone, L. J. Riddle, Jr., Edward Petty, T. W. Ferrell.
- High Point*—Mrs. Leta Moffitt, George Albright.
- Liberty*—W. A. Ferguson.
- Mt. Pleasant*—By report.
- Needham's Grove*—Melba Ruth Owen, Betty Comer.
- New Center*—A. L. Davis, Ada Hayes.
- Parks Cross Roads*—Mrs. W. O. Stout, T. J. Green.
- Patterson's Grove*—
- Pleasant Cross*—Mrs. D. G. Craven, Mrs. J. W. Wilson.
- Pleasant Grove*—Marvin Jones, Lonnie Brady.
- Pleasant Hill*—Mrs. Dora Hornaday, Mrs. M. A. Pollard, Mrs. Otis Wicker.
- Pleasant Ridge*—Mrs. Robert Burgess, Mrs. Quinton Hicks, S. H. Pell.
- Pleasant Union*—Mrs. Ashley Trotter, Mrs. Hayes McDowell.
- Providence Chapel*—C. B. Brewer, H. B. Jason Moore.
- Ramseur*—Mrs. C. W. Craven, E. A. Cox, Mrs. E. A. Cox.
- Randleman*—Mrs. J. E. Brown, Mrs. Sam Holland, Mrs. O. L. Stout, L. V. Dorsett.
- Seagrove*—Junie Farlow, J. R. Lucas.
- Shady Grove*—Doris Russell, Mrs. Ralph Floyd.
- Shiloh*—
- Smithwood*—H. C. Smith, Mrs. M. C. Black, Lucille McPherson, Ruby Amick.
- Sophia*—By report.
- Spoon's Chapel*—Edith Stout.
- Union Grove*—Paul Wilson, Ava Lee Brown.
- Zion*—

The following visitors were seated as deliberative members: Supt. W. T. Scott of Elon College; Revs. G. C. and H. E. Crutchfield of the North Carolina and Virginia conference; Rev. Clyde Fields of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference; Rev. Thomas D. Sutton of the Eastern North Carolina Conference; Dr. J. G. Truitt, president of the Southern Convention and Superintendent of the Christian Orphanage; Miss Frances Query, Director of the North Carolina Council of Churches; Miss Dorothy Scott of the Convention Office Staff; and Dr. Raymond Dudley, India Secretary of the American Board, Boston, Massachusetts.

The secretary presented the printed program which was adopted as the order of the day with such changes as should prove necessary.

Mimeographed copies of the committee reports were presented to the members of the Conference.

The following committees were appointed:

- Nominating*—Rev. E. Carl Brady, Rev. W. T. Madren, Lonnie Brady.
- Resolutions*—Rev. W. W. Hall, W. H. Freeman, Rev. H. V. Cox.
- Press*—Mrs. F. C. Lester, Rev. M. A. Pollard, Dr. W. T. Scott.
- Place*—Rev. L. M. Presnell, Harvey Smith, Mrs. Quinton Hicks.
- Finance*—Rev. W. T. Madren, George Albright, Rev. A. L. Lucas.

Miss Frances Query, director of the North Carolina Council of Churches, presented the work of the Council, stressing the part which this Conference has in it.

Dr. W. Moseley Brown of the faculty of Elon College spoke in the absence of Dr. L. E. Smith, president. He asked the Conference to pray for our college, to send our young people there, and to give generously for its support.

The report on Foreign Missions was presented by Rev. M. A. Pollard as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Foreign Missions is the evangelistic outreach of the church. This movement has much to do with the interest and growth of all our local churches. We face a world in desperate need. There is not enough friendship and good will among individuals and nations. We are thinking too much of ourselves while our brothers suffer, and are not doing anything to relieve that suffering. This world is in an upheaval at home and abroad, men have lost confidence in one another, and in so doing have lost confidence in the church. When we refuse to accept our responsibility in the local church, we certainly will not assume a like responsibility and interest in foreign missions. We need to rededicate ourselves and our possessions to Almighty God, so that there will always be a reserve on hand to meet the need of our brothers at home or across the sea. This program to preach the gospel to all the world is not taken seriously and wholeheartedly by the church. Our gifts in money are not going to relieve the suffering of humanity around the world, unless accompanied by the love and teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ. Far too many church people today will do nothing to help build the Kingdom of God simply because they are not paid by the church. We need to consecrate ourselves anew to Christian service, realizing that dollars alone do not make a Christian nation, but our willingness to render service to our fellowman regardless of how much we will get. Such attitudes could very easily become breeding places for communism, which is anti-Christian. May God give us wisdom and courage to face this great power which is threatening our freedom as well as our religion. Both secular and biblical history reveal: "When the righteous rule the people rejoice, but when the wicked reign the people mourn."

We should think of our missionaries as bridge builders. They are building bridges for the people they are serving from ignorance and superstition to knowledge and faith, and from darkness to light. Christian principles of justice and righteousness need to be woven into the thoughts and actions of world relationships if we are to have peace, and the church alone has power to do this. Our interests need to be enlarged and we should feel ourselves a part of a world fellowship.

The success of our foreign mission enterprise depends largely on the strength of our home churches, and our strength at home depends largely on our ability to unite against hate, greed and selfishness which threaten to destroy our world. Larger churches should help and encourage smaller ones and we need to sing together in spirit and in truth, "We are not divided, all one body we."

Your committee recommends the following:

1. That we ask our people to plan their missionary giving as they would their insurance or taxes, but do it more cheerfully.
2. That we urge our people to read more about our denominational mission fields, and become better acquainted with our representatives in other lands.
3. That we pray earnestly as well as sing lustily that "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run."

M. A. POLLARD,  
H. V. Cox,  
VANCE DORSETT,  
*Committee.*

Dr. Raymond Dudley, for many years a missionary in India, and now secretary for India with our American Board, addressed the Conference, showing how Christian missions have influenced the life of India, particularly through medical and educational work and through work with the outcastes. He stated that peace will only come in the world when there is a change in men's souls—when large numbers are obedient to a loving God and are animated with a passionate spirit of service. These will come only as people around the world come to know Christ who incarnated that spirit of obedience and service.

The report on Foreign Missions was adopted.

Rev. Aubrey C. Hedrick, Evangelical and Reformed minister from Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina, led the devotional at the close of the morning session, his meditation centering around ways in which we find God—by being pure in heart, by observing periods of quiet meditation, and by having our hearts in tune with that of the Great Spirit of the Universe.

The benediction was pronounced by Dr. G. O. Lankford.

### WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Following an opening hymn, Rev. R. L. House of Southern Pines led in prayer.

The report on Ministerial and Church Relations was presented by Rev. W. W. Hall and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL AND CHURCH RELATIONS.

Members of standing committees often feel that they are performing the unprofitable task of giving a report and making recommendations which will be accepted as a matter of form, and then forgotten except as they are made a matter of record by being printed in *THE ANNUAL*. Your Committee on Ministerial and Church Relations entertains no such feeling as it presents the report at this session of Conference. All recommendations made by this committee last year have, so far as we can tell, been fully carried out.

The first recommendation had to do with the continued and enlarged cooperation among our churches, Conferences and Convention. The hand-in-hand working of these branches of our church have been significant this year. The second and third recommendations were addressed to the churches and ministers respectively in asking that the Superintendent be consulted where pastoral changes are involved. In all changes made this year, our Superintendent has had a part. In response to our fourth recommendation, a committee on church grouping was appointed immediately following the adoption of our report. By carrying out the abovementioned recommendations, we have in turn accepted the fifth and last when your committee requested that we make "Our Christian World Mission" the vision and working pattern of each local church of this Conference.

It is our hope that the work accomplished this year will not be considered as a job completed, but only as a beginning in carrying out the great command of the Master when he told His disciples, and His church, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

We, your Committee, make the following recommendations in the hope that they will aid pastors and churches in right relationships one with the other:

1. That no pastor follow the general practice of visiting the members of a parish from which he has departed. When he does visit in a former pastorate he should do so with the present pastor's full knowledge and approval.

2. That when a church asks for the services of a former pastor for special services,



funerals, weddings, etc., the request be made through the present pastor if convenient, or with his knowledge and approval.

3. That pastors and churches be careful in carrying out all obligations, in both spiritual and business matters, so as not to bring reproach upon the church or ministry.

4. That local churches and pastors cooperate fully so far as is possible in all efforts, enterprises and programs of the Conference and Southern Convention.

W. WALTER HALL,

H. V. COX, SR.,

MRS. TROY HALL,

*Committee.*

The report on Superannuation was presented by Rev. B. H. Lowdermilk as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

It is the obligation of our churches and Conference to assist in a financial way our retired ministers and their widows. They have given their time and service to preaching the Gospel that this world might be a better place in which to live. This is one way in which we can express our regard for the service they have rendered.

We recommend that our churches take an offering at Christmas and at communion services for this purpose.

We also recommend that Mrs. T. E. White, Dr. G. O. Lankford, Rev. T. J. Green, Rev. D. R. Moffitt, and Rev. B. J. Earp share in this worthy cause.

B. H. LOWDERMILK,

TOMMIE FARRELL,

*Committee.*

Dr. W. T. Scott spoke on "The State of the Ministry," telling of the present lack of ministers to serve our churches and emphasizing that we are failing to produce ministers as we should. He charged ministers, Sunday school teachers, parents, and church members with the responsibility of aiding young people in their churches to make a decision to give their lives for full-time Christian service.

The report on Superannuation was adopted.

The following visitors were welcomed: Rev. R. L. House, editor of *The Christian Sun*; Rev. J. A. Denton, pastor of Ramseur and Grace's Chapel Churches; Dr. W. E. Wisseman of Greensboro; and Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, educational secretary of the Southern Convention.

The report on Christian Education and the Ministry was presented by Rev. E. Carl Brady. Following discussion by Revs. W. W. Hall, W. T. Madren and G. O. Lankford, it was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND THE MINISTRY.

Elon College, our church school, continues to make progress. Enrollment for 1949-50 is 832 which is a little less than last year. The faculty is complete and excellent. The new power house is operating very satisfactorily and is paid for. Our new gymnasium is nearing completion but is not paid for. Our college needs our help in the program of its advancement.

The program of our college is Christian. Christian education is very essential to our national well being. If our interest lags, the principles for which our country has always stood will seriously be endangered. Our program at the college is so vital to the progress of our church that our full support—churches and individuals—is required.

Our churches may give their support to Elon through Conference Apportionments as well as directly. The churches of this Conference are urgently requested to raise their conference apportionment in full for the current year. The apportionment for the



college is not too large. Perhaps it does not really represent all the interest which we have in the college. Should any churches be in arrears at the close of this conference session, the balance of apportionment may be paid on or before December 31.

Another realm in which Elon needs us is the human realm. All too few students are from our own church. The figures last year were alarming. We say Elon is ours. We should make her ours in deed and in the fullest sense of the word. Perhaps she needs our students as much as our money.

The lack of qualified ministers in the Conference is in evidence. Some yoked churches would like to have more time of their ministers. With the yoking of some of our abler churches we are not properly cultivating the field. It is the earnest hope that in some way this need may be met. There are, of course, some students now preparing themselves but retirement depletes the ranks on the other end of the line.

The committee would urge deeper consecration in the home and church, since God would likely call recruits into the ministry from homes and churches where deep spiritual life and conviction are in evidence. This matter should have the prayerful consideration of parents, laymen, lay women, ministers and all who are interested in the ongoing of the kingdom.

*Martin Fogleman* has been preaching at three churches in the Eastern North Carolina Conference during the past year. Members have been added to these churches. He is not now in school. He asks for conference recognition on the local level. We recommend that he be given local licensure at this session.

*Fred Allred* appeared before the committee. He is still attending Elon. He has preached regularly during the past year. He has the equivalent of two years of college work and seeks regular licensure. The committee recommends that his request be granted.

*Roy Harper* of the Albemarle Church reported to the committee that he had held services in the prison camp and county home as opportunity presented itself. He is to be commended as a layman.

*Max Vestal* of the Asheboro Church has entered Elon College. He plans to enter the ministry. We recommend that he be enrolled as a member of the Biblical Class.

*Fred Register* has served for two or three years in the Eastern North Carolina Conference and requests a letter of transfer to that Conference. We recommend that this letter of transfer be given.

*Thomas D. Sutton*, a local ordained minister in good and regular standing in the Eastern North Carolina Conference, presents his letter to the Western Conference. We recommend that he be received into membership of this Conference with the same standing.

*Clyde Fields*, an ordained minister of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, seeks membership in this Conference. We recommend that he be received, pending his letter of transfer.

E. CARL BRADY,  
J. Q. PUGH,  
F. C. LESTER,

*Committee.*

The report on Religious Literature was presented by Rev. J. U. Fogleman as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We are all agreed that literature in general is very important in the life of any civilized people. The appearance of our books, magazines, and papers, including the pictures as well as the printed matter, plays no little part in helping to fashion our lives for either good or bad. What we see and read is going to help or hinder our moral and spiritual ideas for Christian living.

It should be the purpose of the Church and the home to create in the youth a desire for good, clean, wholesome literature. One can take a glance at most any newsstand today and behold there the obscenity in pictures and the common trash in printed matter, that is unhealthy, to say the least, and does not lead toward clean moral living.

Certainly keeping before our people the proper religious literature is the Church's obligation. It is only natural that we continue to look upon the Bible, the Holy Word of God, as the chief source of all religious literature.

Realizing that the factors mentioned above are essentially true, we, your committee, recommend the following:

1. That the ministers and Sunday school teachers of the church read and encourage everyone to read and study the Bible, and always refer to it as the divinely inspired Word of God.

2. That we explain the fact that no Christian life can be complete without abiding by the Bible and practicing what it teaches.

3. That every church make it a custom of presenting to each new member a copy of the Holy Bible.

4. That each church make provision within its yearly budget for sufficient funds to provide the proper kind of religious literature for each age group.

5. That the responsible persons of the church acquaint themselves with the proper sources of said material.

6. That they contact as they need and desire literature the Pilgrim Press, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, for both material and suggestions as to how to use the same. We especially recommend *The Quiet Hour*, *Children's Religion*, *Youth Outreach*, *The Missionary Herald*, *Advance*, *The Christian Sun*.

7. That the ministers encourage that *The Christian Sun* be in every home, and that everyone read it regularly.

8. That every church use only those hymn books which portray the deepest concepts of spiritual feeling and divine guidance.

J. U. FOGLEMAN,

A. L. LUCAS,

ARTHUR COX,

*Committee.*

Dr. W. E. Wisseman, chairman of the Board of Publications, made an appeal for subscriptions to *The Christian Sun*, stressing its value to all the members of our churches. Editor House spoke briefly, urging churches to send in news items.

The report on Religious Literature was adopted.

The report on Stewardship and Apportionments was presented by Mr. Cyrus Shoffner and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP AND APPORTIONMENTS.

Stewardship grows out of our obligation to God as Creator, Owner, and Giver of all things, material and spiritual, and is indispensable to a life of obedience, love and gratitude. Stewardship is primarily spiritual. Its great objective is character. It is the principle on which daily life must be organized in order to be fully Christian.

The dedication of the tenth of income offers a good plan of giving, supported by centuries of religious customs, Biblical teaching and joyful experience. While emphatically recommended to the people of our churches, it must not be regarded as the full meaning of stewardship, but rather as the beginning of our service to the Kingdom.

Stewardship instruction should be included in the program of religious education of both home and church.

Our expanding church program calls for the raising of our apportionment in full as recommended. Let's do it and go forward.

We recommend that the apportionments be the same as last year.

CYRUS SHOFFNER,

A. L. LUCAS,

*Committee.*

## SCHEDULE OF APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1949-50.

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Home Missions*	Convention Foreign Missions†	Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Ministerial Scholar- ship Fund	Per Capita Dues	Conference Fund	Totals
Albemarle.....	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 50	\$ 5	\$ 10	\$ 20	\$ 475
Antioch (C).....	25	25	20	25	10	10	20	5	10	10	160
Antioch (R).....	25	25	10	10	10	5	5	5	5	5	105
Asheboro.....	100	125	50	50	20	20	20	5	10	20	420
Bailey's Grove.....	25	25	20	25	10	10	20	5	10	20	170
Bennett.....	25	25	20	25	10	10	20	5	10	10	160
Big Oak.....	25	25	20	20	10	10	20	5	10	15	160
Biscoe.....	40	40	30	30	10	10	15	5	10	10	200
Brown's Chapel.....	40	40	20	20	10	10	30	5	10	15	200
Cedar Grove.....	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	2	5	47
Ether.....	60	60	40	40	10	10	40	5	10	25	300
Flint Hill (M).....	25	25	20	20	10	10	15	5	10	10	150
Flint Hill (R).....	25	25	20	20	10	10	15	5	10	10	150
Grace's Chapel.....	60	60	50	50	20	20	30	5	10	35	340
Hank's Chapel.....	100	100	60	60	20	20	30	5	10	25	430
High Point.....	40	40	30	30	10	10	20	5	10	20	215
Liberty.....	50	50	30	35	10	10	20	5	10	20	240
Mt. Pleasant.....	30	30	25	25	10	10	20	5	10	15	180
Needham's Grove.....	30	30	20	20	10	10	20	5	10	20	175
New Center.....	30	30	20	25	10	10	20	5	10	20	180
Parks Cross Roads.....	30	30	20	20	10	10	20	5	10	20	175
Patterson's Grove.....	25	25	20	20	5	5	10	5	5	10	130
Pleasant Cross.....	25	25	20	20	10	10	15	5	10	10	150
Pleasant Grove.....	40	40	35	35	20	20	20	5	10	25	250
Pleasant Hill.....	120	120	75	75	35	40	60	5	20	50	600
Pleasant Ridge.....	110	110	65	65	20	20	50	5	20	65	530
Pleasant Union.....	25	25	20	20	10	10	15	5	10	20	160
Providence Chapel.....	25	25	10	10	5	5	5	5	5	5	100
Ramseur.....	100	100	60	60	20	20	30	5	15	30	440
Randleman.....	50	50	35	35	10	10	20	5	10	25	250
Seagrove.....	40	40	40	40	20	20	30	5	5	25	265
Shady Grove.....	25	25	20	15	5	5	15	5	5	5	125
Shiloh.....	40	40	35	30	10	10	20	5	10	20	220
Smithwood.....	50	50	45	40	10	10	30	5	10	25	275
Sophia.....	25	25	20	20	20	10	20	5	10	25	180
Spoon's Chapel.....	25	25	20	20	10	10	10	5	10	15	150
Union Grove.....	25	25	20	20	10	10	20	5	10	25	170
Zion.....	25	25	20	20	10	10	20	5	10	15	160
Totals.....	\$1,665	\$1,690	\$1,165	\$1,175	\$ 475	\$ 465	\$ 845	\$ 190	\$ 372	\$ 745	\$ 8,787

\*Includes Church Extension.

†Includes Shaowu Special.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by Rev. E. Carl Brady and adopted. Upon motion it was voted that the secretary cast one ballot for the nominees, which was done, and the president declared the nominees elected as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

*President*—Dr. F. C. Lester.*Vice-President*—Cyrus Shoffner.*Secretary*—Rev. M. A. Pollard.*Ass't Secretary*—Mrs. Harry Stewart.*Treasurer*—W. H. Freeman.

*Representatives on North Carolina Council of Churches*—Rev. W. T. Madren and Cyrus Shoffner.



*Representative on Southern Convention Executive Board*—Rev. F. C. Lester, George T. Gunter.

*Chairman of Laymen's Work*—S. H. Pell.

*Delegates to Southern Convention*—Albemarle—G. A. Russell; Bennett—L. M. Murray; Ether—Homer Cochrane; Flint Hill (R)—Miss Lola Farlow; High Point—W. G. Brady; Pleasant Grove—L. H. Brady; Pleasant Hill—Mrs. M. A. Pollard; Pleasant Ridge—Mrs. Quinton Hicks; Smithwood—Edward Smith; Sophia—Stacey Hayes; Spoon's Chapel—Ernest Scott.

We recommend that all ministers be delegates to the Southern Convention.

We recommend that the Executive Committee be hereby empowered to fill vacancies.

E. CARL BRADY,  
W. T. MADREN,  
L. H. BRADY,

*Committee.*

The closing devotional was presented by Rev. Aubrey C. Hedrick, who pointed out that the modern Church has lost a sense of urgency, the idea of stewardship and service, and the idea of the redemption of the crucified Christ which the early Church had.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. L. M. Presnell.

### WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The session opened with a hymn and prayer was offered by Rev. B. H. Lowdermilk. The Cheerful Four Quartette of Asheboro sang three numbers during the evening program.

Dr. John G. Truitt, Superintendent of the Christian Orphanage, told of the work of that institution, following which forty children from the Orphanage presented a Thanksgiving program in verse and song. An offering amounting to \$70.00 was received for the Orphanage.

The service of licensure was conducted by the Conference president. C. Fred Allred received regular licensure and Martin Fogleman local licensure. Rev. M. A. Pollard offered the prayer of dedication.

A communion service in the "upper room" of the church was conducted by the host pastor, Rev. F. C. Lester, as the closing part of the evening service.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. T. Madren.

### THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The session opened at 10:00 a. m. with the president, George T. Gunter, presiding. Following a hymn, prayer was offered by Rev. Martin Fogleman.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

Dr. J. E. Pritchard, retired Methodist minister of Asheboro, was presented to the Conference and spoke briefly on the history of our church in Asheboro.



The report of the Executive Committee was read by the secretary and approved as follows:

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the Western North Carolina Conference has held three meetings at the Congregational Christian Church in Asheboro: December 20, 1948, January 30, 1949, and June 1, 1949. In addition, one meeting was held at the courthouse in Asheboro, as the report below will show.

The following items of business have been transacted:

1. It was voted that the Western North Carolina Conference accept the property of the Sophia-Flint Hill parsonage in trust, and that a grant mortgage of \$300 be issued to the Congregational Building Society on that property. (This is to satisfy a claim against property formerly belonging to Brown's Grove Church, later renamed Sophia.)

2. It was voted to concur in the request of the last remaining members of the Graham Christian Church concerning the disposition of the Graham Church as an organization and the property owned by the church, and Superintendent Scott was authorized to have an agreement properly drawn in regard to same, which agreement is to be presented to the Executive Board for its approval.

3. The plan for an Evangelism and Stewardship Conference to be held on the fifth Sunday in January, 1949, in Asheboro, was approved.

4. The president of the Conference was authorized to ask the churches for special gifts to send the three delegates from this Conference to the special meeting of the General Council in Cleveland, Ohio, February, 1949.

5. It was voted to ask Mr. George T. Gunter, Conference President, to work among the churches of the Western North Carolina Conference during the summer of 1949, authorizing the treasurer to pay \$100 of his salary and expenses and asking the Southern Convention Mission Board to pay the remainder.

6. Because the members of the executive committee and their attorneys and the officials of Big Oak Christian Church and their attorney were very eager to meet in conference with George M. Tally, his attorney, et al., to discuss the suit pending in Moore County, Superintendent Scott was asked to arrange such a meeting. This meeting was held in the Randolph County Courthouse on May 12, 1949. It was agreed that the executive committee would draw up stipulations representing a compromise in this matter and present them to Mr. Tally and the members of the Independent Big Oak group for their approval, the executive committee being desirous that this matter be settled out of court if at all possible.

We regret to report that these stipulations were not acted on favorably by Mr. Tally and the members of the Big Oak Independent group, and that in October, 1949, H. F. Seawell, Jr., attorney for Mr. Tally, has proceeded with legal action which means that the suit in Moore County must be brought to court.

Your executive committee has worked and prayed over the abovementioned matter. We have tried to do what we thought was the Christian thing in approaching Mr. Tally and trying to effect a compromise. We regret exceedingly that our efforts have come to naught.

GEORGE T. GUNTER,  
H. V. COX, SR.,  
M. A. POLLARD,  
W. H. FREEMAN,  
CYRUS SHOFFNER,  
MRS. F. C. LESTER,  
*Committee.*

The report on Moral Reform was presented by Rev. L. M. Presnell and after discussion by Mr. Presnell and Rev. W. W. Hall, it was adopted as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MORAL REFORM.

We, your Committee on Moral Reform, wish to submit the following report:

We believe that the Church as the body of Christ should practice and teach moral reform, as it has been down through the ages. It has not accomplished that task yet, but has done more than any other organization we know about towards it.

We should seek to live lives of example to those who are following sin, and lead them to a Christ who can redeem their souls and give them eternal life. Then they will be a part of this thing we call moral reform.

The Church has always stood for honesty, truth, and all things that are good, and has always stood against the use of alcoholic beverages, the wrong use of the Lord's Day, or anything we know to be sin. Just to oppose these things is not enough. Many times there are things we can do about them.

One year ago this Conference voted to unite with the Allied Church League in an effort to do away with the legalized sale of alcoholic beverages in this state. Through the effort of that organization many counties have been freed from alcoholic sales, and many more are working to get a referendum. Should we stop now, or continue with this great work?

We recommend the following:

1. That we continue as Christian workers to lead the lost to Christ, and that we help them in every way we can to live clean moral lives.
2. That we continue to work with the Allied Church League to rid our state and nation of the legalized sale of alcoholic beverages.
3. We continue to oppose any kind of entertainment on the Lord's Day that would not be a sacred service.

L. M. PRESNELL,  
PARK W. FISHER,  
W. R. JONES,

*Committee.*

The report on Home Missions was presented by Rev. John Q. Pugh as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

In making a survey of the home mission work of this Conference, we, your committee, are happy to report some progress has been made for which pastors and church people should be commended:

*Pleasant Ridge Church* for the completion of its parsonage, placing their pastor in the community, making it possible for him to serve a group of churches.

*Union Grove* for renovating its interior and beautifying the grounds.

*Seagrove* for the steps it has taken in building a parsonage, looking forward to a full-time pastorate.

*Sophia-Flint Hill (R) Churches* for their parsonage which has been completed.

*Brown's Chapel* for their new Sunday school rooms.

*Pleasant Hill Church*, with its parsonage completed last year, now has a full-time pastorate.

*Smithwood* for their new heating plant, also for setting aside a building fund for a parsonage, having in mind a full-time pastorate.

*Pleasant Cross Church* for renovating the church and improving the grounds.

*Hank's Chapel*, which is making plans for a full-time pastorate.

*Bennett Church* for renovating its interior, making it more attractive.

*Ether Church* has made improvement by renovating, also is grouping with *Seagrove* and *Shady Grove churches*.

Recognizing the steady progress of the Congregational Christian Church of Ashboro, set in the center of this expanding community, and its present devotion to continued progress; therefore,

## BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Western North Carolina Conference in session this day commend the pastor and congregation of this church for their honored and significant service in this growing city, on behalf of the Congregational Christian fellowship.

2. That we, as a Conference, express herewith our faith in the future of this church, and its ability to meet the growing demands of its community and the world.

3. That this Conference herewith pledge its full support to this church, as it continues to grow and serve.

4. That we pray God's blessings upon this church and its pastor, as they rise to new and challenging opportunities.

We wish to commend those churches which have cooperated with the Conference in forming pastorates, yet there is much to be done in the way of grouping. We urge other churches to follow suit. We wish to commend the C. M. A. for its project with the High Point Church this year. Also to commend the Women's Missionary Societies for their splendid work.

We, therefore, recommend:

1. That pastors and lay members seek to secure more members for the C. M. A. that greater progress may be made.

2. That pastors serving churches where there is no proposed budget urge the church to set up a budget plan.

3. That churches which do not have a pastor on the field cooperate with their pastor in forming such pastorates by forming a group.

4. That each church pay its Conference Apportionment in full.

5. We have had requests from Seagrove, Flint Hill (M) and Bennett Churches. We recommend that Seagrove be granted \$100 on parsonage; and that Flint Hill (M) and Bennett be granted \$50 each on pastor's salary when the church has paid that much on pastor's salary.

JOHN Q. PUGH,  
T. J. GREEN,  
HERBERT FARRELL,

*Committee.*

Pending the adoption of the report an appeal was made for funds for the Conference Missionary Association and several new memberships were received.

The report was adopted.

The president asked the Conference to bow in silent prayer, remembering Rev. B. J. Earp, Rev. D. R. Moffitt and Rev. Edward F. Green, who were absent because of illness, following which Dr. W. T. Scott led in prayer for them.

The report on Church Grouping was presented by Rev. W. W. Hall, and after discussion by Mr. Hall and Dr. Scott, was adopted as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH GROUPING.

The Committee on Church Grouping is now one year old. The committee as a whole was limited in its activity, due to inconveniences involved in calling the group together; however, individual members of the group were very busy at various times working or counseling with ministers and churches of the Conference in relation to grouping. The cooperative spirit on the part of ministers and churches has been appreciated, and is to be commended. The committee has in all cases functioned only in an advisory capacity with no authority over any churches or pastors.

The credit for what has been done this year is largely due to the untiring efforts of our president, Mr. George T. Gunter, who has given of his time during the summer months to travel over the Conference and to help the churches and ministers in any way possible.



New groupings that will have taken place by or about the time the Western Conference is called into session will include the following:

1. Seagrove has built a parsonage and has joined with Ether and Shady Grove in calling Thomas D. Sutton as pastor.
2. Sophia and Flint Hill (R) have built a parsonage and have joined with High Point in calling Weldon T. Madren as pastor.
3. Pleasant Ridge, Union Grove and Spoon's Chapel are grouping to call Clyde L. Fields as pastor.
4. Pleasant Hill has built a parsonage and has withdrawn from the Liberty-Smithwood group in order to call M. A. Pollard as full time pastor. Liberty and Smithwood have in turn called L. M. Presnell to give half time to each church.

There is also the possibility that Big Oak, Flint Hill (M), Biscoe, Brown's Chapel, and Providence Chapel will become a group. Plans for this grouping are now in progress.

The Committee on Grouping has no specific recommendations to make, but we do ask that you contact the committee at any time you think we may be able to assist you. We covet your cooperation and understanding as we endeavor to serve you. There is much to be done in our Conference by a committee of this nature that can be of mutual help to pastors and churches.

W. WALTER HALL,  
L. M. PRESNELL,  
F. C. LESTER,  
JACK SHOFFNER,  
B. S. LAWRENCE,

*Committee.*

The report on Evangelism was presented by Rev. F. C. Lester as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

Evangelism is the fine art of living and teaching so that those who know us will want to join us in loyalty to Jesus and service through membership in his Church.

At long last the majority of American Protestants—40 denominations—are joining in a crusade to win people to Christ and the Church. For fifteen months, beginning with October this year and running through 1950, the emphasis will be on evangelism, or at least that is what is proposed. The success of this United Evangelistic Campaign will depend upon the work in the local churches, and that depends largely upon the ministers, church officials and Sunday school workers.

It is important to remember that the Crucified Christ is depending upon us to win this disturbed and sinful world to Christian faith and fellowship. That is the purpose of the Church.

Methods must vary according to individual customs and skills, but the important thing is to get busy and get the work done according to our several abilities.

Here are some suggestions that your committee thinks may be helpful:

1. Each church group make definite plans for Evangelism during the next year. Do not trust to luck, nor postpone the matter until too late.
2. Work for a definite increase in attendance at church, Sunday school and all other church activities.
3. Make a list of prospective members for all church organizations, and then seek seriously to enlist those prospects.
4. Preach and teach with the purpose of enlisting workers in the Church.
5. Plan for evangelistic services (revival), and for personal effort to reach individuals and families.
6. Enlist the community in special services at Christmas, Easter, and other times.
7. Plan and conduct evangelistic services in all our churches at the same time.

F. C. LESTER,  
C. FRED ALLRED,  
MRS. I. L. MCDOWELL,  
*Committee.*



It was adopted, following discussion by Revs. L. M. Presnell, W. W. Hall, C. Fred Allred, John G. Truitt and F. C. Lester.

Rev. Raymond Dudley addressed the Conference on "Methods of Evangelism in India." He gave examples of unique methods used there, such as drama, moving pictures, singing sermons, and folk games. He told of group evangelism in India, and of the importance of relating the Gospel message to the life and traditions of the people there. He expressed the belief that true evangelism grows out of the heart of the life of the church—that a praying, Bible reading, serving church made up of vital Christians will thereby be an evangelistic force in the community.

The morning service was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Thomas D. Sutton.

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### THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The session was called to order by the president at 1:30. Prayer was led by Rev. C. Fred Allred.

The report on Pilgrim Fellowship was presented by Harold Boone and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP.

The Pilgrim Fellowship of the Western North Carolina Conference has held meetings on each fifth Sunday during the past year. In October, 1948, they joined with Pilgrim Fellowship members from the entire state in a meeting in Greensboro to hear Dr. Hiroshi Hatanaka speak. At this meeting the officers for our Conference Pilgrim Fellowship were elected, Cicero Crump of Albemarle being president, Charlesanna Robbins of Asheboro, vice-president, Louise McLeod of Albemarle, secretary and Harold Boone of Hank's Chapel, treasurer.

In January the Pilgrim Fellowship met in the Asheboro Church, following the Conference session on Evangelism. In May we met in Albemarle. Here a beautiful trophy was presented to the Pilgrim Fellowship by the Albemarle group, to be given to the Pilgrim Fellowship having the largest attendance at each fifth Sunday rally. The fifth Sunday in July we met at Pleasant Ridge, the program being planned by the vice-president because the president had resigned. Only four churches were represented but there was a large group present from each of these—Albemarle, Asheboro, Liberty and Pleasant Ridge. Last month we met at Liberty, with young people present from eight churches. The newly elected president is Bill Simmons of Albemarle.

There is a great deal of interest shown on the part of the young people who come to our fifth Sunday meetings. The thing on which we need to concentrate for this year is to try to interest young people from more of our churches. We appeal to our ministers and adult advisors to encourage and make it possible for their young people to attend these meetings. The young people are not here today. They are at school and at work. We urge you to take this message home to them: They are needed in our Pilgrim Fellowship meetings, and we believe they need the inspiration and information and fellowship which come from such gatherings.

MRS. CHARLESANNA ROBBINS PARK.

The report on Sunday Schools was presented by S. H. Pell. Following discussion by Rev. W. T. Madren, Rev. E. Carl Brady and Mr. Pell the report was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School is the educational institution of the local church. With this in mind, we want to consider some of the important needs that were found in visits made to some of the Sunday schools of this Western North Carolina Conference.

First of all, we want to commend every school for its efforts and accomplishments.  
*Discovered Needs—*

1. *Adequate Class Rooms.* We still try to teach our youth under the hardship of many classes in one room. In some cases with no curtains to divide groups. In public school we do all kinds of projects and what have you in order that our children may have proper classrooms, desks, and other equipment, so that they may get the best education possible to make a success in life. But we are content to make out any way when it comes to teaching our children about Christ. It is no easier to learn about Christ than any other subject. Therefore, we recommend that we strive to better the meeting place of each class in our Sunday schools.

2. *More Teacher Training and Teacher Help.* (Consult your pastor for information.)

3. *Well Planned Opening Devotional Services.* We believe that this part of the Sunday school determines to a great extent how much will be learned in the class. This responsibility is on the shoulders of our superintendents.

4. *Improve Sunday School Organization as a Whole.* This can be done if every superintendent, teacher, officer, pupil and pastor will put more thought on "How can I help to improve my Sunday school?"

This year we notice a growth in Sunday school. There has been a 16 per cent increase in enrollment and 19 per cent increase in average attendance.

We wish to commend each Sunday school and pastor for wonderful cooperation during the year.

We recommend that the minutes of the Sunday School Convention held at Pleasant Hill last summer be made a part of this report.

S. H. PELL,  
W. T. MADREN,  
BETTY ROBBINS,  
*Committee.*

#### MINUTES OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The annual Sunday School Convention of the Western North Carolina Congregational Christian Churches was held on July 7, at the Pleasant Hill Church, Liberty, North Carolina.

The morning session was called to order at 10:00 by the President, S. H. Pell. The young people of the host church presented a worship service. A welcome address was given by Rev. M. A. Pollard with a response by Mr. E. A. Cox of Ramseur.

The Roll Call of the Sunday Schools showed present eleven ministers, thirty-six officers and teachers, one visitor and 115 delegates. There was a total enrollment of 163, representing 19 churches.

The appointment of committees was made by the president, and the secretary read the minutes of last year's meeting.

At 11:00 the group was separated into work shops. A discussion on "How to Reach the Unreached" was carried on in each group. Mr. Vance Dorsett led the discussion of officers and superintendents, Mrs. Hilda Allen led the teachers, and Rev. W. T. Scott the other delegates.

The keynote address of the Convention was given by Rev. W. T. Scott of Elon College, N. C., whose theme was "Go Teach."

An offering of \$45.00 was taken and sent through the Conference Missionary Association to the High Point Church.

A song program opened the afternoon session of the meeting. Following this, the Pleasant Ridge Sunday School gave an interesting and educational skit, "Is This My Sunday School?"

Next on the program was an address by Rev. J. I. Kizer, pastor of Ramseur Baptist Church.

Miscellaneous business followed. The committees gave their reports followed by that of the secretary. Pleasant Ridge won the banner for the school with the largest percentage present at the Convention.

Officers elected for the coming year are: President—S. H. Pell, Ramseur; Vice-President—W. W. Hall, Albemarle; Secretary—Miss Lucy Ashley, Liberty; Assistant Secretary—Miss Mira Hinshaw, Liberty. Officers serving for this past year are: President—S. H. Pell; Vice-President—M. A. Pollard; Secretary—Miss Betty Robbins; Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Everette Caudle.

The report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted as follows:

1. That the Sunday School Convention pay postage and mimeographing expenses of \$11.75.

2. That the Sunday School Convention send \$45.00 through the Conference Missionary Association to the High Point Church to help in the paying off of the church debt.

3. That we pay our president, Mr. S. H. Pell four cents per mile for his traveling expenses over the Conference, or a total of \$12.88.

4. That the Convention pay to Rev. J. I. Kizer of the Ramseur Baptist Church, the amount of \$10.00 as a token of our appreciation to him for his coming and speaking to us today.

5. That the Convention retain the amount of \$20.00 in the treasury to defray postage and other expenses incurred during the year.

6. That the balance in the treasury be turned over to the Board of Christian Education of the Southern Convention.

W. W. Hall,  
Ollie Mae Stewart,  
O. L. Wicker,  
*Committee.*

The report of the Resolutions Committee was read and adopted as follows:

1. That we offer a rising vote of thanks to the host church and its pastor for entertaining this session of the convention in such a splendid way.

2. That we give due praise to the president, the secretary and other officers and all individuals for their parts in making this convention a success.

3. That we commend each Sunday school, and its officers, for the large number of delegates present and urge them to continue their loyal support of the Convention.

4. That every Sunday school observe Children's Day in June (of each year).

5. That we commend a period of personal visitation evangelism to be shared in by both church members and pastor. It would be well to devote some time in study before the visitation emphasis.

6. That we request the secretary to have the minutes of this meeting mimeographed and sent to every superintendent and pastor of the Conference, to the Convention Office, and that the minutes be published in *THE ANNUAL*.

7. That we recommend to the parents and members of the Conferences an increased interest in and participation in the work of the Sunday schools in our Conference.

George Gunter,  
Weldon Madren,  
Clyde Fields,  
*Committee.*

Reports were received by the secretary from the following Sunday schools: Albemarle, Asheboro, Brown's Chapel, Ether, Flint Hill (M), Liberty, Mt. Pleasant, Pleasant Cross, Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Ridge, Ramseur, Randleman, Seagrove, Shiloh, Smithwood, Spoon's Chapel, Union Grove.

Total amount in dues paid to Board of Christian Education—\$171.99.

The installation of new officers by Rev. Clyde Fields, and a communion service led by Rev. W. T. Madren concluded the program.

BETTY ROBBINS, *Secretary.*

The report on Women's Work was presented by Mrs. E. P. Boroughs and adopted as follows:



## REPORT ON WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The women in our churches in North Carolina have cooperated in worship, study, and giving for *missions*, in the broadest sense of that term. During the past year we have united in the study of Galatians, our mission work in China, and in the possessions of the United States. Our giving amounted to \$8,766.37, of which \$1,727.50 was our Thank Offering for War Victims and Reconstruction, and \$590.00 was given for Life Memberships and Memorials, which fund is being used to educate Timothy Chang of Shaowu, China, at Duke Divinity School. The School of Missions, held at Elon College last June, was very helpful to the women who had the privilege of attending it—two from Albemarle, two from Asheboro, and two from Pleasant Ridge went from this Conference.

During the past year two new societies for women were organized in the Western North Carolina Conference—Mt. Pleasant in the Sanford District and Spoon's Chapel in the Asheboro District.

At our Annual Women's Conference, which was held at Long's Chapel near Haw River in October, the societies from this Conference had a good representation. Three of them were given recognition as Superior Societies—Albemarle, Asheboro and Pleasant Ridge.

During the coming year our theme is "We Dedicate Ourselves." We are to study the Gospel of John, mission work in Japan, and how different denominations cooperate in our homeland.

Our Thank Offering this year is to be given for equipment for the Han Mei School in Shaowu, China, which the Richard Jacksons told us was their greatest need. Timothy Chang, whose brother was the principal of this school last year, will be in the Asheboro Church on Sunday night, November 20, for a service at 7:30. He will tell about the school, and show pictures of it. We will be happy for many to come from nearby churches to share in this service.

We have fourteen missionary societies among the churches of this Conference, ten in the Asheboro District and four in the Sanford District. During this year we hope to organize many new societies. Miss Pattie Lee Coghill will help us, as will our state president, Mrs. F. C. Lester. This is one task to which we dedicate ourselves.

One of the needs in our Conference is a sense of fellowship. This we get when women meet in our Presidents' Meetings, in our Rallies, and in special meetings like the service centering around Evangelism sponsored jointly by the women and the Laymen's Fellowship. As we work together for a more Christian world, we have a feeling of fellowship with our Lord and Master, who long ago said, "Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all men."

MRS. E. P. BOROUGHS, *Supt.,  
Asheboro District.*

The report on the Laymen's Fellowship was presented by S. H. Pell and adopted as follows:

## REPORT ON LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

The Laymen's organization is one of the most important parts of the body that makes up the Church of Christ. As in the human body if one member is ill or fails to function, the entire body suffers, so is it if the Laymen in the church fail, so shall the Church of Christ suffer.

Although all of the Lamen of the Western North Carolina Conference have not fully awakened to the importance of the task in their local church, nor have they visualized the greatness of our combined efforts, yet there is evidence that more laymen are participating in our work this year than last.

Our activities for the year consist of our sponsoring a rally of the Women's Missionary Societies and Laymen's Fellowship at the Asheboro Church on the theme of Evangelism. Mrs. O. H. Paris spoke on "Evangelism at Home and Abroad." Dr. W. Moseley Brown, professor at Elon College, used as his subject, "Our Great Commission." This meeting was a great inspiration to all present. Our only regret is that all our laymen were not present for these inspiring addresses.



October 16 was Laymen's Sunday, a day we look forward to when men of the church fill the pulpits of many of our churches. This year we had many churches that observed this National Laymen's Sunday. We believe there was an increase in the number of churches observing it over last year.

Let's begin now for a bigger and better year in 1950.

S. H. PELL, *Chairman,  
Laymen's Fellowship,  
W. N. C. Conference.*

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, educational secretary of the Southern Convention, spoke on "Next Steps in Christian Education," stressing the importance of proper Sunday school rooms, good literature, careful selection of teachers, leadership training, and missionary education. She closed with a plea for churches of our Conference to bring Displaced Persons to our communities.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Cyrus Shoffner as follows:

#### REPORT OF TREASURER.

Balance in Treasury November 12, 1948 ..... \$ 813.79

#### RECEIPTS.

Collected special offering for delegates' expenses call meeting of  
General Council ..... 91.63  
Collected from November 15, 1948 to November 5, 1949 ..... 376.78

Total Balance and Receipts ..... \$1,282.20

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

W. T. Scott, Superintendent, Aged Ministers .....	\$ 28.16
Rev. E. Carl Brady, Home Missions, Flint Hill (M) .....	50.00
Mrs. F. C. Lester, Secretary, Salary .....	35.00
North Carolina Council of Churches .....	75.00
Rev. John Q. Pugh, Home Missions, Bennett .....	50.00
Long & Long, Legal services .....	200.00
Rev. W. C. Lyerly, Address, Church Institute .....	15.00
Rev. Joe A. French, Address, Church Institute .....	5.00
Rev. W. M. Stevens, Address, Church Institute .....	5.00
Mrs. F. C. Lester, Expenses to General Council .....	30.55
Rev. W. W. Hall, Expenses to General Council .....	30.54
Cyrus Shoffner, Expenses to General Council .....	30.54
Asheboro Printing Co., Programs .....	12.00
W. T. Scott, Supt., Relief and Reconstruction .....	16.96
Board of Publications, ANNUALS ...	143.04
Rev. W. T. Madren, Home Missions, Shady Grove .....	50.00
George T. Gunter, Mission Work in Conference .....	100.00
Cyrus Shoffner, Salary and Postage .....	10.00
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Balance in Treasury November 5, 1949 ..... \$ 395.41

Collected at Conference November 9-10, 1949 ..... 270.00

Balance in Treasury November 10, 1949 ..... \$ 665.41

CYRUS SHOFFNER, *Treasurer.*

Pending the adoption of the Treasurer's report, the report of the Finance Committee was given by Rev. W. T. Madren and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance submits the following report:

1. We have examined the treasurer's report and books and find them to be correct.

2. We recommend that the treasurer be instructed to pay \$75.00 to the North Carolina Council of Churches.

3. We recommend that \$10.00 be paid to Rev. Aubrey C. Hedrick for travel expenses.

4. We recommend that \$15.00 be paid to Rev. Raymond Dudley on his expense account.

5. We recommend that \$10.00 be paid to the treasurer for salary and postage.

6. We recommend that \$35.00 be paid to the secretary for salary and expenses.

7. We recommend that the treasurer be instructed to pay the cost of the programs for Conference.

8. We recommend that the treasurer be instructed to pay the Board of Publications the cost of the ANNUALS ordered.

W. T. MADREN,  
GEORGE ALBRIGHT,  
A. L. LUCAS,

*Committee.*

The report of the Treasurer was adopted.

The report of the Place Committee was presented by Rev. L. M. Presnell and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

We have received invitations from the following churches: Pleasant Ridge, Smithwood, Pleasant Grove and Asheboro. Within the last five years each of these churches has entertained Conference. Since these are all the invitations we have received, we recommend that the Conference meet with Pleasant Grove next year.

L. M. PRESNELL,  
MRS. QUINTON HICKS,  
HARVEY C. SMITH,

*Committee.*

The following report of the Resolutions Committee presented by Rev. W. W. Hall was adopted by a rising vote:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, make the following recommendations:

1. That we express appreciation to the officers of our Conference for the program that has been prepared for and carried to completion during these Conference sessions.

2. We are indebted to our Southern Convention Office and to the American Board for the personnel they furnished to make our sessions more interesting and profitable. the personnel they furnished to make our sessions more interesting and profitable. Therefore, be it resolved that we herewith express our gratitude to these agencies for said assistance. We wish to personally thank Rev. Raymond Dudley for being with us and speaking to us.

3. That we express deep regret for the serious illness of our vice-president, Rev. B. J. Earp, which has prohibited him from attending these Conference sessions. We ask that the Conference secretary be instructed to convey suitable communication to Brother Earp expressing our regret and looking for his speedy recovery.

4. That the Conference secretary also be asked to send our greetings to two other ministers who are absent because of illness, and who have written the Conference expressing regret at being unable to be present: Rev. D. R. Moffitt and Rev. Edward F. Green.

5. That we again commend our laymen for their activity during the year and urge each church to observe Laymen's Sunday on the third Sunday in October, using a layman from another church as the special speaker.

6. That this Conference re-affirm the rule of the Southern Convention that "A pastor shall be a member of some local church of the denomination and of the conference in which he works. Any exception to this requirement must be approved by the Conference in which the church involved is a member"; and that the Executive Com-

mittee be instructed and empowered to take any and all necessary steps to fulfill this rule.

7. That we express by a rising vote our sincere thanks and gratitude to the Asheboro Church, its pastor, and people for the superb way in which they have entertained during these Conference sessions. They have done an excellent job.

W. WALTER HALL,  
W. H. FREEMAN,

*Committee.*

The retiring president, George T. Gunter, addressed the Conference, stating his appreciation for the fine cooperation shown him by the ministers of the Conference and by the Executive Committee. He thanked the Conference for the opportunity of working within its bounds last summer, and stated that he made more than 80 calls on ministers and the same number on laymen, and traveled more than 4,000 miles in the course of this work. He urged the churches to go home and work during this new year, so that reports next year would reflect an increase in activity.

It was voted that the minutes be approved by the president and secretary.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Mr. Gunter for his work as president of the Conference.

The installation service for the new officers was conducted by Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of the Southern Convention, who reminded them of their obligations as officers and the delegates of their obligations as members of churches and of the Conference. The prayer of dedication was led by Dr. John G. Truitt, President of the Southern Convention. This service closed with the entire congregation joining in the Doxology.

The new president, Dr. F. C. Lester, expressed the hope that the Conference would work throughout the year, with a spirit of Christian fellowship prevailing. He announced members of the executive committee and chairmen of standing committees, inviting them to meet at the Asheboro Church on November 21 for a planning session.

Following a rising vote of confidence on the part of the congregation, pledging their support to their officers and to the Conference, Mr. Lester led the closing prayer.

The Conference adjourned to meet on Wednesday and Thursday following the first Sunday in November, 1950, at Pleasant Grove Church.

GEORGE T. GUNTER, *President.*

MRS. F. C. LESTER, *Secretary.*

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Executive*—F. C. Lester, Chairman; Mrs. R. R. Auman, W. H. Freeman, W. W. Hall, M. A. Pollard, Cyrus Shoffner, George T. Gunter.

*Home Missions*—John Q. Pugh, Chairman; Mrs. Quinton Hicks, Ernest Scott; president of the C. M. A., M. A. Pollard.

*Foreign Missions*—Mrs. Orva Brown, Chairman; E. A. Cox, Mrs. Horace Farlow, W. W. Hall, W. G. Lamb.

*Evangelism*—Clyde Fields, Chairman; Roy Harper, Mrs. I. L. McDowell, J. C. Phillips, Ralph Riddle.

*Stewardship and Apportionments*—W. T. Madren, Chairman; Quentin Britt, Miss Sarah Ellison, Martin Fogleman, E. M. Marks.



*Ministry*—E. Carl Brady, Chairman; H. V. Cox, Sr., Clyde Fields, A. L. Lucas, W. T. Madren.

*Christian Education*—Mrs. F. C. Lester, Chairman; C. Fred Allred, Miss Flossie Bray, Stacey Hayes, R. S. Murray.

*Superannuation*—L. V. Dorsett, Chairman; J. U. Fogleman, E. K. Freeman, Mrs. W. T. Shankle, Fred Smith.

*Religious Literature*—Mrs. Jack Shoffner, Chairman; Mrs. Fred Allen, Homer J. Cochrane, Park W. Fisher.

*Ministerial and Church Relations*—Geo. T. Gunter, Chairman; C. B. Brewer, Mrs. B. D. Hargis, T. D. Sutton.

*Moral Reform*—Mrs. B. P. Moffitt, Chairman; Thomas B. Lowe, B. H. Lowdermilk, W. C. Thomas.

*Church Grouping*—Paul Wilson, Chairman; A. L. Davis, Charlie Key, W. R. Lanier, L. M. Presnell, J. H. Register, W. W. Ritter.

*Program*—F. C. Lester, M. A. Pollard, C. Fred Allred.

*Sunday Schools*—S. H. Pell, President of Sunday School Convention.

*Pilgrim Fellowship*—Bill Simmons, President of W. N. C. Pilgrim Fellowship.

*Women's Work*—Mrs. E. P. Boroughs, Asheboro District Superintendent.

*Laymen's Work*—S. H. Pell, W. N. C. Conference Chairman.

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NOTE: Every active minister and every local church which sent a report to Conference is represented on at least one committee.

### MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

\**E. Carl Brady*—Served Flint Hill (M). Sermons preached, 30; conversions, 14; members received, 15; baptisms, 15; salary, \$191.22. Field for next year, Flint Hill (M), Niagara, Pleasant Cross.

\**H. V. Cox*—Served Brown's Chapel and New Center. Sermons preached, 47; conversions, several; members received, 5; baptisms, 6; weddings, 1; funerals, 4; salary, \$523.51. Field for next year, Brown's Chapel and New Center.

*Ben Joe Earp*—Served High Point. Sermons preached, 54; conversions, 3; members received, 7; baptisms, 3; funerals, 2; salary, \$2,330. Inactive for next year because of illness.

\**Clyde Fields*—Served Berea (N. C. & Va.) and Pleasant Ridge. Sermons preached, 72; members received, 19; conversions, 12; baptisms, 8; weddings, 2; funerals, 2; salary, \$2,040. Field for next year, Pleasant Ridge, Spoon's Chapel, Union Grove. Student at Duke.

\**Park W. Fisher*—Served Providence Chapel and Mt. Pleasant. Sermons preached, 27; weddings, 1; funerals, 2; salary, \$236. Field for next year, Providence Chapel and Mt. Pleasant.

\**James U. Fogleman*—Served Pleasant Cross. Sermons preached, 30; members received, 9; weddings, 1; salary, \$320.

*Edward F. Green*—Retired.

*T. J. Green*—Retired. Sermons, 3; weddings, 1; funerals, several.

*W. Walter Hall*—Served Albemarle. Sermons preached, 115; members received, 9; conversions, 7; baptisms, 2; weddings, 3; funerals, 6; salary, \$2,600. Field for next year, Albemarle.

*G. O. Lankford*—Retired. Addresses, 4; weddings, 2; funerals, 2.

*F. C. Lester*—Served Asheboro and Big Oak. Sermons preached, 110; members received, 21; conversions, 11; baptisms, 11; weddings, 5; funerals, 4; salary, \$3,150. Field for next year, Asheboro and Big Oak.



- B. H. Lowdermilk*—Served Bailey's Grove, Pleasant Union, Randleman and Union Grove. Sermons preached, 226; members received, 8; conversions, 21; baptisms, 6; weddings, 8; funerals, 30; salary, \$1,962.80. Field for next year, Bailey's Grove, Pleasant Union, Randleman.
- \**A. L. Lucas*—Served Beacon. Sermons preached, 19; members received, 3; conversions, 4; baptisms, 2; weddings, 2; funerals, 5; salary, \$400.
- W. T. Madren*—Served Ether, Flint Hill, Shady Grove and Sophia. Sermons, 114; members received, 9; conversions, 8; baptisms, 11; weddings, 1; funerals, 2; salary, \$2,065. Field for next year, Flint Hill, High Point and Sophia.
- D. R. Moffitt*—Retired.
- M. A. Pollard*—Served Liberty, Pleasant Hill, Smithwood. Sermons, 84; members received, 16; conversions, 14; baptisms, 14; weddings, 3; funerals, 12; salary, \$2,817. Field for next year, Pleasant Hill.
- \**Lacy M. Presnell*—Served Pleasant Grove, Seagrove and Spoon's Chapel. Sermons, 64; members received, 4; conversions, 6; funerals, 8; salary, \$1,400. Field for next year, Liberty and Smithwood.
- \**John Q. Pugh*—Served Bennett. Sermons, 25; conversions, 1; funerals, 2; salary, \$107. Field for next year, Bennett.
- Charles Cecil Thomas*—Assistant Superintendent of New York State Convention of Universalists. Sermons preached, 48; members received, 12; baptisms, 3; weddings, 2; funerals, 2; salary, \$3,000. Field for next year, First Church, Norfolk.

## LICENTIATE.

- \**C. Fred Allred*—Served Mt. Bethel (N. C. & Va. Conf.). Sermons, 36; conversions, 3; funerals, 1; salary, \$570. Field for next year, Mt. Bethel and Pleasant Grove. Student at Elon.

## LOCAL LICENTIATE.

- \**Martin L. Fogleman*—Served Martha's Chapel, Morrisville, O'Kelly's Chapel (E. N. C. Conference). Sermons, 65; members received, 7; conversions, 8. Field for next year, Martha's Chapel, Morrisville, O'Kelly's Chapel.

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\*Not giving full time to the ministry.

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## TUESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The 124th Annual Session of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met with the Ingram Church, Paces, Virginia, November 15 and 16, 1949, and was called to order by the President, Rev. Kenneth D. Register, at 10 a. m.

The hymn and prayer were led by Rev. Mark W. Andes.

The Roll of Ministers and Churches was called and a quorum was found present. The complete enrollment for the session included twenty ministers and eighty-five delegates representing thirty-three of the forty-seven churches of the Conference.

### ENROLLMENT.

*Ministers*—J. B. Allan, M. W. Andes, W. J. Andes, T. F. Bowers, H. E. Crutchfield, J. H. Dollar, Clyde Fields, S. C. Harrell, A. L. Hurdle, J. L. Neese, C. E. Newman, K. D. Register, W. W. Sloan, H. S. Smith, W. P. Smith, W. W. Snyder, G. H. Veazey, M. V. Welch, W. E. Wiseman, R. T. Woodruff, Jr.

### *Churches and Delegates.*

*Apples Chapel*—Mrs. Robert Murrell, Mrs. E. P. Murrell, Mrs. John Troutman, Mrs. R. E. Apple.

*Asheville*—By letter.

*Belew Creek*—J. G. Neal, Jr.

*Berea*—By letter.

*Bethel*—Mrs. Joe H. King, Mrs. Earl Simmons, Mrs. J. D. Simmons.

*Bethlehem*—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gilliam, Mr. and Mrs. Horace J. Lee.

*Burlington*—Egbert Truitt, Garland Huffman.

*Carolina*—Mrs. K. T. Murray.

*Concord*—Mrs. Allen Tate, A. Y. Allred.

*Danville*—Mrs. A. E. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Ricketts.

*Durham*—William Dickerson, A. J. Glenn.

*Elk Spur*—

*Elon College*—Mrs. J. W. Matlock, Mrs. M. D. Joye, J. A. Hunter, Mrs. G. W. Longest.

*Gibsonville*—By letter.

*Graham, Providence Memorial*—By letter.

*Greensboro, First*—Mrs. R. L. Caveness, Mrs. W. W. Tate, Mrs. Taylor E. Barrow, H. O. Williams, Sr.

*Greensboro, Palm Street*—Mrs. J. I. Hobbs, R. S. Yarbrough, Mrs. R. S. Yarbrough.

*Happy Home*—By letter.

*Haw River*—Albert Murray, Mrs. Maude Bason.

*Hebron*—By letter.

*Hines Chapel*—Mrs. R. W. Iseley, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Lowe, Mrs. J. K. Cole.

*Hopedale*—Mrs. Otis Carey, Mrs. R. L. Gerringer, Mrs. John Long.

*Howard's Chapel*—

*Ingram*—Mrs. C. L. Adams, J. T. Osbourne.

*Kallam's Grove*—Mrs. Ivie Washburn, Mrs. Ralph McCollum.

*Lebanon*—F. E. Wells, Mrs. F. E. Wells.

*Liberty*—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Tuck, J. T. Whitt, E. B. Owen.

*Long's Chapel*—Mrs. G. H. Veazey, Mrs. Elton Rudd, Marjorie Warren.

*Lynchburg*—Mrs. N. T. Jessee, Mrs. Clifton T. Hudson.

*Mebane*—By letter.

*Monticello*—J. E. Cumbie.

*Mt. Bethel*—Mrs. S. E. Albert, Mrs. Brown Baker.

*Mt. Zion*—Mrs. Will Tate, Zeb H. Lynch, Fred T. Reitzel.

*New Lebanon*—By letter.

*Pfafftown*—Abigail Stout, Mrs. T. S. Scott.

*Pleasant Grove*—Mrs. G. C. Talbert, Jesse H. Jones.

*Pleasant Ridge*—H. B. Nelson.

*Reidsville*—Mrs. Ed. Mitchell, Mrs. Ed. Chilton, Mrs. Kemp L. Smith, Joe Saunders.

*Rocky Ford*—By letter.

*Salem Chapel*—Charles Max Marshall.

*Shallow Ford*—Mrs. J. J. Iseley, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Walker.

*Tryon, Erskine Memorial*—By letter.

*Union (N. C.)*—Claude C. Ward, J. Robert Walker, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pace.

*Union (Va.)*—Mrs. T. W. Chandler, S. R. Long, Mrs. J. R. Murray, Arthur Tuck.

*Winston-Salem*—Bobby Jean Kimball.

*Zion*—By letter.

Dr. S. C. Harrell presented the printed program as the report of the Program Committee. It was moved and carried that the printed program be adopted as the order of this session subject to such changes as Conference may find it necessary to make.

The report of the Executive Committee was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Executive Committee, on recommendation of the Committee on the Ministry, approved the licensure of William A. Rich of Graham, North Carolina. The service of licensure took place at the Providence Memorial Church, Graham, North Carolina, on February 27, 1949, with Rev. K. D. Register conducting the service and Dr. D. J. Bowden, Dr. W. T. Scott and Dr. F. E. Reynolds assisting.

We, on recommendation of the Committee on the Ministry, approved the licensure of William T. Scott, Jr., of Elon College, N. C. The service of licensure took place on June 20, 1949, at the concluding service of the Young People's Summer Conference held at Elon College. Rev. K. D. Register conducted the service and Dr. L. E. Smith and Dr. F. E. Reynolds assisted.

We, on recommendation of the Committee on the Ministry, approved the ordination of Clyde L. Fields. The President of Conference, Rev. K. D. Register, assisted by Dr. D. J. Bowden, Rev. Joe A. French and Rev. Tucker Humphries, ordained Brother Fields in the Reidsville Church on July 3, 1949.

We granted a letter of transfer to Rev. Joe A. French to the East Alabama Association of Congregational Christian Churches on October 12, 1949.

Your Executive Committee, meeting in joint session with the Committee on the Ministry, approved J. Harold Loman as pastor of the Hopedale Church for one year, beginning May 16, 1949, with the understanding that at the expiration of a year the relationship be reviewed. Your Executive Committee also met with the deacons of the Hopedale Church on May 23, 1949, and gave the following conditions for a working agreement between Mr. Loman, Hopedale Church and the North Carolina and Virginia Conference:

1. The church pay all Conference apportionments and meet other obligations of the Conference.

2. The church recall the licensing papers granted to the assistant pastor; that both the church and pastor acknowledge error in so licensing this brother.

c. The church and pastor practice the principles of the Congregational Christian Churches, particularly the the right and privilege of private judgment to be exercised and accorded to all.

K. D. REGISTER,  
W. J. ANDES,  
S. C. HARRELL,  
Committee.

It was moved and carried that the report of the Executive Committee be adopted.

The following visitors and new pastors were introduced to the Conference and accorded the privilege of the floor: Revs. T. G. Humphries, Harold Loman, M. T. Sorrell, T. Fred Wright, Drs. R. A. Dudley, J. G. Truitt, L. E. Smith, W. T. Scott, Misses Pattie Lee Coghill, Dorothy Foltz and Frances Query.

The report of the Conference Historian was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF HISTORIAN.

It was more than eight decades after the death of Rev. James O'Kelly when MacClenny brought from the press his book, *The Life of Rev. James O'Kelly and The Early History of the Christian Church in the South*. This is the first and only comprehensive history we have of the early Christian Church. Mr. MacClenny is of the opinion that this book should be revised. He has information in his possession obtained since writing the book and he is seeking for additional matter. I am of the opinion that it would be a wise thing for this Conference to memorialize the Southern Convention



of Congregational Christian Churches at its 1950 session to consider the revision and the publication of the book, *The Life of Rev. James O'Kelly*. The first edition has been sold years ago. I am also of the opinion that each young man in our Church before being ordained to the ministry should have a fair knowledge of this book.

This Conference has done much to honor and preserve the memory of the early leaders of the Christian Church. However, for many decades the grave of Rev. James O'Kelly in Chatham County, N. C., was neglected. At the session of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference in 1850 a committee was named to place a monument to mark the resting place of Mr. O'Kelly. This Committee did its work and reported at the session of 1854 the completion of the work. At the Bethlehem Conference of 1947 a Committee was appointed to visit the grave of Mr. O'Kelly and report conditions there. The results of this action have surpassed expectations. The Southern Convention became interested and, through its Executive Board in session at Elon College on October 12 and 13, 1948, established "The O'Kelly Memorial Foundation" for the purpose of preserving and caring for the family cemetery in which Rev. James O'Kelly is buried. A board of six trustees was elected to be the administrator of the Conference or Convention desires concerning the cemetery.

The trustees had their first meeting in Durham, N. C., on November 28, 1948. All six members were present. The trustees began at once to carry out the desires of the Convention: namely, to have the Convention become the custodian of the cemetery where the body of Rev. James O'Kelly is buried and to secure a right-of-way thereto. After following legal advice a deed was secured from the heirs of the late Dr. and Mrs. N. D. York, who in a sale of the O'Kelly farm in 1905 reserved one-half acre, including the rock wall inclosure within which Mr. O'Kelly and about twenty members of his family are buried. This deed is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Chatham County, N. C. A committee is to work to secure a right-of-way from Highway No. 55 to the cemetery, a distance of one-half mile. The only way to reach the cemetery at present is a plantation path three-fourths of a mile, which is almost impassable at times. Along this path seven families reside.

Some months ago I was in the Church History room at Elon College and saw there a few histories of individual churches carefully prepared and donated to this room for future reference. It occurred to me that it would be a real service if someone would undertake the task of securing a history of each individual church in the Southern Convention to be placed with those already there. Being the historian of both the North Carolina and Virginia Conference and of the Southern Convention, I decided to take the lead in attempting this. I began with this Conference and have secured a history of about twenty-five per cent of the forty-seven churches.

Mr. MacClenny has donated to the Church History room some important history relative to this Conference. I had hoped to give this session of Conference the benefit of those records but I was unable to gain access to the room as school was closed on the day I was there.

In conclusion I shall give briefly such facts as I was able to secure concerning the work of the past year among our churches.

Asheville has made important improvements to her church property. The interior and exterior of the house of worship have been painted and a new Memorial altar installed and dedicated.

Belew Creek and Salem Chapel now constitute a pastorate with Rev. Allen Hurdle giving his full time to the work of these two churches. Mr. Hurdle and family are comfortably situated in the attractive parsonage located at Belew Creek.

Carolina has installed a central heating system and plans are being made for new Sunday school classrooms in the basement.

Danville has completed a new educational building costing \$30,000. This church had its beginning in 1914 in a two-room public school building. Now it is an institutional church with buildings and equipment valued at \$75,000. At home and abroad there are about one hundred and fifty persons looking to this church for support. Faith Home, Incorporated, was founded by this church in 1937 and has a staff of seven workers and property valued at \$30,000. The annual budget for the support of this home is \$10,000. Thirty children are cared for regularly and each year fifty children are placed in permanent homes.

Gibsonville plans to build a new auditorium.

Greensboro, Palm Street, has purchased additional land joining the church property and, about February 1, 1950, plans to begin the construction of a modern plant with auditorium and additional equipment to meet every need in modern progressive church work.

Greensboro, First Church, voted in 1947 to set up a steering committee to study ways and means of securing a new church building. In May, 1948, the church authorized its board of trustees to purchase seven lots between East and West Radiane Drive in the sub-division known as Roseway. These lots were purchased and a planning committee was set up to prepare plans for the new church. The estimated cost is \$160,000 for building and equipment. This church has had an increasing building fund for a number of years. In September of this year it was announced that \$54,000 additional was needed to carry out plans for the new church. A canvass was made resulting in cash and subscriptions of nearly \$60,000.

Progress is being made on the new building at Bethlehem. Over \$44,000 has been spent in the construction of this modern church plant. There are seventeen rooms in the Sunday school building, with kitchen and small assembly room in the basement. Over six hundred dollars have been spent on the grounds in grading and laying off driveways and parking spaces. When completed there will be a central heating system and running water. The seating capacity of the main auditorium will be six hundred.

Burlington has purchased a beautiful parsonage with spacious grounds in one of the most desirable residential portions of the city. This church plans to erect a modern educational building in the near future.

Elk Spur and Rocky Ford of our Carroll County work have painted their parsonage, both interior and exterior. Rocky Ford people have painted their house of worship. Rev. James Madren, a ministerial student in Elon College, is pastor.

Erschine Memorial, Tryon, has completed a new educational building at a cost of more than \$35,000.

Union (N. C.) plans a new building.

Zion, organized and admitted to Conference last year, is now constructing the first unit of its building. All bills have been paid to date, but money is needed to complete the building. Service are being held regularly in a private home.

Durham will soon begin to construct its \$50,000 educational building—\$30,000 of this amount is in the treasury.

Elon College Community Church has erected a Parish House by purchasing in January, 1948, an Army Chapel from the Government. This building was located at Camp Davis, near Wilmington, N. C., and was dismantled and was relocated on the lot adjoining the parsonage at Elon College. The exterior of the building was not altered, but the interior was arranged to serve the local needs. The building is forty by eighty feet, has an assembly room and will seat two hundred and fifty people. There are seven other rooms, including a kitchen equipped to serve one hundred and fifty people. A nursery is provided for small children along with the church parlor, a room for scouts and other rooms to serve the Sunday school. The building represents an investment of \$15,000. Other work to be done will increase the cost to \$16,000. This is the first church building in the history of the community. Religious services have been held in the College Chapel.

New Lebanon has in the course of construction a brick veneered building with auditorium and seven classrooms to cost \$30,000. The work will be completed in 1950.

C. E. NEWMAN, *Historian*.

It was moved and carried that the report of the Historian be received and admitted to record as edited by the secretary of the Conference. It was also moved and carried that the recommendation in the Historian's report be adopted and that we, this Conference, memorialize the Southern Convention to revise and publish the book, *The Life of Rev. James O'Kelly*.

The report of the Treasurer was presented as follows:

## REPORT OF TREASURER.

Nov.	1	Balance in Treasury .....	\$2,191.14
		Divided as follows:	
		Ministerial Loan Fund .....	\$ 502.22
		New Hope Church Sale .....	185.43
		Conference Fund .....	1,503.49

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## RECEIPTS.

Nov.	4	Hebron .....	22.00
		Long's Chapel .....	25.00
	5	Liberty .....	23.00
		Happy Home .....	34.00
	12	Bethel .....	12.00
	15	Pleasant Ridge .....	20.00
		Pleasant Grove .....	28.00
	16	New Lebanon .....	34.00
		Union (N. C.) .....	57.00
		Carolina .....	20.00
		Elon College .....	77.00
	17	Mt. Zion .....	23.00
		Hines Chapel .....	25.00
		Greensboro, Palm Street .....	23.00
		Lynchburg .....	25.00
		Bethlehem .....	33.00
		Apples Chapel .....	39.00
		Durham .....	108.00
		Union (Va.) .....	33.00
		Ingram .....	46.00
		Lebanon .....	22.00
		Shallow Ford .....	28.00
	18	Conference Offering .....	62.40
	23	Haw River .....	33.00
Dec.	10	Elk Spur .....	12.00
		Kallam Grove .....	20.00
		Danville .....	31.00

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July	15	Winston-Salem .....	32.00
Oct.	10	Liberty .....	23.00
	21	Shallow Ford .....	28.00
	25	Burlington, First .....	135.00
	28	Belew Creek .....	22.00
		Salem Chapel .....	18.00
	31	Greensboro, First .....	86.00
Nov.	4	Apples Chapel .....	39.00
	12	Pleasant Grove .....	28.00
		Union (N. C.) .....	57.00
		Pfafftown .....	16.00
		Providence Memorial .....	18.00
	14	Berea .....	22.00
		Bethlehem .....	33.00
		Durham .....	108.00
		Haw River .....	33.00
		Greensboro, Palm Street .....	23.00
		Happy Home .....	34.00
		Kallams Grove .....	20.00
		Mt. Bethel .....	13.00
		Tryon, Erskine Memorial .....	33.00

Total ..... \$3,927.54



1948		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Dec. 17	Draft No. 200—Central Publishing Co. ....	\$ 7.50	
	Draft No. 201—Dr. Anderson, Travel .....	65.32	
	Draft No. 202—W. J. Andes, Expenses .....	10.00	
	Draft No. 203—W. J. Andes, Services .....	50.00	
	Draft No. 204—G. D. Colclough, Ministerial Schol. ...	500.00	
	Draft No. 205—North Carolina Council of Churches	300.00	
	Draft No. 206—G. D. Colclough, Ministerial Loan Fd.	502.22	
	Draft No. 207—W. T. Scott, Shaowu Mission .....	31.20	
	Draft No. 208—W. T. Scott, C.W.V.R. ....	31.20	
	Draft No. 209—M. V. Welch, C.M.A. (New Hope Church Sale) .....	185.43	
	Draft No. 210—M. V. Welch, C. M. A. ....	300.00	
	Draft No. 211—Virginia Council of Churches .....	75.00	
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Feb. 21	Draft No. 212—Miss Stout, Pilgrim Fellowship .....	100.00	
May 31	Draft No. 213—W. J. Andes, Expenses .....	10.00	
	Draft No. 214—S. C. Harrell, Travel .....	3.15	
	Draft No. 215—Kenneth Register, Travel .....	3.00	
June 21	Draft No. 216—W. J. Andes, Treasurer, Board of Publications .....	184.40	
	Draft No. 000 Bank Charges — Exchange Fees ....	.45	
			2,358.87
Nov. 14	Balance in Treasury .....	\$1,568.67	
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The above balance is entirely Conference Fund—the Ministerial Loan Fund and New Hope Church Sale monies were paid out as authorized by the last Conference Meeting.

RUSSELL V. POWELL, *Treasurer*.

On motion the report of the Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Special Committees were appointed as follows:

*Finance*—H. E. Crutchfield, Claude Ward, Henry Earp.

*Place*—Mrs. Joe King, Garland Huffman.

*Resolutions*—Mrs. John Long, W. W. Snyder, M. V. Welch.

*Press*—W. T. Scott, Mrs. M. W. Andes.

*Collectors*—M. W. Andes, W. E. Walker, Russell V. Powell.

*Nominations*—J. L. Neese, G. H. Veazey, J. B. Allan, W. T. Dunn.

The report of the Committee on Religious Literature was orally presented by Dr. W. E. Wisseman, chairman, who presented *The Christian Sun* and its needs.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

Christian Stewardship remains a latent power in the lives of most church members, and indeed in nearly all our churches. It is a pressing need that something vital be done about putting Stewardship forward in the conference. If the power of stewardship could be released it would immediately bring two things to pass.

1. It would bring new and renewed Spiritual Power into the lives of the membership of every church in the conference, and the churches in turn would take on new life and vitality.

2. As a result of the revitalized faith and zeal of the individual Christian, and as a result of his influence in his local church there would be enough money on hand now



to build a church in every needed spot in the conference and to make possible a more liveable salary for the ministers serving less able churches.

Your Committee would move: That the Stewardship Committee of this conference be charged with working out plans and putting them into operation to the end that Stewardship may be preached, taught and studied, and that this committee encourage Stewardship Education in every church, and a thorough Every-Member Canvass be conducted as a part of the plan to increase both the willingness and the ability of our people to support the work of the church and the conference.

JESSE H. DOLLAR,  
A. L. HOOK,  
M. W. ANDES,  
EARL WEED,

*Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the report of the Committee on Stewardship be received and that the motion included in the report be adopted.

Rev. Robert T. Woodruff, Jr., pastor of the host church, welcomed the Conference and gave the arrangements for the serving of the meals.

Dr. J. H. Dollar led the Conference in the singing of a hymn.

Dr. H. Shelton Smith of the Duke Divinity School addressed the Conference on "The Word Incarnate." His general theme for the three addresses was "Christ and the Clash of Faiths."

The closing prayer was led by Dr. S. C. Harrell and Conference recessed for lunch.

## TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference reconvened at 1:30 p. m.

The hymn and prayer were led by Rev. Harold Loman.

The report of the Committee on Social Action was presented as follows:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION.

The area of endeavor in which the church shares a major responsibility has been set forth in the report of the Social Action Committee to the General Council at Oberlin, June, 1948: "The Christian Gospel requires a change in men rather than merely a change in laws and social institutions. The fundamental strategy of our churches, for the redemption of society, is to call men to repentance and to proclaim a moral law higher than the statutes and policies of public life. Since man is conditioned by the society in which he dwells, all public practices which affect the welfare of man are of significance for the Christian conscience."

A vital program for Social Action must be extensive enough to include the major areas of tension and unrest, but at the same time the program must be intensive enough to be workable in an immediate situation. Your committee has limited the scope of its report to four major fields of action, feeling that in these areas Christian thought and action are most needed.

1. *Cultural Relations.*—"We repent of the sin of racial segregation as practiced both within and outside of our churches, and respond to the mandate of the Christian Gospel to promote with uncompromising word and purpose, the integration in our Christian Churches and our democratic society of all persons of whatever race, color, or ancestry on the basis of equality and mutual respect in an inclusive fellowship." These words form the statement of purpose of the Committee on Church and Race adopted at the 1948 General Council. We call upon the churches to adopt this statement as a Christian expression of our Oneness in Christ.

2. *Industrial Relations.*—We recognize that the function of the church is redemptive in any society. The Gospel of Jesus Christ stands in judgment of mankind. Because the life of the Christian is closely bound up with his society, the church must seek to permeate all human institutions with religious values. We urge that the churches work for the adoption of legislation which will enhance the growth of human personality and provide a means of security and well-being for the individuals. We call upon the churches to institute programs of education to acquaint their members with the issues affecting their industrial life in the light of essential ethical and moral values.

3. *International Relations.*—We commend to you the program for peace set forth by the Department of International Justice and Goodwill of the Federal Council of Churches. "Our people should press for positive programs which have immediate possibilities for peace and justice. They could quickly move towards: (a) Greater economic well-being throughout the world; (b) Greater emphasis on increasing social welfare; (c) Greater observance of human rights to check terrorism; (d) Greater use of processes of international conversation and negotiation."

4. *Interdenominational Relations.*—Testifying to our united witness for Christ we look forward to the union of our Congregational Christian Churches with our Evangelical and Reformed brethren in the United Church of Christ. We urge the churches to endorse the spirit of the ecumenical movement by close affiliation with city, state, national and world council of churches.

This call to action is issued with the conviction that social action is no substitute for faith but it is the first fruits of a vital Christian faith. It is the power and grace of God redeeming us as we fulfill His will for the beloved community.

J. B. ALLAN,  
H. S. SMITH,  
D. J. BOWDEN,  
W. P. SMITH,

*Committee.*

The report of the Committee on Social Action was adopted.

It was moved and carried that the Conference send greetings to Rev. B. J. Earp, High Point, North Carolina, and Rev. J. S. Carden of Durham, N. C., who were ill and unable to attend Conference.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read. Pending the adoption of this report, the following spoke:

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Education Secretary of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches described the Mission Literature and spoke in behalf of Displaced Persons, urging the Conference to do what was possible in bringing these people to our country.

Dr. Raymond A. Dudley, former missionary to India and now secretary for India and Ceylon Mission Work of our American Board, spoke on "India."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

A modern missionary on the foreign field must be a very highly trained, consecrated person. Not all of us could be the most effective foreign missionaries. Our Congregational Christian Churches have a number of capable men and women on the field. We have a number of other competent, God-called men and women who would be on the field if we had the funds to send them. Too often, we delegate the Missionary Call of Christ to the men and women specially trained to answer the call, then, in turn, delegate the financial responsibility to so very few who gladly give for their support. It should not be so. God does not hear our request that the other fellow do it.

We recommend:

1. That all churches raise the conference apportionment in full. Most of the mission specials of other years are now included in the apportionment.

2. We call to the attention of our churches the need for an intimate understanding of our Christian World Missions.

W. M. STEVENS,  
CLYDE L. FIELDS,  
*Committee.*

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was adopted.

The Conference gave way to the Conference Missionary Association.

Conference reconvened at 3:00 p. m.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was read. Pending the adoption of this report, Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, addressed the Conference on "The Need and Opportunity for New Churches."

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home Missions held one meeting during the year. This was a joint meeting with the officers of the C.M.A. At this meeting applications were presented from the West Burlington Area, Zion Congregational Christian Church, Pfafftown Congregational Christian Church, and Palm Street Congregational Christian Church of Greensboro. Grants were made to the Zion and Pfafftown Churches with certain specifications. It was voted that the C. M. A. and Home Mission Board underwrite the purchase of a lot in West Burlington which is to be approved by the Southern Convention Mission Board for the purpose of the erection of a building in which the newly formed church may meet. The amount is not to exceed \$4,000.00. Due to the lack of proper information the application from the Palm Street Church did not receive final action.

The above action of the C.M.A. officers and the Home Mission Board must have the approval of the C.M.A. in session at this Conference before it becomes effective.

For the most part, our rural churches have organized into pastorates and seem to be working nicely. We hope that within our conference we can make more progress in the future in entering new areas, both rural and urban which have needs for a church. In the urban centers, as well as in the rural areas, we would ask our churches which are already located there to assume some of the responsibility in attempting to locate new churches. If you check your ANNUAL you will see that very few new areas have been entered during the past 25 or 30 years. We feel that now is the time we should begin to put forth a definite effort to change this situation.

Therefore, we recommend:

1. That we support the work of the C.M.A. through memberships from the churches, its organizations, and various interested individuals.

2. That we support the action of the C.M.A. Executive Committee taken on November 7 in a joint session of the C.M.A. officers and Home Mission Board.

3. That no mission grant from the C.M.A. to any church or group of churches should exceed \$300.00 except where new areas are entered and then the decision should be left to the C.M.A. Executive Committee and Home Mission Board.

4. That \$2,400 be set as a minimum salary for each minister giving his full time to his church work.

5. Since, for the most part, our churches are forming pastorates where it is not possible for them to have individual pastors, we recommend that the Home Mission Board and C.M.A. invest the majority of its aid in starting new work. If churches need aid in paying their ministers the minimum salary set up by the Home Mission Board we recommend that they make application to the Southern Convention Mission Board through the Conference Home Mission Board.



6. That we give support to denominational and inter-denominational programs for spiritual advancement in our communities.

W. W. SNYDER,  
MRS. J. D. STRADER,  
W. T. DUNN,  
MRS. O. H. PARIS,  
W. M. STEVENS,  
MRS. HOWARD GERRINGER  
C. R. WICKER,

*Committee.*

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Conference Committee on Christian Education has sought to cooperate in the program as outlined by the Convention Board of Christian Education. We suggest the following areas for special emphasis at this session of conference and for the conference year—1949-50:

1. *Religion in the Home.*—More and more religious educators are coming to realize the importance of the home in religion. Our own denomination is sponsoring a series of booklets for use in the home, and your committee heartily recommends them. They are: *The Family Celebrates Christmas*, *The Family Worships Together* and *The Family Looks at One World*.

2. *Leadership Education.*—We reiterate the need of trained leadership in our church schools and urge that superintendents contact the Rev. R. L. House, Convention Chairman of Leadership Education, or Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, for help in planning a school or classes in leadership education.

3. *Visual Aids.*—Because of the growing importance of visual and audio aids in religious education, we urge our churches to make use of them. We call attention to the material and equipment which can be borrowed from our Convention Office.

4. *A Restudy of Methods Used in Our Local Church Schools.*—Many of our churches are conducting their schools in the same way our parents and grandparents did. In the same communities we see the public schools consolidating their efforts and applying modern methods and knowledge to their teaching. We suggest that local churches restudy their schools and bring them up to date with present knowledge and methods of religious education.

5. *Elon College.*—Elon is our college. We urge every church to support it with money, with students and with words of goodwill.

FERRIS REYNOLDS,  
JAMES ALLAN,  
MRS. W. E. WISEMAN,  
*Committee.*

The report of the Committee on Christian Education was adopted.

Dr. L. E. Smith, president of Elon College, spoke briefly concerning Elon College and presented Dr. William M. Brown, Executive Secretary of the Elon College Foundation, who spoke on the work of Elon College and the needs of the Church College.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was presented. Pending the adoption of this report, Miss Frances Query, Director of the North Carolina Council of Churches, addressed the Conference on the "United Evangelistic Advance" and presented the work of the North Carolina Council of Churches as well as that of the Virginia Council of Churches.



The report of the Committee on Evangelism was as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

The proponents of our national advance in evangelistic efforts interpret the first half of our century as an age in which men have been absorbed in their own interests, with little or no vision of the purposes and plans of God for them. It might rightly be called a secular age. Therefore, the words of United States Senator Frank P. Graham are pertinent at this point: "If civilization is not as inventive socially and politically, and as concerned spiritually, as it is powerful scientifically, it will eventually lose itself." Present world conditions call for a genuine revival of Christianity patterned upon the teachings of the Savior.

It is said when the Duke of Wellington was asked if it was worthwhile to send evangelists of the Cross to certain people he said, "What are your standing orders?" The Apostle Paul advised young Timothy to do "the work of an evangelist." The Master gave all of us as His disciples the Divine Commission when He said, "Go out into the highways and hedges." He also gave us the Divine compulsion when He said, "and compel them to come in." This may be done by invitation, intercession and being kind and good to people. Then follows the Divine conception, that "My house might be filled." These are our present standing orders from our great Leader, Jesus the Christ.

As ministers and lay men and women of the Conference we have an unusual opportunity before us now, in helping to "fill His House." The United Evangelistic Advance began on World Communion Sunday, October 2, of this year and will run through December 31, 1950. This program of evangelism is sponsored by 27 constituent denominations of the Federal Council of Churches, together with eleven other denominations not in the Federal Council. These 38 Protestant bodies number approximately 40 million members, and will march forward together under the banner, "America for Christ."

We, therefore, most earnestly recommend that every pastor acquaint himself and his people with the program of the United Evangelistic Advance. We believe that this information will result in the cooperation of pastors and people in making this period a time of ingathering of souls for the Master and His Kingdom.

We further recommend that we, as individuals, commit ourselves to the mission or purpose of the Advance in achieving the five-fold objective:

1. The spiritual renewal of the ministry and membership of the churches.
2. The reaching and winning of the multitudes of unchurched of the nation for Christ and His Church.
3. The careful instruction and assimilation of every new member who is brought into the membership of the churches.
4. The enlisting of all members who have moved to new communities and who have failed to identify themselves with any local church where they now live.
5. The vital transformation of persons through Christ, so that Christian personalities shall be developed in the home, business, politics and in all other human relationships in order that these new persons may in turn produce a more Christian society.

THURMAN F. BOWERS,  
MACK V. WELCH,  
J. L. NEESE,

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was adopted and the secretary of Conference was authorized to have this report printed in *The Christian Sun*.

The report of the Committee on the Ministry was read. Pending the adoption of this report, Dr. W. T. Scott spoke on "The State of Our Ministry."

The report of the Committee on the Ministry was as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY.

We, your Committee on the Ministry, are gratified to report that there seems to be an increasing interest among our young men in the ministry as a life work. Our churches and pastors should seek by all proper means to exalt the work of the ministry; and pray earnestly that the Lord may call from their best young men, worthy preachers of the Gospel.

We offer the following recommendations relative to ministerial personnel:

1. Brother Alfred Warren Matthews, a member of the First Church of Greensboro, is recommended by his church as a suitable candidate for the ministry. He is a member of the sophomore class at Elon College. After due examination, it is recommended that he be enrolled as a member of the Biblical Class.

2. Brother Mullen E. Moricle, a member of our Reidsville Church, and a member of the freshman class at Elon College, is recommended as a suitable candidate for the ministry. After due examination, it is recommended that he be enrolled as a member of the Biblical Class.

3. Brother Rosser Lee Clapp, a member of Apple's Chapel, and a member of the sophomore class at Elon College, is recommended by his church as a suitable candidate for the ministry. After due examination, it is recommended that he be enrolled as a member of the Biblical Class.

4. Brothr William Perroneau Tolley, a member of the Carolina Church, and a member of the junior class at Elon College, applies for recognition as a student preparing for work as a Religious Education Director. After due examination, it is recommended that he be so recognized.

5. Brother Carl Wallace, a member of the Palm Street Church, and a senior at Elon College, is recommended by his church as a suitable candidate for the ministry. After due examination, it is recommended that he be licensed as a probationer at this session of Conference.

6. Brother John Robert Lackey, a member of the Elon College Community Church, and a member of the senior class at Elon College, is recommended by his church as a suitable candidate for the ministry. It is recommended that he be licensed as a probationer at this session of Conference.

7. The Rev. Bland Leebrick was licensed as a probationer at the last session of Conference. He is serving as pastor of Carolina Church, and continuing his studies in college. It is recommended that his licensure be continued.

8. Rev. James R. Hailey was licensed as a probationer at the last session of Conference. He is now serving as pastor of Damascus and Mebane Churches. It is recommended that his licensure be continued.

9. Brother William Rich, a member of Providence Memorial Church, applied to this committee for licensure. He was properly recommended and met the requirements of Conference. He was recommended to the Executive Committee for licensure. The Executive Committee approved the recommendation, and he was licensed in February, 1949. It is recommended that his licensure be continued.

10. Brother William T. Scott, Jr., graduated from Elon College at the last Commencement, and applied for licensure. He being recommended by his church, and passing a satisfactory examination, it was recommended to the Executive Committee that he be licensed. The Executive Committee voting approval, Brother Scott was licensed as a probationer. He is now a student at Yale Divinity School. It is recommended that his licensure be continued.

11. Rev. Clyde L. Fields graduated from Elon College at the last Commencement. The churches of which he was pastor recommended him and requested that he be ordained. After due examination, it was recommended to the Executive Committee that Brother Fields be ordained. Brother Fields was approved for ordination by the Executive Committee and was ordained July 3, 1949.

12. Brother Richard G. Cook, a member of the Third Avenue Church of Danville, was licensed at the last session of Conference. Brother Cook requests that he not be continued as a licentiate of this Conference. It is recommended that his license not be renewed.

13. Brother Percy Ricketts, a member of the Third Avenue Church of Danville, has been very active in his church since he united with the church a number of years ago. During recent years he has served as lay assistant to the Rev. M. T. Sorrell. Brother Ricketts appeared before this committee and stated his conviction of call to the ministry, and requested such recognition as the Conference might vote to accord him. Brother Ricketts does not meet the requirements for regular ordination; but does meet fully the requirements for Conference Ordination. After due examination and careful consideration your committee recommends that Brother Ricketts receive Local or Conference Ordination at the hands of this Conference at this session.

14. The Rev. Tucker G. Humphries, pastor of our Reidsville Church, has presented a letter of transfer of his ministerial standing from the Eastern North Carolina Congregational Christian Conference to this Conference. It is recommended that he be received and enrolled as an Elder of this Conference.

15. The Rev. W. Millard Stevens has accepted the pastorate of the Christian Temple, Norfolk, Virginia. He requests a letter of transfer of his ministerial standing. It is recommended that Brother Stevens be granted a letter of transfer from this Conference to the Eastern Virginia Congregational Christian Conference.

16. The Rev. M. T. Sorrell has been granted a letter of transfer of his ministerial standing from the Eastern North Carolina Congregational Christian Conference to this Conference. It is recommended that the transfer be approved and that Brother Sorrell be enrolled as an Elder of this Conference.

17. Brother Staley Sorrell, a member of the Biblical Class, is now a student in the freshman class at Averett College. It is recommended that he be continued as a member of the Biblical Class.

18. It is recommended that the Rev. I. T. Underwood be continued as a licentiate for another year.

19. The Rev. Clyde L. Fields has accepted a pastorate in the Western North Carolina Congregational Christian Conference. He requests a transfer of his ministerial standing to the Western North Carolina Conference. It is recommended that he be granted the letter of transfer as requested.

20. The Rev. William A. Grissom has accepted a pastorate of our Church at Franklin, Virginia. He requests a transfer of his ministerial standing to the Eastern Virginia Conference. It is recommended that he be granted the letter of transfer as requested.

S. C. HARRELL,  
D. J. BOWDEN,  
F. E. REYNOLDS,  
W. M. STEVENS,  
M. W. ANDES,

*Committee.*

The report of the Committee on the Ministry was adopted.

By authority of the vote of Conference in adopting the report of the Committee on the Ministry, the President of Conference licensed Carl Wallace of the Greensboro Palm Street Church and John Robert Lackey of the Elon College Community Church as probationers to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Rev. T. F. Bowers presented the candidates to the President of Conference and Rev. T. G. Humphries led the prayer.

By authority of the vote of Conference in adopting the report of the Committee on the Ministry, the president appointed the following presbytery to assist him in ordaining Percy Ricketts as a Local Conference Elder: Rev. M. T. Sorrell, to present the candidate; Dr. J. H. Dollar, to lead the prayer; Dr. W. T. Scott, to deliver the charge; Dr. J. G. Truitt, to present the Bible. The ordination service followed.

Conference adjourned.



## TUESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The film, "And Now I See," was shown at 6:30 p. m.

The Conference was called to order at 7:30 p. m.

C. Baxter Twiddy, President of the Youth Fellowship of the Southern Convention, spoke on "Youth at Work Around the World."

Dr. L. E. Smith presented the Elon College Choir and the Choir rendered a concert of sacred music under the direction of John Westmoreland with Fletcher Moore at the piano.

An offering was received to help defray the expenses of the Choir. The offering amounted to \$42.66.

Dr. H. S. Smith spoke on "Truth and Grace."

Holy Communion was observed with Rev. Robert Woodruff, Jr., in charge and assisted by the deacons of the Ingram Church.

Rev. T. G. Humphries led the closing prayer.

## WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Conference was called to order at 9:45 a. m.

The hymn and prayer were led by Dr. J. G. Truitt.

Minutes of Tuesday's session were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Memoirs was read as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

REVEREND H. RUSSELL CLEM.

Since the last session of this conference, one minister and the Superintendent of our Orphanage have gone to their heavenly reward.

The Reverend H. Russell Clem died at his home in Burlington, North Carolina, July 30, 1949. He was born at Powell's Fort, Virginia. He was a graduate of Defiance College in Ohio. Previous to entering the ministry he taught in the public school system in Ohio.

After his ordination in 1904 at Alliance, Ohio, Mr. Clem served the following churches: High Street Church, Springfield; First Christian Church, Greensboro, N. C.; First Christian Church, Falls River, Mass.; the Christian Church, West Mansfield, Mass. For twenty-five years he served as secretary of the Mount Vernon Conference of Ohio. He was president of the Ohio Conference for six years and secretary of the Christian Publishing Association for eight years.

Mr. Clem was married in 1904 to Miss Mary Stanford of Craton, Ohio. To them were born four sons: Kenneth Stanford, Wendell Phillips, H. Russell, Jr., and William Ashford. Mrs. Clem died in 1918.

He was married to Miss Bessie I. Holt of Burlington, September 14, 1921, who survives.

After retiring from the active ministry, Mr. Clem made his home in Burlington, where he served as a helpful "layman" in our church. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. M. Stevens and Dr. G. O. Lankford, August 1, 1949.

CHARLES D. JOHNSON.

In his seventy-ninth year, Mr. Charles D. Johnston, superintendent of the Christian Orphanage at Elon College, passed away at his home in Elon College, February 27, 1949. For thirty-three years Mr. Johnston was the kind and efficient superintendent of the Christian Orphanage. Taking the responsibility of directing the Orphanage



when it was ill-housed and inadequately financed, it has become one of the finest institutions of its kind in the state. His pleasing and persuasive manner won the respect and support of the church and many outside the church. His letter in *The Christian Sun* became the most popular part of *The Sun*.

Mr. Johnston improved the facilities of the Orphanage, added land to the farm and built up a fine dairy.

He was "father" to more than 600 children. He watched them grow from small boys and girls into manhood and womanhood. He advised them and he loved them. As they left the Orphanage he followed their careers with interest. He was proud of their accomplishments.

Mr. Johnston served on the Board of Trustees of Elon College. He was a loyal member of the Elon College Community Church.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a. m. on Wednesday, March 2, 1949, in the Elon College Community Church and his body was laid to rest in Magnolia Cemetery, overlooking the Christian Orphanage. Your Committee stood at the head of his grave, where he rested beneath the beautiful floral tribute, and looked across to the Orphanage and thought, "He that did it unto the least of these, my brethren, did it unto me."

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Mr. President, I move that the Conference stand in a moment of silent prayer in tribute to these two great men and that you close the prayers with appropriate words.

EARL T. FARRELL.

The report of the Committee on Memoirs was adopted and Dr. W. T. Scott led the prayer.

News of the North Carolina Woman's Conference was reported by Miss Pattie Lee Coghill.

Dr. J. G. Truitt, Superintendent of the Christian Orphanage at Elon College, spoke on "The Christian Orphanage."

The motion was made and carried that the Conference program be speeded up in order to conclude the program by 1:00 p. m. and adjourn Conference at that time.

The report of the Committee on Budget and Apportionments was read as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND APPORTIONMENTS.

Your Committee has considered the several requests received for adjustments in the apportionments assigned the churches. It is not easy to take from one church apportionment and place with another. It is the opinion of your Apportionment Committee that we should again adopt for another year the same apportionments assigned our churches one year ago and urge our churches to do the very best they can toward paying all the apportionment.

Our people believe in all the causes we represent through our apportionments and the only way we can hope to do a complete job as our church is supposed to do is to pay our apportionments.

Since the \$500 for Ministerial Scholarships is now included in the Conference Fund Apportionment column, we recommend that the Committee on Budget and Apportionments be empowered to allocate \$500 from the Conference Fund column to a special column designated "Ministerial Scholarships."

GEORGE D. COLCLOUGH,  
RUSSELL POWELL,  
W. E. WALKER,

Committee.

The report of the Committee on Budget and Apportionments was adopted.

## SCHEDULE OF APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1949-50.

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Home Missions*	Convention Foreign Missions†	Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Conference Fund	Totals
Apple's Chapel.....	\$ 165	\$ 140	\$ 136	\$ 135	\$ 44	\$ 43	\$ 86	\$ 34	\$ 14	\$ 25	\$ 822
Asheville.....	37	52	25	27	8	8	15	8	2	4	186
Belew Creek.....	64	43	29	46	18	22	44	9	8	14	297
Berea.....	64	43	29	46	19	13	44	10	8	14	290
Bethel.....	60	60	71	73	14	13	25	14	4	8	342
Bethlehem.....	168	140	127	141	41	40	82	27	12	21	799
Burlington.....	490	1,399	2,735	607	156	148	264	64	48	87	5,998
Carolina.....	44	20	18	27	14	11	38	6	7	13	198
Concord.....	71	50	43	55	22	13	38	9	8	15	324
Danville.....	410	401	59	61	27	74	56	64	11	20	1,183
Durham.....	672	635	369	534	125	151	251	35	38	70	2,880
Elk Spur.....	24	10	12	11	7	3	18	2	4	8	99
Elon College.....	467	435	246	427	97	94	196	35	27	50	2,074
Gibsonville.....	81	60	44	61	20	27	51	17	9	16	386
Graham-Providence.....	40	17	10	23	14	7	20	6	6	12	155
Greensboro, First.....	578	545	312	534	95	101	239	36	30	56	2,526
Greensboro, Palm Street.....	124	120	119	115	27	24	45	21	8	15	618
Happy Home.....	138	113	104	109	41	38	69	22	12	22	668
Haw River.....	131	100	92	107	27	26	56	13	12	21	585
Hebron.....	67	43	32	49	14	13	26	9	8	14	275
Hines' Chapel.....	84	84	59	61	20	27	37	10	9	16	407
Hopedale.....	47	27	20	32	14	11	26	8	7	13	205
Howard's Chapel.....	17	7	12	11	7	7	6	2	4	8	81
Ingram.....	191	160	149	165	44	38	82	17	16	30	892
Ivy Hill.....	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14
Kallam Grove.....	47	27	18	30	14	11	20	7	7	13	194
Lebanon.....	71	47	42	55	16	13	38	11	8	14	315
Liberty.....	71	47	38	55	19	13	38	16	8	15	320
Long's Chapel.....	91	67	56	70	20	19	44	13	9	16	405
Lynchburg.....	91	67	56	69	22	19	50	10	9	16	409
Mebane.....	13	7	12	21	14	7	7	2	5	9	97
Monticello.....	50	27	24	30	15	11	32	7	7	13	216
Mt. Bethel.....	74	74	71	67	16	16	28	5	5	8	364
Mt. Zion.....	81	60	50	63	22	16	50	13	8	15	378
New Lebanon.....	121	94	86	97	27	24	50	15	12	22	548
Prafftown.....	34	13	12	18	14	8	20	2	6	10	137
Pleasant Grove.....	104	80	71	79	29	30	56	21	10	18	498
Pleasant Ridge.....	50	27	24	35	16	8	25	4	7	13	209
Reidsville.....	228	194	187	194	34	54	106	44	19	36	1,096
Rocky Ford.....	24	10	12	11	7	3	18	2	4	8	99
Salem Chapel.....	50	30	24	36	14	8	38	10	6	12	228
Shallow Ford.....	104	80	74	80	22	22	64	16	10	18	490
Tryon, Erskine Memorial.....	134	110	95	107	35	27	64	16	12	21	621
Union, North Carolina.....	121	90	82	97	35	24	71	26	20	37	603
Union, Virginia.....	138	114	104	115	35	34	64	35	12	21	672
Winston-Salem.....	71	23	14	27	10	16	26	2	11	21	221
Totals.....	\$6,005	\$5,995	\$6,005	\$4,814	\$1,352	\$1,336	\$2,724	\$756	\$508	\$929	\$ 30,406

\*Includes Church Extension.

†Includes Shaowu Special.

The report of the Committee on Youth Fellowship was presented as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.

The officers of the North Carolina and Virginia Youth Fellowship were elected October, 1948, and opened their year by meeting at Elon College on January, 1949, to make plans for the year. It was decided to have a rally in Reidsville on April 13, 1949. Also in January, letters were sent to all churches to inform them of this meeting and to give suggestions for activities for Youth Week. Post cards were enclosed in this letter

so that each church could report their activities for Youth Week. Letters were mailed out again in March to tell the people about the rally.

The rally was held on Sunday afternoon and evening with a large attendance. An offering of \$34.02 was received to help send our Southern Convention representative to an International Work Camp. We were one of two conferences to donate to this fund.

While attending the Young People's Conference at Elon College in June, several of our officers met to discuss plans for a summer retreat. The retreat was held the week-end of August 13-14 at Camp Betty Hastings (Winston-Salem Y.W.C.A. Camp.) near Walkertown, North Carolina. A fee of \$2.50 per person was charged to cover expenses for the weekend. Fifty-six people were there for the night, with several others coming in on Sunday. The entire group attended our Winston-Salem Church on Sunday morning for worship.

October, 1949, the president and one of the counsellors, Mrs. M. W. Andes, attended the Southern Convention Pilgrim Fellowship Council meeting at Elon College. At that time, the Missionary Action Chairman for our Conference, Miss Lois Long, was appointed Social Action Chairman for the Convention to replace Bill Scott, Jr., who is away in school. Plans now include an officers' meeting at which time the forthcoming rally will be discussed. Any church desiring to be host for this rally is asked to contact the president or one of the Counsellors (Mr. and Mrs. Mark Andes, and Mrs. W. E. Wiseman).

We received \$17 at the beginning of this year from the retiring treasurer. This amount along with the \$100 allotted us by the Conference has been spent for mailing expenses, literature, traveling expense, week-end retreat, and other items. We appreciate the money that was allotted to us last year and wish to be considered in this year's budget.

DOROTHY BALLINGER, *President.*

The report of the Committee on Youth Fellowship was received and made a part of the record.

The report of the Committee on Men's Work was read. Pending the adoption of this report, Mr. W. T. Dunn addressed the Conference on "Men at Work in Our Churches."

The report of the Committee on Men's Work was received as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEN'S WORK.

We feel that several worthwhile things have been done in the Laymen's Fellowship of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference since our meeting one year ago. During the early part of this year we met at Elon College for a Fellowship Meeting, at which time we heard an excellent address by Dr. Potter. Approximately 150 laymen attended this banquet and lecture. Then, our Laymen's Fellowship has provided a pamphlet for the membership. This pamphlet carries the Constitution and By-Laws along with other suggestions that are beneficial to the members. In addition to this we have received many good suggestions through *The Christian Sun* and from our national office.

We were encouraged by the number of churches that participated in Laymen's Sunday, October 16, 1949. Practically all of our churches with full-time ministers participated and many of our churches with part-time services took part in the program. Many churches used several laymen speaking on different subjects and participating in other parts of the service. We hope next year that every church in the Southern Convention will have some type of laymen's program for Laymen's Sunday.

Many of our churches are undertaking various types of activities that will create new interest. May I mention what we are doing in Lynchburg:

Several churches of different denominations have united their efforts into what we call a "School for Christian Living." We meet each Wednesday evening and we have the following courses: Missions, Christian Doctrine, Christian Courtship and Marriage, and Christian Laymen. This school is valuable. It gives us information we



need. It teaches the laymen of different denominations to work together. Possibly this will give some of you ideas for projects.

W. T. DUNN,  
GEORGE D. COLCLOUGH,  
*Committee.*

The report of the Committee on Men's Work was adopted, and it was moved that both the report and a written statement of Mr. Dunn's address be submitted for printing in *The Christian Sun*.

The following officers for the Conference Laymen's Fellowship were elected as follows: President—W. T. Dunn; Vice-President—W. P. Mahan; Secretary—Zeb Lynch; Treasurer—Horace J. Lee; Representative to Laymen's Council of the Southern Convention—W. T. Dunn.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial and Church Ethics was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL AND CHURCH ETHICS.

We, your Committee, recommend that the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches adopt a code of ministerial ethics as a guide to the ethical standard of its ministers and churches, and present as our recommendation the appended code which embraces much of the code adopted by many other Congregational Christian groups:

##### I. *The Minister's Personal Integrity.*

1. Part of the minister's service as a leader of his people is to reserve sufficient time for serious study in order thoroughly to apprehend his message, keep abreast of current thought, and develop his intellectual and spiritual capacities.

2. In order to be a spiritual leader of his people the minister must set aside definite time for personal meditation and prayer.

3. It is also the minister's duty to keep physically fit. A weekly holiday and an annual vacation should be taken and used for rest and improvement. It is the duty of the church so to provide.

4. As a public interpreter of divine revelation and human duty the minister should tell the truth as he sees it and present it tactfully and constructively.

5. It is unethical for the minister to use directly material prepared by another without acknowledging the source from which it comes.

6. As an ethical leader in the community, it is incumbent on the minister to be scrupulously honest, avoid debts and meet his bills promptly.

##### II. *The Minister's Relation to His Church.*

1. It is unethical for a minister to break his contract with a church. It is equally unethical for a church to break its contract with a minister.

2. The minister should be conscientious in giving full time and strength to the work of his church, engaging in avocations and other occupations in such a way and to such a degree as not to infringe unduly upon that work, unless some definite arrangement for part-time service is made with his church.

3. As a professional man the minister should make his service primary and the remuneration secondary. His efficiency, however, demands that he should receive a salary adequate to the work he is expected to do and commensurate with the scale of living in the parish which he serves.

4. The church in calling a pastor gives to him complete control of his pulpit, but he should not invite persons into it who are not generally acceptable to the parish, and he should be ready to accede to all reasonable requests by responsible church officials for its use.

5. In cases of faction in his parish a minister should be guided solely by Christian principles and the Holy Spirit, and not by the power of either faction.



6. A minister should be careful to be reasonably impartial in rendering pastoral services.

7. The confidential statements made to a minister by his parishoners are privileged and should never be divulged without the consent of those making them.

8. The minister should be careful to strengthen the institution of marriage by providing for adequate pre-marital consultation, including matters of church relationship, family economics, children and marital relations.

### III. *The Minister's Relations to Others.*

1. It is unethical for a minister to interfere directly or indirectly with the parish work of another minister; especially should he be careful to avoid the charge of proselyting.

2. Except in emergencies, ministerial services such as funerals, marriages and pastoral calling should not be rendered to the members of another parish without first consulting the minister of that parish.

3. It is unethical for a minister to speak from another minister's pulpit without the consent of that minister.

4. It is unethical for a minister to make overtures to or consider overtures from a church whose pastor has not yet resigned.

5. It is unethical for a minister to speak ill of the character or work of another minister, especially of his predecessor or successor. It is the duty of a minister, however, in flagrant cases of unethical conduct, to bring the matter before the proper body.

6. As members of the same profession and brothers in the service of a common Master, the relation between ministers should be one of frankness and cooperation. Especially should the minister be very careful to avoid attitudes of professional jealousy.

7. A minister should be scrupulously careful in giving endorsements to agencies or individuals unless he has a thorough knowledge and approval of their work, lest such endorsements be used to influence others unduly.

8. In his ministry to the sick the clergyman should be careful to work in full cooperation with the patient's physician.

9. The minister's responsibility to the State is that of a citizen. He should, therefore, be faithful to his public obligations; and should respond to reasonable requests for assistance in community work.

10. The minister, being responsible to his Conference as well as his local parish, should personally cooperate with the Conference, and make every reasonable effort to see that his church's relations with the Conference are fully cooperative.

Your committee recommends the adoption of the above code and that mimeographed copies be provided all present and future ministers and churches of the Conference so long as it shall be in force.

ROBERT T. WOODRUFF,  
ALLAN L. HURDLE,  
W. W. SLOAN,  
*Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the report be received and that the Committee be continued for this year to receive other suggestions to be added to the above.

The report of the Committee on Superannuation was not made but Dr. W. T. Scott made the following report for this Committee:

### REPORT ON SUPERANNUATION.

The work of the Committee on Superannuation is carried on by the Convention Board of Superannuation through the Division of Ministerial Relief of the Board of Home Missions, New York City.

The grants to pensioners of the Southern Convention is now approximately 30 per

cent higher than they were prior to the merger of our funds with those of the national Division of Ministerial Relief.

In addition to the regular grants to pensioners there are sent checks at Christmas-time from the Christmas Fund receipts.

The total contributions to Superannuation from the Convention is approximately \$4,000 per year and the regular grants from the Division of Ministerial Relief total about \$5,500, and Christmas Fund checks sent in 1948 totaled approximately \$1,200.

We urge our churches to pay in full the apportionment for Superannuation and to exceed that amount if possible.

We urge our churches to contribute generously to the Christmas Fund, said fund being in addition to the regular apportionment.

We urge our pastors to become members of the Annuity Fund, and that the churches share in the payment of annual dues of their respective pastors.

It was moved and carried that the report of Superintendent Scott be received and made a part of the record and that the churches be urged to receive the Special Christmas Offering for Superannuates.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations presents the following to serve in the offices for the Conference Year of 1949-50:

*President*—Dr. S. C. Harrell.

*Vice-President*—Rev. Thurman Bowers.

*Secretary*—Rev. W. J. Andes.

*Assistant Secretary*—Rev. J. B. Allan.

*Treasurer*—Russell B. Powell.

*Representatives to the Executive Board of the Southern Convention*—Rev. J. L. Neese and Robert Walker.

*Home Mission Board*—Rev. W. W. Snyder, Mrs. J. D. Strader, W. T. Dunn, Mrs. O. H. Paris, Rev. K. D. Register, Mrs. R. W. Isley, Rev. G. H. Veazey, Mrs. J. G. Truitt.

*Representatives to the North Carolina Council of Churches*—Dr. W. E. Wisseman, Rev. Tucker G. Humphries, George D. Colclough, W. J. Fonville; Alternates: Rev. K. D. Register, Rev. Mack V. Welch, A. H. Henshaw and D. L. Boone, Sr.

*Representatives to the Virginia Council of Churches*—Rev. J. B. Allan and Mrs. C. B. Wilkins.

We recommend that the election of delegates to the Southern Convention be turned over to the Executive Committee with power to act and that the Executive Committee of the Conference with the Executive Board of the Southern Convention be empowered to elect our delegates to the General Council.

J. L. NEESE,  
G. H. VEAZEY,  
J. B. ALLAN,  
W. T. DUNN,

*Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the report of the Nominating Committee be adopted and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for the nominees.

The Secretary cast the ballot as directed, and the President declared the officers elected.

The report of the Committee on Finance was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, the Committee on Finance, have carefully examined the records of the Treasurer and have found them to be correct in every detail.

We recommend:

1. That the Secretary be paid \$60 for services, stationery and postage.

2. That the bills for ANNUALS, report blanks and programs be paid on receipt of bills for same by the Treasurer.

3. That \$300 be paid to the North Carolina Council of Churches and \$75 be paid to the Virginia Council of Churches.

4. That the Executive Committee of the Conference be given the power to act on any request from the C. M. A. during the year.

5. That \$100 be given to the North Carolina and Virginia Youth Fellowship.

6. That the Conference Secretary be authorized to draw drafts covering the expenses of guest speakers and other expenses incurred during this session of Conference.

7. That the Secretary be instructed to draw a draft on the Conference Treasury for the sum of \$500 for Ministerial Scholarship Fund for 1948-49.

8. That the Secretary be instructed to draw a draft on the Conference Treasury in the amount of \$50 to be paid to Dr. C. E. Newman, Historian, for his service and expenses in compiling information pertaining to the O'Kelly Cemetery.

9. That \$50 be appropriated for the promotion of the Laymen's Fellowship within the Conference.

H. E. CRUTCHFIELD,  
H. G. EARP,  
CLAUDE C. WARD,  
*Committee.*

The report of the Committee on Finance was adopted.

It was moved and carried that the Treasurer's report to Conference show only the complete picture of the financial transactions during the Conference year.

The report of the Committee on Place was as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

We, your Committee on Place, have had two invitations: namely, Shallow Ford and Haw River. We recommend that the Conference accept the invitation to Shallow Ford.

A. Y. ALLRED,  
MRS. JOE KING,  
*Committee.*

The report of the Committee on Place was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, wish to make the following resolutions:

1. That we express our deep appreciation to the Ingram Church, the pastor, members and friends, for the hospitality that we have received and also to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Carlton for the beautiful flowers placed in the sanctuary of the church.

2. That we express our thanks to the Program Committee for the fine program rendered at this Conference session.

3. That we express our appreciation to Dr. H. Shelton Smith, Dr. Raymond Dudley and others for their inspirational messages given during this session of Conference.

4. That we express our appreciation to the outgoing President of Conference for his faithful and efficient services rendered during his term of office and also to the other officials of Conference.

MRS. JOHN LONG,  
G. H. VEAZEY,  
W. W. SNYDER,  
*Committee.*

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was adopted.



It was moved and carried that this Conference have its minutes printed in *THE ANNUAL*; and that this Conference purchase 225 copies of *THE ANNUAL* for pro rata distribution among the churches.

The minutes of this day's session were read and approved.

By motion the Secretary was authorized to complete the minutes of this session and that following the prayer of Dr. W. E. Wisseman the Conference adjourn to meet Tuesday after the second Sunday in November, 1950, with the Shallow Ford Church.

Dr. J. H. Dollar led the closing hymn.

Dr. H. Shelton Smith concluded his addresses with the address, "Darkness and Light."

Dr. W. E. Wisseman closed the session with prayer.

The 1949 Conference was adjourned.

KENNETH D. REGISTER, *President*.

WILLIAM J. ANDES, *Secretary*.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Executive*—S. C. Harrell, Thurman Bowers, W. J. Andes.

*Program*—S. C. Harrell, Thurman Bowers, W. J. Andes and pastor of host church.

*Evangelism*—Thurman Bowers, M. V. Welch, W. W. Sloan, Tucker G. Humphries, Frank W. Murtfeldt.

*Ministry*—W. E. Wisseman, D. J. Bowden, M. W. Andes, F. E. Reynolds, Kenneth D. Register.

*Laymen's Fellowship*—W. T. Dunn, George D. Colclough, J. H. Rountree, James R. Hailey.

*Social Action*—James Allan, William P. Smith, Wm. H. Morgan, H. Shelton Smith, D. J. Bowden.

*Ministerial and Church Ethics*—Robert T. Woodruff, Jr., Allen Hurdle, W. W. Sloan.

*Budget and Apportionments*—George D. Colclough, Russell Powell, W. E. Walker, H. E. Crutchfield.

*Foreign Missions*—W. J. Andes, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Percy Ricketts, Mrs. Ed Mitchell, R. B. Crawford, Mrs. T. S. Scott.

*Historian*—C. E. Newman.

*Memoirs*—J. L. Neese, William Rich, C. E. Newman.

*Stewardship*—Tucker G. Humphries, M. W. Andes, H. E. Crutchfield, J. R. Walker, Robert T. Woodruff, Jr.

*Superannuation*—D. R. Fonville, M. T. Sorrell, C. L. Simpson.

*Religious Literature*—H. E. Crutchfield, Mrs. D. M. Estes, G. H. Veazey, Earl D. Weed.

*Home Mission Board and Rural Church*—W. W. Snyder, W. T. Dunn, Mrs. J. D. Strader, Mrs. O. H. Paris, K. D. Register, Mrs. R. W. Iseley, G. H. Veazey, Mrs. J. G. Truitt.

*Pilgrim Fellowship*—Miss Dorothy Ballinger, Miss Lois Long, Miss Melva Foster, Mrs. M. W. Andes, Miss Ruth Helen Gunn.

*Christian Education*—Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, F. E. Reynolds, Miss Mary Frances Theilen, Mrs. Mark W. Andes, Miss Dorothy Foltz.



## MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

- Allan, James B.*—Sermons, 74; members received, 30; marriages, 3; addresses, 10 (radio addresses, 24); baptisms, 13; prayer meetings, 39; funerals, 8; salary, \$2,600.
- Andes, Mark W.*—Sermons, 70; members received, 34; marriages, 1; addresses, 2; baptisms, 22; conversions, 22; funerals, 10; salary, \$2,550.
- Andes, William J.*—Sermons, 104; members received, 25; conversions, 7; baptisms, 11; addresses, 8; marriages, 3; funerals, 5; salary, \$3,000.
- Bowden, D. J.*—Dean of Elon College.
- Bowers, Thurman F.*—Sermons, 130; conversions, 22; baptisms, 10; prayer meetings, 46; addresses, 5; weddings, 11; funerals, 12; salary, \$3,300.
- Brooks, Arthur C.*—No report.
- Carden, John S.*—Retired.
- Crutchfield, G. C.*—Sermons, 56; members received, 2; marriages, 6; funerals, 8. Sells General Insurance.
- Crutchfield, H. E.*—Sermons, 112; conversions, 8; members received, 11; baptisms, 9; prayer meetings, 8; addresses, 6; marriages, 2; funerals, 2; salary, \$3,000.
- Dollar, Jesse H.*—Sermons, 72; conversions, 13; members received, 44; baptisms, 13; prayer meetings, 30; addresses, 17; marriages, 3; funerals, 4; salary, \$3,600.
- Farrell, Earl H.*—No report.
- Fields, Clyde L.*—Sermons, 72; conversions, 12; members received, 19; baptisms, 8; marriages, 2; funerals, 2; salary, \$2,040. Transferred at Conference to the Western North Carolina Conference.
- Harrell, S. C.*—Sermons, 87; conversions, 4; members received, 13; baptisms, none; prayer meetings, 38; addresses, 12; marriages, 10; funerals, 14; salary, \$4,000.
- Humphries, Tucker G.*—Received at Conference.
- Hurdle, A. L.*—Sermons, 51; conversions, 1; members received, 4; baptisms, 1; prayer meetings, 1; addresses, 3; marriages, none; funerals, 8; salary, \$1,268.32. Student at Duke University until June, 1949.
- Jackson, William P.*—Retired.
- Johnson, S. M.*—Retired.
- Key, Carl Rollen*—Sermons, 26; addresses, 146; salary, \$4,199.97. Was director of North Carolina Council of Churches and now Field Representative for CROP in eleven states in the Southern Region.
- Morgan, William H.*—Teacher at Appalachian State Teachers' College.
- Mueller, R. C. H.*—Missionary to India.
- Murtfeldt, Frank W.*—Sermons, 46; conversions, 6; members received, 21; baptisms, 4; prayer meetings, none; addresses, 9; marriages, 4; funerals, 2; salary, \$3,120.
- Neese, J. L.*—Sermons, 109; conversions, 41; members received, 20; baptisms, 16; prayer meetings, 28; addresses, 5; marriages, 6; funerals, 19; salary, \$3,640.
- Newman, C. E.*—Marriages, 8; funerals, 6. Retired. Spent a good deal of time as Church Historian.
- Register, Kenneth D.*—Sermons, 74; conversions, 10; members received, 14; baptisms, 10; addresses, 4; marriages, 9; funerals, 3; salary, \$2,600.
- Reynolds, F. E.*—Sermons, 36; members received, 7; baptisms, 2; addresses, 15; marriages, 5; funerals, 4; salary from church, \$1,200. Professor at Elon College.

- Sloan, W. W.*—Professor at Elon College but no report as pastor of Shallow Ford Church.
- Smith, H. Shelton*—Professor at Duke Divinity School.
- Smith, J. Howard*—Sermons, 41; addresses, 10; baptized, 5; new members received, 5; salary, \$4,200. Present position, Head of English Department, Arnold College, Milford, Connecticut.
- Smith, William P.*—Sermons, 24; members received, 5; baptisms, 2; addresses, 2; marriages, 1; funerals, 1; salary, \$2,100.
- Snyder, W. W.*—Sermons, 84; conversions, 15; members received, 22; baptisms, 23; addresses, 3; marriages, 10; funerals, 11; salary, \$2,550.
- Sorrell, M. T.*—Received at Conference.
- Stevens, W. M.*—Sermons, 80; members received, 25; prayer meetings, 37; addresses, 21; marriages, 8; funerals, 12; salary, \$4,500. Transferred at Conference to the Eastern Virginia Conference.
- Thelen, Mary Frances*—Sermons, 4; addresses, 10; funerals, 1; salary, \$3,225. Adjunct Professor of Religion at Randolph-Macon Woman's College.
- Veazey, G. H.*—Sermons, 50; conversions, 1; members received, 3; baptisms, 1; addresses, 3; marriages, 1; funerals, 5; salary, \$1,800.
- Weed, Earl D.*—Sermons, 52; conversions, 1; members received, 12; baptisms, 4; addresses, 10; marriages, 4; funerals, 3; salary, \$1,200.
- Wehrenberg, Edward L.*—Public School Teacher; salary, \$2,700.
- Welch, Mack V.*—Sermons, 151; conversions, 116; members received, 39; baptisms, 30; prayer meetings, 20; addresses, 9; marriages, 2; funerals, 3; salary, \$3,182.50.
- Wiseman, W. E.*—Sermons, 118; conversions, 4; members received, 26; baptisms, 7; prayer meetings, 28; addresses, 10; marriages, 12; funerals, 14; salary, \$4,500.
- Woodruff, Robert T., Jr.*—Sermons, 64 (radio devotions, 10); conversions, 6; members received, 4; baptisms, 3; addresses, 3; funerals, 10; salary, \$1,866.65.

## LICENTIATES.

- Hailey, James R.*—Sermons, 54; funerals, 4; salary, \$750. Student at Elon College.
- Lackey, J. R.*—Student at Elon College. Licensed at this Conference.
- Leebrick, Bland A.*—Sermons, 30; conversions, 5; members received, 4; funerals, 1; salary, \$1,300. Student at Elon College.
- Rich, William A.*—Sermons, 1. Teacher of Bible Class and Student. Licensed during past Conference year.
- Scott, Wm. T., Jr.*—Student at Yale Divinity School. Licensed during past Conference year.
- Underwood, I. T.*—Sermons, 6.
- Wallace, Carl*—Student at Elon College and licensed at Conference.

## LOCAL CONFERENCE ORDINATION.

- Ricketts, Percy H.*—Ordained at Conference.

## BIBLICAL CLASS.

- Clapp, Rosser Lee*—Student at Elon College.
- Moricle, Mullen C.*—Student at Elon College.

*Matthews, Alfred Warren*—Student at Elon College.

*Sorrell, Staley*—Student at Averett College in Danville, Va. Sermons, 110; conversions, 10.

*Tolley, William Perroneau*—Recognized as a student preparing for Director of Religious Education and student at Elon College.

MEMBER OF ANOTHER DENOMINATION SERVING CHURCHES

IN CONFERENCE.

*Loman, Harold*—Sermons, 734; conversions, 587; members received, 28; baptisms, 17; prayer meetings, 12; addresses, 9; marriages, 16; funerals, 10; salary, \$4,960.

# Minutes of the Nineteenth Biennial Session of the Woman's Missionary Convention.

ELON COLLEGE, NORTH CAROLINA

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 1949

THEME: *We Dedicate Ourselves*

The Nineteenth Biennial Session of the Women's Missionary Convention of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches and the Fourth Annual Session of the School of Missions of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, was called to order by the President, Mrs. O. H. Paris, at 3:00 o'clock.

Mrs. Charles Howell, of Catawba College, Salisbury, North Carolina, led a spiritually stimulating devotional period.

Dr. L. E. Smith welcomed the Convention to the Elon Campus, with the expressed wish that everybody would feel and act at home.

On the recommendation of the President, it was moved and carried that the President's report be accepted, as printed in the program booklet, without being read.

## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE WOMAN'S CONVENTION.

The past two years have been filled with rich experiences as I have attempted to meet the requirements that go with the job of being president of the Woman's Convention.

While I was unable to attend all the meetings, I have made an honest effort to be with as many groups and organizations as possible.

I attended the Valley Conference once, was present for the two sessions of the Eastern Virginia and North Carolina Conferences and attended some of the North Carolina Rallies. I have visited societies and have spoken to numbers of groups.

At the 1948 session of the Southern Convention, I reported the progress of the woman's work and planned and presided over the woman's banquet.

I was your representative at the Dedication Service of the Superintendent's home in Elon College and offered the dedicatory prayer.

For the past two years I have served on the Mission Board, attending all its meetings except one; I have also served on the Executive Board of the Southern Convention plus numerous and various committees.

I have spent hours upon hours writing—letters, articles and bulletins.

Last October I was invited to bring greetings from the Southern Convention and to speak at the biennial meeting of the Southern Synodical Woman's Guild of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches, which met in Hickory, N. C.

In January, 1948, I attended the Midwinter Meetings of the Missions Council at Grand Rapids, Michigan, and again in February, 1949, at Cleveland, Ohio. Prior to the Council meetings, I participated in all the functions of the Women State Presidents Meetings.

In April, 1948, I represented you at the Philadelphia Regional Meeting, which was one of the nine regional meetings held across the United States in preparation for launching Our Christian World Mission.

Last June I was a delegate to the General Council at Oberlin, Ohio, and was your representative in the Dedication Service of the Woman's Gift. I also attended and



voted in the history-making special session of the General Council in February, 1949, at Cleveland, Ohio, at which time the final vote on the merger with the Evangelical and Reformed Church was taken.

As we bring to a close the work of this biennium my thanks go to you, one and all, for your fine cooperation, your deep loyalty, and your willingness to serve. The progress that we have made has been due to the faithfulness of you women—women in the smaller societies—women in the larger societies—all working together for the cause we love. Together we have entered the doors that have been opened to us; together we have visualized "Horizons Unlimited" and now together "We Dedicate Ourselves" to tasks that lie before us.

MRS. O. H. PARIS, *President*.

The following reports of the three Conference Presidents were adopted as presented:

#### REPORT OF THE EASTERN VIRGINIA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

The work reported here was done under the regime of Mrs. John G. Truitt. I would like to commend her work and that of Mrs. L. W. Stagg who has served as a very efficient secretary.

Forty churches were represented at Waverly Christian Church on October 3, 1947, to spend a day of fellowship and instruction. The theme was "Opening Doors for God, for Others, for Ourselves." In 1948 our Conference met at Newport News on October 7 with "Horizons Unlimited" as our theme.

The districts have held their spring rallies. The various officers have done their work well and faithfully. The gifts have increased and our bounty of stewardship has been great. We hope to raise \$10,000 this year.

That the women of the Conference desired me to be their leader was both a surprise and a challenge. It was interesting that I was installed in the church from which I had gone to serve. My mind has gone back to the themes for the two years many times. It is a challenge to all.

*"Open Doors" . . . "Horizons Unlimited"*

MRS. R. L. HOUSE, *President*.

#### REPORT OF THE VIRGINIA VALLEY CENTRAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

Using as their theme "Opening Doors" and "Horizons Unlimited" the Valley Conference has been moving slowly but steadily forward during the past biennium. We have organized three new societies and there is increased interest in the churches. But when we open our eyes and behold our Conference with twenty churches and only eleven with active missionary societies, we must face the fact that there is an unlimited amount of work to be done at our own door.

The words of Christ ring out to us, "The Harvest is Great but the Laborers are Few."

The rallies were well attended. Miss Louise Bookwalter from Ceylon and Miss Elizabeth McGuffie were our guest speakers. They brought us inspiring messages and they will be long remembered in our prayers as they go forth in the Master's work.

The Conference has asked each church to send a delegate to the Woman's Convention and School of Missions at Elon College in June.

There has been Friendly Service in all societies. Many boxes were sent to China, Japan and Germany, and quite an interest has been manifested in our Chinese student at Duke, Timothy Chang. The Jacksons have kept our people deeply interested in our work in China. The "Unseen Guest Meal" was observed in the churches. It met with much success in some churches.

While we reached our goal of \$2,000 and more for all purposes, we still must say, "Surely the Valley is an open field." A great challenge faces every woman of the Conference. Let us all unite in prayer that each of us may see our responsibility in the mission work of our church. Arise and let us be about our Father's business. Tomorrow may be too late.

VERDIE SHOWALTER, *President*.

## REPORT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

During the past biennium many doors of opportunity have opened for the women in our churches in North Carolina—doors of worship, service, fellowship and giving. New plans of organization for local church groups, increased cooperation with women of other churches, a new concept of giving for many groups which heretofore had been content with very small dues, and increased use of the packets all reflect growing societies.

For the Conference Year 1946-47 our treasurer reported a total giving of \$8,479.48. For 1947-48 our total giving was \$8,722.32.

Guest speakers during the biennium opened many doors for us:

1. Mrs. J. T. Fesperman, president of the Southern Synodical Women's Guild of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, told of women's work in this sister denomination at our 1947 Conference which was held in Burlington.
2. Dr. Stanley U. North of our Board of Home Missions pictured for us needs and opportunities in Hawaii at the 1948 Conference which met in Asheboro.
3. Rev. Ralph Shrader of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions filled us with facts and interesting stories from our mission stations in all parts of the world as he shared in the 1948 Rallies.
4. Miss Elizabeth McGuffie, associate secretary for women's work for our denomination, brought to us the "Hows, When's, Whys and Whats of Women's Work" at our 1949 Rallies.

Reports for the past year show that we had 63 women's societies, seven young people's societies, ten children's groups and fifteen cradle roll groups sending money through the women's treasurer. This is a slight increase in each group over the report two years ago, with the exception of young people's societies. There are many young people's and children's groups, of course, which study about missions and give to missions through the Sunday School and Pilgrim Fellowship.

I am deeply grateful to my fellow officers and to every member of every local society for the spirit of cooperation and sacrificial service they have shown. I hope and pray that with horizons unlimited we may proceed with courage and vision to do the tasks which are set before us for the next biennium.

MRS. F. C. LESTER, *President*.

The President announced the following Convention Committees:

*Nominating*—Mrs. R. T. Bradford, chairman; Mrs. W. J. Andes, Mrs. R. L. House, Miss Verdie Showalter, Mrs. Martin Garren.

*Finance*—Mrs. John G. Truitt, chairman; Mrs. Kenneth Register, Mrs. Garland Spratley.

*Recommendations*—Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, chairman; Mrs. R. A. Whitten, Mrs. W. V. Leathers.

*Publicity*—Mrs. Mark Andes, chairman; Mrs. W. J. Andes.

*Courtesy*—Mrs. Stanley C. Harrell, chairman; Mrs. T. Hayes Holland, Mrs. Ray Gordon.

The report of the Spiritual Life Chairman was accepted as follows:

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SPIRITUAL LIFE.

As we approach the end of another biennium we are conscious of God's goodness to us, but with it comes realization of the need of a stronger faith, more courageous action and of strengthening our spiritual foundation. We are an organization whose purpose is to promote and stimulate interest in missions, striving to enlist individuals in a fellowship of worship, missionary education and service, working to promote the cause of Christ throughout the world. We are aware that God has a plan for world-wide salvation, a plan that embraces you and me. First, we must establish the love of God in our own hearts and lives before we can accept the great commission which our Lord Jesus gave us: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." As we learn in our

Covenanted Fellowship of Prayer, "When God's Kingdom comes in our own lives, then will it prevail in our homes through patience and love, in our churches and communities through goodwill and brotherhood and in our country through righteousness and justice, in the world through service and salvation." Our Spiritual Life Department should be one of the greatest strongholds of our Woman's Convention. Worship brings spiritual unity of thought and feeling, and so we realize the importance of Bible study and worship. The Bible, as the word of God, is the only solid foundation for our lives. Our faith in Him forms our fortress against the troubles and sorrows of the world. From God and His inspired word we find the strength and inspiration to face the next day.

From our Bible study in 1947-48 we used studies in the Gospel of Matthew, "Thy Kingdom Come—Beginning With Me." This was most interesting and inspirational—a Bible study based on the Sermon on the Mount.

This year, 1948-49, we have had an excellent and most comprehensive study, *The Gospel Unlimited*—a study of St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians. This book was written by one of our own ministers and professor of religion at Elon College, Dr. Ferris E. Reynolds.

I would like to recommend that you use the *Guide Posts* published by the Woman's Work Committee of the Missions Council of the Congregational Christian Churches. You will find this periodical a source of inspiration and help.

For 1949-50 we hope you will find the Bible study a great help in your devotional program. We have chosen "The Gospel of John." To aid you in your study, we have on hand in the Pilgrim Press room *The Gospel and Letters of John* by Alexander Purdy which sells for 25 cents. This book you will probably want to use in your circles and for a detailed Bible study. Then we have on hand a companion book *Newness of Life* by Estelle Carver which is excellent material for enriching your devotional life. This sells for 50 cents.

We are fortunate in having Dr. Mary F. Thelin, Bible teacher of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va., to present our study for us this year.

May your interest ever increase concerning worship and Bible study. May we be given faith to place our lives on the strength of Thy word.

*Speak through the living silence,  
O God of grace and power,  
Make me feel Thy presence  
Within this holy hour.*

*Speak through the day's confusion  
Of pain and dull unrest;  
Stir up the gift within me  
To serve Thee at my best.*

*Speak Thou, O God of glory  
Whose mercies never cease,  
Make haste to bring Thy kingdom  
And grant to men Thy peace.*

MRS. RUSSELL T. BRADFORD.

Dr. Mary Frances Thelen, from Randolph-Macon College, presented the Bible Study, *The Gospel of John*, for 1949-50. Her presentation was instructive and inspiring.

The Convention was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Fred Eutsler. Preceding supper in the college dining hall, Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Smith received the Convention guests and delegates at tea on the campus.



## MONDAY—EVENING SESSION.

Following Vespers on the campus, the evening session met in Whitley Auditorium. Mrs. R. A. Whitten led the opening prayer. Dr. Wm. T. Scott introduced Timothy Chang who addressed the Convention. A lovely solo was rendered by Miss Mary Lee Foster. Miss Helen Kenyon, Moderator of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, delivered the Convention address. Miss Kenyon was introduced by Mrs. F. C. Lester, President of the North Carolina Conference. The session adjourned with the benediction.

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## TUESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The President called the Convention to order at nine o'clock.

Mrs. Tucker Humphries, of Reidsville, N. C., led the devotional service, urging the dedication of ourselves to the making of religion real.

In the regretted absence of Mrs. Wisseman, Mrs. R. A. Whitten read the report of the recommendations committee.

The following report of the Superintendent of Interdenominational Cooperation, was presented and adopted:

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF INTER-DENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION.

Perhaps in recent days as never before, the Church is realizing the necessity of unity as it seeks to serve a world that yearns to be saved from a restlessness that seems to plague men everywhere.

The time is past when one denomination or another lays claim to the better plan or program and seeks to prove its claim. It was the prayer of our Lord that "they all may be one," and it is evident that only in a united effort will the Church prove equal to its task.

The three special days of the year when church women feel this emphasis of "oneness" in a particular way are the World Day of Prayer, May Fellowship Day and World Community Day. Programs and plans for each have been available from the United Council of Church Women.

Reports that have come to me at this writing show that in fourteen districts reporting the World Day of Prayer was observed by seventy societies, May Fellowship Day by thirty-seven societies, and World Community Day by thirty-seven societies. I feel sure that this is not a true picture and that many societies have observed these special days even though their reports have not been received. It has been noted from accounts of activities of various societies as recorded in *The Christian Sun* that many have reported observance of these days either as a society or in cooperation with community groups of other denominations.

It is certainly a forward step when church women seize any opportunity to work together without regard to denominational lines. It has been my happy experience as I am sure it has been of any who have cooperated in a community effort that there is joy in working together. For example: the church women of our town worshipped together on World Community Day. They brought their towel packs, great piles of them. It was a happy experience to work with other Christian women who are always so busy at work in their own churches that we seldom know each other except in such a united project.

May we urge the women of the Southern Convention to enter more fully into the cooperative efforts of other Christian women. Plans and helpful suggestions can always be secured from *The Church Woman*.



This report could hardly close without a word of thanksgiving for the forward steps that have been made during the last biennium toward interdenominational unity on the part of our own denomination and our Evangelical and Reformed brothers. We pray God's wisdom and guidance in this matter.

Margaret T. Applegarth in her article, "Little Amsterdam," appearing in a recent issue of *The Church Woman*, has given us that proverb which we must never forget. She reminds us of Paul's message to the church in Ephesus in which he said, "God hath quickened us; hath raised us up; hath made us sit; hath fitly framed us; and hath builded us—together."

A great responsibility for this "togetherness" rests upon the shoulders of the women of all denominations. May we assume our share as we work together with others in that wider fellowship of Christian women, at home and even around the world.

RUTH C. WHITTEN.

Mrs. M. T. Garren brought echoes from the National Assembly of the United Council of Church Women.

Dr. W. T. Scott was recognized and made the interesting announcement that Miss Pattie Lee Coghill would soon become the new Educational Secretary for the Southern Convention, assisting with Women's Work, Young People's work and general promotion of Christian Education in the Convention.

Miss Coghill was presented and she gave a most challenging presentation of the Mission Study for 1949-50, following which, she had four of the young women to model some native Japanese costumes.

The report of Literature was presented and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF LITERATURE.

In the vernacular of the present-day teen-ager, "I didn't know the gun was loaded!"—and I didn't mean to do any damage when I accepted the job of Literature Chairman for our Convention. It seemed quite harmless for me to accept the privilege of making only the packets. "That I can manage," I thought, and thus I began. But soon I found that the gun was doubled-barrelled and almost too heavy for me to handle. I found, too, that it was loaded! There was the Plan Book to be written by "someone," the Mission Study Books to be ordered and sold by "someone," an accurate account of all financial dealings to be kept by "someone," an endless number of letters to be answered by "someone," etc. My courage was about to fail me when suddenly I was reminded that Christ Himself left His workshop, His home, and His friends in order to go forth to do the work assigned to Him by His Father until it was finished. Thus, realizing the importance of my job as it related to the furtherance of His work, I could not desert the fort—I have humbly and honestly tried to be that "someone." My aiming has been poor, I am sure, and my shooting has been anything but accurate at times, but somehow I have managed to stand by my gun!

For all of a "that and a that and a that," I count it a real privilege to have served, as best I could, as Literature Chairman. I am confident that we have "hit the mark" at times and that some good has been realized. You have been wonderful in your co-operation, and I think you with all my heart. It has been fun to correspond with you, and I appreciate the bond of friendship which I feel has been created in this way.

Special thanks should be given to those who have worked hand in hand with me:

First, to the Convention President, Mrs. O. H. Paris, and to the Presidents of the Various Conferences, namely, Mrs. John G. Truitt, Mrs. F. C. Lester and Miss Verdie Showalter.

Second, to the Literature Committee, namely, Mrs. O. J. Sours, representing the Valley of Virginia; Mrs. W. E. Wiseman, representing North Carolina; and to Mrs. Robert Kimball, representing Eastern Virginia.

Third, to the personnel of the Convention Office: To Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, to

Miss Melva Foster, to Mrs. Dorothy Carson, to Miss Dorothy Scott, and to the Superintendent, Dr. William T. Scott—all of whom have given wise counsel and have worked faithfully and cheerfully for us and with us.

Time and space will not permit in this report an item by item account of all financial transactions of this department, but all correspondence has been filed and records have been kept of the Study Books, Packet Materials, and other literature bought and sold and will be available for a reasonable length of time to anyone interested in a more detailed report. All bills have been approved by the Convention President, Mrs. O. H. Paris, and then sent to the Treasurer of the Convention, Mrs. W. V. Leathers, who in turn has paid all bills. All monies collected on Study Books, Packets, Plan Books, and all other literature sold in connection with this department as received by me has been deposited in the National Bank of Burlington and checks have been sent to the Treasurer of the Convention, Mrs. W. V. Leathers.

## I. Packets

### 1. The Adult Packet:

#### a. For 1947-48—

No. of packets made .....	150
Extra packets made—slightly different from others .....	8
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Total packets made .....	158
Sale price per packet .....	\$ 1.50
Total cost of materials for 150 packets .....	137.25

(Not including cost of Plan Book, Christmas Program or Dr. Reynolds' Lectures.)

NOTE: Many requests for packets came after the supply had been exhausted and much of the material could not be bought. Therefore, in order to meet this need five packets were made using Young People's materials, materials left from School of Missions, or materials obtained from the Convention Office. Only the actual cost of items included was charged and in one or two instances material was given free of charge. These brought the total number of packets made for 1947-48 up to 163. Money collected on these five packets was credited to the sale of mission study books.

#### b. For 1948-49—

No. of Packets made .....	200
Sale price per packet .....	\$ 1.50
Total cost of 200 packets .....	241.04
(Not including cost of Plan Book, Devotional Booklet, Christmas Story, Missionaries for Special Study and Cradle Roll Report.)	
Number of packets sold .....	176

#### c. For 1949-50—

No. of packets to be made .....	180
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All typing and mimeographing was done by the Convention Office with the exception of one report done by Mrs. Robert Kimball. Your chairman supervised the mimeographing of the following:

1. Worship services entitled "We Worship Together," as compiled by Mrs. Russell Bradford.
2. Cradle Roll Report by Mrs. Orva Brown.
3. A program by Mrs. Robert Kimball (second running).
4. Christmas programs.
5. Missionaries for special study.
6. The Plan Books:
  - a. "Opening Doors."
  - b. "Horizons Unlimited."
  - c. "We Dedicate Ourselves."

2. Young People's Packet—Prepared by Miss Elizabeth Chicoine:
 

No. of packets made .....	75
Sale price per packet .....	\$ 1.00
No. of packets sold .....	75
3. Children's Packet—Prepared by Miss Elizabeth Chicoine and Mrs. W. E. Wisseman:
 

No. of packets made .....	50
Sale price per packet .....	\$ 3.00
No. of packets sold .....	49

## II. Plan Book

### 1. For 1947-48—*Opening Doors*:

- a. First printing—
 

No. made .....	200
Total cost First Printing .....	\$ 16.34
- b. Second Printing—
 

No. made .....	375
Total cost Second Printing .....	\$ 22.65

Total cost of 1947-48 Plan Book .....	\$ 38.99
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Single copies of Plan Books for 1947-48 were mailed without charge to more than 100 individuals who had bought or ordered packets. Many orders were filled for quantities of Plan Books, not included in packet. A charge of 10 cents per copy was made for these.

### 2. For 1948-49—*Horizons Unlimited*"—

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| No. made .....   | 500      |
| Total cost ..... | \$ 29.62 |

The 1948-49 Plan Book was included in the packet with no extra cost for those who bought packets. A charge of 10 cents per copy was made for all Plan Books purchased without packets.

### 3. For 1949-50—*We Dedicate Ourselves*."

As this report goes to press, plans are being made for the 1949-50 packets and plan books. Reports on these cannot be made at this time, but detailed accounts will be kept and given to the new chairman of literature who will report at the next biennium.

## III. Mission Study Books:

### 1. 1947-48—

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| Left from School of Missions books amounting .....  | \$ 97.97 |
| At the request of the Executive Board, Children's Literature was ordered amounting .....                                    | 75.67    |
| Books bought from Mrs. McClintock after School of Missions and used in extra packets or otherwise sold at Conferences ..... | 20.50    |

### 2. 1948-49—

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|---|--------|
| Materials selected and ordered by Mrs. O. H. Paris, Mrs. F. C. Lester and your Chairman for the School of Missions and sent to us through Miss Elizabeth Mack ... |        |
|   | 369.27 |
| Credit for books returned .....   | 162.85 |

Leaving books amounting to .....	\$ 206.42
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NOTE: Mission study books, packets, Bible study books, and other types of literature have either been taken or sent to all Conferences, Conventions and Rallies—also to many Young People's meetings. Your chairman has personally wrapped and mailed most of the orders for books during 1947 and 1948. During 1948 and 1949 the orders have been given to the Convention Office with the request that they be filled and mailed from the office. Your chairman has also accepted every opportunity possible to promote



the mission study themes and to encourage the reading of religious literature. Speaking invitations have been accepted at Burlington, Tryon, Greensboro, Elon College, North Carolina Woman's Conference, and Eastern Virginia Woman's Conference. She has further served on the literature committee of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference for two terms and has written reports for each term.

IV. Bible Study Book—*The Gospel Unlimited* by Dr. Ferris E. Reynolds:

No. of copies printed .....	1,700
No. of copies on hand (approximately) .....	900

V. Financial Report:

I have deposited and remitted to the Treasurer, Mrs. W. V. Leathers, the following amounts:

August 14, 1947 .....	\$ 70.00
September 4, 1947 .....	13.20
October 8, 1947 .....	234.98
March 13, 1948 .....	24.49
August 5, 1948 .....	105.00
August 16, 1948 .....	132.50
October 15, 1948 .....	381.83
October 15, 1948 .....	381.83
January 5, 1949 .....	215.85
March 7, 1949 .....	25.10
April 15, 1949 .....	129.01

Total amount deposited and remitted to Treasurer .. \$1,331.96

To the new chairman of literature, I bequeath all the many pleasures and rewarding experiences of this job. I have enjoyed serving the Woman's Convention.

MRS. WILLIAM T. SCOTT.

The Convention adjourned for lunch.

## TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

After a hymn, and a prayer led by Mrs. Lester, the President called for the Departmental Reports which were read and accepted as follows:

### REPORT OF THE CRADLE ROLL SUPERINTENDENT.

It is our sincere belief that the Cradle Roll Department is one of the most important departments of our church. The Catholics say, "Give us a child till he is seven years old and it will always be a Catholic." When we remember that a child is in the Cradle Roll six of those seven years of early training that counts so much, it should awaken us to the grave responsibility that is ours. We need to pay more attention to the religious training of little children. And this has been the principal aim of the Cradle Roll Department for the past two years—to foster religious teaching in the homes, not only for the children but also for parents.

If the parents are accustomed to say Grace at meals, have a time of family worship together; pause in the midst of a busy day to admire and praise God for softly falling rain, or even dark storm clouds, a rainbow, or a sunset. Then the little child will know no other than worship of God. This kind of parent makes Cradle Roll work easy, but the challenge to all Cradle Roll workers is for the homes where God is seldom, if ever, mentioned, where prayer and praise are something to be embarrassed about. It is with such homes in mind that we have tried to plan the work for the past biennium and even hope and aim for into the next.

The Board is already familiar with the general plan of Cradle Roll work. The division of the group into sections—0-3 year olds and 4-6 year olds—programs and stories have been planned that even very small children could understand, telling them in some instances, where the offerings from the mite boxes have gone and why.



Christmas Eve Family Programs have been sent to all Cradle Roll homes, prepared for very small children as well as older members of the family. We have tried to stress the good of having this a family custom, getting the family together on Christmas Eve and having a worship period, instead of the usual hustle and rush we so often call Christmas.

Programs for the annual parties have been with a missionary emphasis, being divided with our regular mission stations and overseas relief. A story for the children prepared on the level of their thinking, plans for opening the mite boxes, a place for supervised playing while the mothers have a program for the purpose of helping them make family life richer. A complete itemized report of what has been done cannot be accurately given. So often the superintendents ask for reports from all Cradle Roll groups and only a few come in. However, from the reports that we have received, we know there is a growth both in memberships and offerings.

There is and will ever be a grave responsibility regarding Cradle Roll children, resting not only on superintendents and teachers of these groups but on every parent, on every member of the churches from whence they come, and on every member of the Woman's Convention.

#### A PIECE OF CLAY.

*I took a piece of plastic clay  
And idly fashioned it one day,  
And as my fingers pressed it still,  
It moved and yielded to my will.*

*I came again when days were past—  
The bit of clay was hard at last;  
The form I gave it, it still bore,  
But I could change it nevermore.*

*I took a piece of living clay  
And gently formed it day by day,  
And moulded with my power and art  
A young child's soft and yielding heart.*

*I came again when years were gone—  
It was a man I looked upon;  
He still that early impress wore,  
But I could change him nevermore.*

—Author Unknown.

MRS. ORVA BROWN.

The Cradle Roll report was read by Mrs. Lester in the absence of Mrs. Brown.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CHILDREN.

To report on the exact number of churches in the Southern Convention promoting missionary education of children is an impossible task. Some churches are doing an excellent job, some are making an attempt, some are doing very little or nothing at all. During the past biennium as your Children's Superintendent I report the following activities:

A mailing list of children's leaders in all our churches was worked out. During the biennium five letters of various types have been mailed to this group. A workshop for leaders of children was conducted by your Superintendent at each of the four North Carolina rallies in the spring of 1948. Materials and suggestions used in these workshops were mailed to children's leaders in Eastern Virginia and the Valley. Children's work was presented at the North Carolina Conference in 1948 and by several people at the rallies in 1949. A Children's Packet containing study books and guides was prepared by Elizabeth Chicoine for 1948-1949. Response was good and most of the 50 packets were sold. However, since the study books have increased in price for 1949-50, it is not deemed advisable to include them in a packet this year. A small

booklet of suggestions for children's workers has been prepared for 1949-50. It is included in the Woman's Packet, and separate copies are available. Study books and helps will be on sale at the School of Missions and at the fall conferences.

Your Convention Superintendent of Children's Work serves on the Children's Division of the Board of Christian Education of the Southern Convention. Since missionary education is an integral part of Christian Education and in order to prevent overlapping of efforts, your Superintendent suggests that the Woman's Board consider the advisability of transferring the missionary education of children in the Convention to the Children's Division of the Board of Christian Education.

For the coming year the emphases for children will be Japan and the Migrants. We shall seek to have the books purchased and used by children's leaders in all our churches. In our children's booklet we are suggesting ways of conducting the study, friendly service activities, ways of giving to missions, etc.

We sincerely believe that no group in the church is more important than the children's group. A wonderful opportunity is ours to lead our children to become world-minded citizens.

MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN.

The Children's report was read by Mrs. Strader in the absence of Mrs. Wisseman.

The report of the Superintendent of Children was adopted with the recommendation in paragraph three being referred to the Woman's Board.

The Young People's report was read as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUPERINTENDENT.

In a recent copy of *Pilgrim Youth* Margaret March Mount makes this statement: "Almost the whole world looks to America today for help, and that responsibility must be met by young Americans. Upon our ability to help the rest of the world recover from the wounds of war, depends largely the steadfastness and security of the World's future."

The women of the Southern Convention want to share the joys of Christian Faith with the peoples of the world, and I know of no better way than through the training of our Young People.

The Pilgrim Fellowship, our Youth organization, is a training ground for recruits who are preparing for active participation and leadership in the Church of tomorrow. Pilgrim Fellowship is the Church at work among its Young People. Its only part of the story to think of Pilgrim Fellowship as a Sunday evening club of high schoolers. It is so much more. It is all the activities of Young People between the ages of 12 to 24 as they share the life of one of our churches.

It has been a real experience meeting with these Young People's groups and I am sure that the Church of tomorrow will have members who can think for themselves and carry out responsibilities.

You and I, as adults of the Convention, must give them our wholehearted interest and support.

The following is a plan worked out by the committee from the Woman's group and the Pilgrim Fellowship Council at their request:

#### I. Organization:

It was proposed that there be set up "The Youth Fellowship of The Southern Convention," uniting all of the Young People's work and the five Conferences (Valley of Virginia, Eastern Virginia, North Carolina and Virginia, Eastern North Carolina and Western North Carolina). The five Conferences are to have similar organizations.

1. Officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer (the Treasurer of the Convention to be Treasurer of the Youth Fellowship).

## 2. Commissions or Departments:

- a. Missionary Action.
- b. Social Action.
- c. Personal Action.
- d. Interdenominational Action.
- e. Other needed Commissions or Departments.

## 3. Executive Committee or Council—Composed of the officers of the Youth Fellowship:

Presidents of the five Young People's Conferences.

One adult counselor from each Conference.

Young People's Superintendent of the Woman's Convention.

Two young people at large elected by the Youth Fellowship itself.

The Chairman of the Commissions or Departments.

One member of the Board of Christian Education selected by the Board.

Employed Field Personnel of the Southern Convention Office.

## II. Finances:

All missionary, benevolent and operating expenses of the Youth Fellowship raised in cash by Young People's Classes, Societies, and designated from young people of the church would go through the Treasurer of the Young People and would be disbursed according to the plan of the Youth Fellowship.

The Youth Fellowship would continue to be represented on the Executive Board of the Southern Convention, being represented just as the Woman's Missionary Convention is at the present.

MRS. J. D. STRADER.

Mrs. Strader then made the following motion which was seconded and passed: In view of the proposed merger of our denomination with the E. & R. Church, which will doubtless involve some adjustment, I move that we approve these recommendations in principle, and that the committee composed of the Convention Superintendent of Young People and the three Conference Superintendents be continued for further study and recommendations to the Executive Board.

The report of the Family Life Superintendent was read by Mrs. Truitt and adopted as follows:

## REPORT OF THE FAMILY LIFE SUPERINTENDENT.

In February, 1949, I was asked to succeed Mrs. R. M. Kimball as Superintendent of Family Life. During the time that Mrs. Kimball served many programs were planned and given to the various churches in the three Conference.

Since I was appointed, I have written one article for *The Christian Sun* and a letter to the Presidents of the Woman's Convention, calling attention to the National Family Week, and I recommended various ways that Family Week might be observed in our churches.

MARY JONES STEPHENSON.

Mrs. E. R. Ould, Roanoke, Va., gave an interesting address on Building Family. Mrs. Ould was such a clever artist in presenting her theme that the women were thoroughly entertained while they were receiving valuable instructions in the art of Christian homemaking. She closed with the thought that the best way to make a family Christian is to be a Christian yourself. Following the address, Mrs. W. T. Scott very beautifully sang, "Lord I Want to be a Christian in My Home."



## TUESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The spiritual highlight of the Convention was the Worship and Communion service Tuesday evening. Dr. Thelen, through her sermon, brought to this hour a combination of worship and challenge which led naturally into the spirit of the Communion service which followed. She was assisted by Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, pastor of the Elon College Community Church.

Following the Tuesday evening service, the group inspected the new home of the Superintendent of the Southern Convention, and were entertained by Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Scott.

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## WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The President's call to order was followed by a worship period led by Mrs. Mark Andes.

The following reports were adopted as presented:

## REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN.

Very near this spot, in the old College Chapel of cherished memory, on May 28, 1913, the Woman's Missionary Convention of the Southern Convention came into being. Plans for organized mission work among the women had long lain in the minds and upon the hearts of some of our leaders. In 1911 Dr. W. W. Staley asked Dr. N. G. Newman, then president of the Eastern Virginia Christian Conference, to appoint someone to organize an Eastern Virginia Woman's Mission Board. That fall during the General Conference, which met with the Suffolk Christian Church, Dr. Newman announced the appointment of Mrs. C. H. Rowland and said, "She is one who will take this office seriously, and do something about it." How right he was! This announcement was hailed with enthusiasm. Dr. J. O. Atkinson asked for the floor and made one of his great impromptu speeches.

A few weeks later, December 5, in Dr. Staley's study, Dr. Atkinson met with Mrs. C. H. Rowland, Mrs. W. H. Dick, Miss Margaret Brickhouse, and the first Woman's Board in the Southern Convention was organized. A constitution was drafted for the Board and societies. From this time on Dr. Atkinson ever stood ready with his cheerful help, his marvelous influence to encourage and inspire the women in every phase of the work. In those early days Dr. Staley stood by with his sound judgment, wit and good humor.

Mrs. Rowland served as president of the Eastern Virginia Woman's Mission Board for twelve years, and, later, six years for the Woman's Mission Board of the Southern Convention—also six years for the North Carolina Woman's Mission Board.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Convention was organized in Raleigh, May 22, 1912. Dr. Atkinson met with the following: Mesdames, C. H. Rowland, W. A. Harper, W. H. Carroll and L. F. Johnson. A constitution was drafted, and plans were laid for organization of the Conferences.

The first mass meeting was one of interest and much enthusiasm. All seemed to catch something of Mrs. Rowland's fine spirit as she declared her faith in the work and hope for its future. Dr. Atkinson was eloquent as he spoke on: "The Challenge of Missions." Dr. W. H. Denison and others made inspiring addresses. The Constitution and plans were adopted, and officers were elected as follows: President—Mrs. C. H. Rowland; Vice-President—Mrs. L. F. Johnson; Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Carroll; Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. W. A. Harper; Treasurer—Mrs. W. T. Walters; Superintendent of Young People, Willing Workers and Cradle Roll—Miss Bettie Stephenson.

There were 37 delegates, 34 organized societies and \$722.27 offering. Seventeen ministers graced that first meeting with their dignity. (All were attired in "Prince Albert" coats. No mistaking a minister for a layman in those days.)



The next year, April 29, 1914, the Convention met at the same time and place as the Southern Convention in Portsmouth, Virginia, and this method continued (successfully) until later years.

During this first year 324 new members had been gained, the offering was \$1,960.27, and a goal of \$2,000.00 was voted for the next biennium. Mrs. D. P. Barrett, our missionary to Puerto Rico, gave valuable first hand information on the Puerto Rican work, and Mrs. W. H. Denison, of the General Mission Board, spoke on Japan. The forward step of this meeting was the appointment of committees to push interest in Life Memberships, Study Classes and Thank Offering. An Editor for the Woman's Page in *The Christian Sun* was appointed. (The records show that during the morning session Miss Mamie Holland made a stirring appeal for the Santa Isabel work, and in the afternoon Mrs. W. V. Leathers was made superintendent of the Young People's work. Even with her great efficiency for getting things done quickly and well, how did she manage this marriage between the morning and afternoon sessions?)

The third meeting was held in Burlington, North Carolina, May 3, 1916. Toshio Sato, a Japanese student at Elon, sang "Bringing in the Sheaves" in her native tongue and spoke on the necessity of having more missionaries among her people. Dr. M. T. Morrill of Dayton, Ohio, strongly urged missionary education. Again, the women felt the interest and support of the ministers by their large attendance at this session. There was a 60 per cent increase in offering over the past biennium.

When the Convention met in Franklin, Va., on May 1, 1918, Miss Olive G. Williams, missionary to Puerto Rico, aroused much interest by giving her experience with our Puerto Rican Mission points. One hundred and thirty societies were reported with more than 2,000 members and an offering of \$5,585.97. With sincere regret Mrs. Rowland's resignation was accepted, and Mrs. W. A. Harper became the second president.

May 28, 1920, in Raleigh, North Carolina, found the work moving steadily forward. The three North Carolina Boards had united under the name of "The Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Board of the North Carolina Christian Conference." This session was saddened by the announcement that Dr. E. K. McCord, our missionary in Japan, had passed away. A cablegram was sent to Mrs. McCord.

The most largely attended meeting to date was held in the First Christian Church, Suffolk, Virginia, May 23, 1922, with more than 200 present. There were inspiring messages by Dr. W. P. Minton, Foreign Mission Secretary; Dr. Omar Thomas, Home Mission Secretary; Dr. J. O. Atkinson; Mrs. Lee Britt, President of the Mission Board of Southern Methodist Women; and even the wife of Virginia's Governor was present. The offering amounted to \$21,026.46. Mrs. W. A. Harper resigned and was succeeded by Mrs. W. H. Carroll.

For some reason, not recorded, the next Convention met again in Virginia. This time it met with the Christian Temple, Norfolk, on April 30, 1924. Mrs. W. H. Denison of the General Mission Board, had visited each District Rally in North Carolina and Virginia and spoke on the notable gains made by this Convention in short a time. Miss Pattie Coghill, part time field secretary, gave a report on her recent visit to our mountain work in Virginia. Mrs. Mac Howsare told of our work in the lumber camps of Washington State and of our Indian School in Arizona. Mrs. R. T. Bradford reported encouragingly for the Young People. They were happy to have some part in the mountain and Puerto Rican work. Good reports came from the Virginia Valley Conference. Goal for next biennium, \$20,000.

April 28, 1926, the Convention met in Durham, North Carolina. Mrs. Dan Brummitt of Chicago brought a great message on "Missionary Education in the Home." The Conferences were urged to send delegates to the Blue Ridge School of Missions. The President of the Southern Convention was asked to give the women one evening during the session of the next Convention. Mrs. W. H. Carroll was elected superintendent of the new Spiritual Life Department. Mrs. Carroll resigned as president of the Convention, and Mrs. J. A. Williams became the fourth president.

The Richmond Convention, May 1, 1928, despite the good attendance and inspiring messages by our Field Secretaries, and others, did not seem like the previous sessions because of the illness of Dr. Atkinson. Though ill, he sent a message to be read to the Convention. Two new departments were added—Spiritual Life and Convention Editor.

We now come to the "half way" mark in our Convention's history. Until this time the foreign interest had been centered upon Japan, except an accumulated China fund

from the Life Memberships and Memorials. The home interests had been focused principally upon the mountain and Puerto Rican work.

The year 1930 finds the Board with 10 members, 164 organizations, 4,222 members, and an offering for the past biennium of \$23,035.13—all of which goes to show that the spirit of our Convention has been daunted by neither war nor depression.

MRS. L. W. STAGG.

### REPORT OF THE CONVENTION EDITOR.

As Editor of the Woman's Page in our *Christian Sun*, it has been my aim to have a full page of interesting news and information about women's work each week. News items about each society have been rather slow in coming in, especially since we discarded the Standard of Excellence requiring one article a year. Consequently, I have had to prepare material myself a great deal of the time, and we have not quite made the goal of having a page every week. For the next Biennium, I suggest that we try some plan of getting more news of the women in *The Christian Sun* each week.

I would also like to ask that all material to be placed on this page be sent to the Editor of the page, so that we have the proper "unity, coherence and emphasis."

As Editor of the *Year Book*, I have prepared material, and books were mimeographed in 1947 and 1948, having them ready for the fall conference. These books contain a directory of officers, lists of activities for the coming year, and reports of work done the previous year. The Executive Board has voted that the *Year Book* will not have to be prepared now until after our Conferences meet. In this way, we may include an account of the Conferences and may have more time in which to prepare the material.

In the past two years, it has not been possible to secure all the information to make the *Year Book* complete, both because of lack of time and because of people not sending the information in at all. I beseech you to send the proper information to your Editor for the *Year Book* when she calls for it, so that your Conference, District and Church may be properly represented.

It is not necessary for us to brag about what we do. Our deeds speak for themselves. However, reports of what others are doing very often inspire and urge us on to do better. Sometimes it encourages us to know that we are doing as well as they are. Sometimes it makes us feel ashamed but anxious to improve our work. Sometimes it helps us establish contact with old friends and what they are doing. *The Christian Sun* is our own church paper and we want it to be newsy and interesting. Let us keep it our own paper by sending in news of what we are doing. Your Editor will be glad to hear from you at any time and will welcome any suggestions you may have for improving our "Woman's Page."

MRS. W. J. ANDES.

### REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Biennial report of the Woman's Missionary Convention of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches—1947-1949:

North Carolina Conference:

1947-1948—Women	\$7,061.62	
1948-1949—Women	7,658.64	
		\$14,720.26
1947-1948—Young People	\$ 244.42	
1948-1949—Young People	222.13	
		466.55
1947-1948—Juniors	\$ 193.74	
1948-1949—Juniors	299.78	
		493.52
1947-1948—Cradle Roll	\$ 185.67	
1948-1949—Cradle Roll	267.96	
		453.63
		\$16,133.96

## Virginia Valley Conference:

1947-1948—Women .....	\$ 826.07	
1948-1949—Women .....	642.23	
		\$ 1,468.30
1947-1948—Young People .....	\$ 234.67	
1948-1949—Young People .....	267.45	
		502.12
1947-1948—Juniors .....	\$ 24.35	
1948-1949—Juniors .....	13.10	
		37.50
1947-1948—Cradle Roll .....	\$ 6.35	
1948-1949—Cradle Roll .....	6.00	
		12.35
		<u>2,020.22</u>

## Eastern Virginia Conference:

1947-1948—Women .....	\$6,531.71	
1948-1949—Women .....	6,899.71	
		\$13,431.42
1947-1948—Young People .....	\$1,001.93	
1948-1949—Young People .....	1,049.72	
		2,051.65
1947-1948—Juniors .....	\$ 451.23	
1948-1949—Juniors .....	475.53	
		296.76
1947-1949—Cradle Roll .....	\$ 401.74	
1948-1949—Cradle Roll .....	414.65	
		816.39
Special Gift by Mrs. A. M. Johnson .....	60.00	
		<u>17,286.22</u>

Grand Total for Biennium .....	\$35,440.39
Offering at Convention—1947 .....	82.00
Mrs. Scott, Supt., Literature—Sale of Packets, Mission & Bible Study Books .....	1,331.96
Convention Office—Check to Mrs. Rollins, Business Manager, School of Missions, refund on cablegram .....	3.00
Grand Rapids .....	16.56
Young People's Camp Fund .....	148.35
Refund to Mrs. Paris—Expense fund, Oberlin General Council .....	18.97
Elon College—School of Missions & Pastors' Conference .....	39.71
Melva Foster for Miss Chicoine—Sale of Young People's Packets .....	3.00
Elon College and Board of Education—Cancelled School of Missions .....	105.44
Refund to Mrs. Paris—Expense fund, Midwinter Meeting, Cleveland .....	21.20
Refund to Mrs. Paris, President—Expense account, Midwinter Meeting, Kenneth Register, Treasurer, Board of Christian Education, School of Missions, 1947 .....	39.72
Gift—Rev. & Mrs. R. L. Jackson, Life Membership, Mrs. Lee Chen Feng ..	50.00
Special Thank Offering Gift for Shaowu—Mrs. A. M. Johnson .....	60.00
Balance in bank June 9, 1947 .....	511.73

Total Receipts ..... \$37,913.46

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Total Disbursements ..... 36,805.05

Balance in Bank June 4, 1949 ..... \$ 1,108.41

*Life Membership and Memorial Fund—*

Cash in bank June 9, 1947, as certified by American Bank & Trust Co. ... \$4,609.41

Interest to date ..... 39.91

\$4,649.32



Check to Harold Belcher, Treasurer, American Board; Remainder Atkinson Memorial Fund .....	4,600.00
	\$ 49.32
Deposited, Life Memberships and Memorials .....	2,635.00
	\$2,684.32
Check to Harold Belcher, Treasurer, American Board—For Timothy Chang .....	1,000.00
	\$1,684.32
Interest to date .....	4.04
	\$1,688.36
Gift from Rev. & Mrs. R. L. Jackson, Life Membership for Mrs. Lee Chen Feng .....	50.00
Total Life Membership & Memorial Fund, June 4, 1949 .....	\$1,738.36

"This is to certify that on this day, June 4, 1949, there is on deposit in the American Bank & Trust Co., Suffolk, Va., to the credit of Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treasurer, Woman's Missionary Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, \$1,738.36."

AMERICAN BANK & TRUST CO.,  
By J. R. Vann, Cashier.

*W. W. Staley Memorial Fund—*

Cash in bank, June 9, 1947, as certified by Farmers Bank of Nansemond ..	\$ 831.90
Gift to Woman's Missionary Convention .....	1,000.00
Premium on bonds .....	212.50
Interest to date .....	18.31
	\$2,062.71
To Elon College Scholarship Fund, 1948-1949—For Doris White .....	75.00
	\$1,987.71
United States Savings Bonds, Series "G" .....	3,000.00
Total W. W. Staley Memorial Fund to date .....	\$4,987.71

"We certify our records disclose a balance of \$1,987.71 to the credit of the W. W. Staley Memorial Fund as at the close of business, June 4, 1949."

FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND,  
By S. G. Howell, Cashier.  
MRS. W. V. LEATHERS.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AUDIO AND VISUAL AIDS.

This Committee has been without a Chairman since the resignation of our Field Worker, Miss Betty Chicoine. I am making the report on the basis of reports received from District Superintendents.

According to these reports, thirteen societies own their own equipment for audio and visual aids. Eighteen societies have used Convention equipment. Of the several requests received for additional material, the most numerous were for some material on family life and the film, "Letter from China."

Audio and visual aids for the Convention are kept at the Convention Office at Elon College. They may be borrowed from the office with a service charge of \$1.00. In addition to a "AAA" projector and screen, there are slides, film strips, moving pictures and records. Equipment which has been added since the last report of this committee includes the following:

### SLIDES:

"The Twenty-Third Psalm"—13 colored slides and script.

"Improve Your Teaching"—51 colored slides and script.

"God Who Touches Earth With Beauty"—50 slides and worship service.



## FILM STRIPS:

The Oberlin General Council of 1948" (with script).

"Our Christian World Mission" (with script).

Film strips from the Council for Social Action:

"To Serve All Mankind."

"Genocide, the Greater Crime."

"Aims of the U. N. Charter."

"The Economic and Social Council."

"The United Nations at Work."

(Scripts for the above.)

Film strip on the use of Visual Aid.

Film strip on Current Films.

## RECORDS:

Two Records on "Use of Visual Method in the Church."

It is the feeling of the writer that we need more visual aids, particularly some which are related to our special mission studies each year. It would be helpful to have each year some audio or visual aid that would help in our missionary education along the special theme for that year. It might also be helpful to have in the packet each year a list of materials available at the Convention Office, especially those related to our study for that year. Materials available from the Missions Council and other sources could be suggested at various times, whenever they are available.

Visual aids as a method of teaching or as a supplement to teaching, whenever they are pertinent, are very helpful. They make for variety in our programs, and they help us to understand by seeing whenever it is hard for us to visualize.

Let us use these materials whenever they are needed, and let us use them wisely.

MRS. W. J. ANDES.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF FRIENDLY SERVICE.

*The more we give to others the more we are increased.*

—LAO-TZE.

The Friendly Service Department is the channel through which our women's groups do work with their hands for our schools, hospitals and community centers, as well as send gift packages of food and clothing to our missionaries at home and abroad. Some send money to various mission points to be used for special designated projects.

For the year 1947-48 our Friendly Service gifts were designated for Franklinton Institute, Franklinton, North Carolina; and for Japan—to be sent to Miss Angie Crew.

When the reports were tabulated by the District Superintendents last September it was found that practically every woman's group in our Convention had contributed to the Friendly Service projects.

The Friendly Service gifts for 1948-49 were designated for Ryder Memorial Hospital, Puroto Rico; For Berthold Indian Mission in North Dakota; and gifts for Japan to be sent to Miss Crew.

Of course, the current year's reports are not yet due, but I feel that our women are making large contributions to our work in general through the Friendly Service Department as is evidenced by the inquiries that have come to your chairman and the interest that has been shown at our conferences and rallies. When the reports are received, they will be of a statistical nature, but it has been said that Friendly Service is the salve applied to heal wounds. If this is true we are doing much more than just clothing and feeding bodies—we are saying that our Father loves the world, for which He gave His Son; and we are seeking no self-indulgence while any child of God is in need.

In keeping with our themes for the year 1949-50 it is being suggested that our women again choose Japan as our foreign project—sending the gifts to Miss Angie Crew who is teaching at Kobe College, and also to Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Q. McKnight who are associated with Doshisha University.

It has been suggested that for our home project we pack boxes for the migrants—sending the gifts to our Migrant Distribution Center at West Palm Beach, Florida.

Detailed lists of supplies needed and addresses will be incorporated in the new *Year Book*, and additional materials will be sent each society president.

It is my sincere hope that each group will make the sending of a Friendly Service box a truly worshipful experience. Have it on display before the whole organization, prepare a lovely service of dedication (see *Guide Posts*, 1948) and send the box on its way with a prayer.

*Sustenance and light!  
Not ours alone  
These priceless things to have.  
For only as we share our bread and milk  
Are we sustained in growth.  
Only as we lift our lamp a little higher  
Can it shine for us and them  
Upon the holy way.  
Sustenance! Light!  
God, may we worthy be  
To eat  
To drink  
To walk in Light  
With Thee!*

MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS.

It was suggested that any contribution to CROP be considered a part of Friendly Service.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMORIALS.

Two years ago at our Woman's Missionary Convention we voted that for the next four years all funds received from Life Memberships and Memorials would be used to help educate a Chinese student from Shaowu for the ministry. In September of the past year the chosen Chinese student, Timothy Chang, arrived at the campus of Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, and was enrolled at the Duke Divinity School.

Timothy has visited and spoken to many of our church people of the Convention. To those who have heard him, I feel sure that it has been a joy, an inspiration, and a rich privilege to hear from his lips his love of Jesus Christ and his desire that others may know his Lord and serve Him.

Timothy is making good grades at Duke. He will be available for visiting our churches this summer. However, he will attend one term of summer school. I might state that Timothy renders an itemized monthly statement of his expenses. These statements are available for your inspection if you wish to see them.

During the past biennium you have shown great interest and given your support to our project of helping to educate Timothy at Duke Divinity School for the Christian ministry in order that he might serve the Master of us all and his own people more effectively. For the biennium 1947-49 the statistical report is as follows:

#### LIFE MEMBERSHIPS.

North Carolina—80 .....	\$ 800.00
Valley of Virginia—6 .....	60.00
Eastern Virginia—85 .....	850.00
Special L. M. for Mrs. Lee Chen given by the Jackson Family—1 .....	50.00
Total Life Memberships—172 .....	<hr/> \$1,760.00

## MEMORIALS.

North Carolina—46 .....	\$ 460.00
Child Memorial—1 .....	5.00
Valley of Virginia .....	20.00
Eastern Virginia —44.....	440.00
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Total Memorials—92 .....	\$ 915.00
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Grand Total—265 .....	\$2,685.00

We have several certificates now already to start the next biennium. Decide the first thing in the fall your plan for the giving of Life Memberships and Memorials and help make possible the project we have undertaken. Many of us would like to give a memorial in honor of the memory of two outstanding Christian laymen who departed from their earthly home in February of this year. They are our beloved, faithful and efficient past Superintendent of the Christian Orphanage, Mr. Charles David Johnston and Mrs. Brock D. Jones, Sr., a leader in the work of her church, Holy Neck, past President of the Eastern Virginia Woman's Conference, Suffolk District Superintendent, Cradle Roll Superintendent of the Convention, and one who gave her children to spread the Christian way of living. She represented our Convention as one of our delegates at the General Council in Oberlin June, 1948. But do not forget those who are faithful in your own society or auxiliary. Let us make it the best biennium yet.

MRS. WILLIAM T. HARRELL.

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF TIMOTHY CHANG.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1948—MAY 31, 1949.

(Submitted by Wm. T. Scott, Executive Secretary, The Mission Board.)

*Receipts.*

Balance September 1, 1947, for Shaowu Student .....	\$ 100.00
Received from America Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions ....	500.00
Received from Woman's Convention through ABCFM .....	1,000.00
Miscellaneous gifts from women and churches .....	168.00
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Total .....	\$1,768.00
Personal gifts direct to Timothy Chang .....	48.34
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Total Receipts .....	\$1,816.34

*Expenses of Timothy Chang.*

Clothing, Laundry, Cleaning .....	\$ 369.10
Bedding and Linen .....	34.83
School Expenses at Duke Divinity School .....	322.83
Food .....	449.13
Transportation, Miscellaneous and Personal .....	212.93
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	1,388.82
Balance in account May 31, 1949 .....	\$ 320.57
Balance held by Timothy Chang (Mission Board & Personal Gifts) .....	106.95
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Total available balance held by Mission Board & Timothy Chang .....	\$ 427.52

NOTE: After September, 1948, we opened a bank account at The National Bank of Burlington, N. C., in the name of Timothy Chang. As he needs funds we deposit to his credit from \$100 to \$200 at a time from The Mission Board, and he draws checks on his account. The monthly statements from the bank are sent to The Mission Board. Timothy renders an itemized statement to us monthly of his expenses. These statements are available for your inspection if and when desired. The special committee consisting of Mrs. O. H. Paris, Dr. F. C. Lester and Superintendent Scott consult on expenses and other matters as related to Timothy.



## MISSION BOARD REPORT ON CHINESE MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP.

(Submitted by Dorothy A. Scott, Assistant Treasurer of The Mission Board.)

*Receipts.*

Balance September 1, 1947 (Miscellaneous receipts) .....	\$ 100.00
Received from American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions ...	500.00
Received from Women through ABCFM .....	1,000.00
Miscellaneous gifts from women and churches .....	168.00
Total Receipts .....	\$1,768.00

*Disbursements.*

August 18, 1948—Wm. T. Scott (Expenses of Timothy Chang) ...	\$100.00
September 24, 1948—Treasurer, Duke University .....	108.50
October 19, 1948—Lamm Clothing Company .....	106.93
October 28, 1948—Deposit for Expenses (Reimbursement to Convention Fund for advance to Mrs. Storrs) .....	200.00
October 30, 1948—Timothy Chang .....	200.00
November 22, 1948—Timothy Chang .....	100.00
December 17, 1948—Timothy Chang .....	100.00
January 28, 1949—Timothy Chang .....	150.00
January 31, 1949—Baxter Appliance Co. (radio) .....	25.00
February 15, 1949—Rowland & Mitchel (tailor) .....	7.00
February 28, 1949—Timothy Chang .....	150.00
April 29, 1949—Timothy Chang .....	200.00
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Balance May 31, 1949 ..... \$ 320.57

Dr. Scott reminded us of the Southern Convention's obligation toward displaced persons of Europe, and asked that a committee be appointed to convey information to churches and help arouse interest in this project. It was moved and carried that the chair appoint a committee of three for the purpose of contacting societies and getting them interested in helping to find homes for displaced persons. The following committee was named: Mrs. H. Shelton Smith, chairman, Mrs. W. W. Sellars and Mrs. Garland Spratley.

## SUMMARY OF REGISTRATION REPORT.

Guests—5; Valley of Virginia—16; Eastern Virginia—59; North Carolina—70; total—150. Convention and Conference Officers—25; total local delegates—81.

*Life Members:* Valley of Virginia—5; Eastern Virginia—13; North Carolina—13.

*Local Churches:* Valley of Virginia—9; Eastern Virginia—21; North Carolina—28.

Taking into account the overlapping of eligibility for being a delegate (i. e., Life Members were also officers; 6 officers were also listed as Local Delegates; and 16 Life Members were also listed as Local Delegates) there were 105 Official Delegates.

MRS. F. C. LESTER, *Regestrar.*

## REPORT OF STALEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

We have, held by the treasurer of our Convention one three thousand dollar Series "G" United States Government Bond, which netted us \$75.00 this year to be awarded to a student at Elon College who is studying for full-time Christian service.

This scholarship award was given this year to Miss Doris True White, daughter of Dr. M. J. W. White of Luray, Virginia, a sophomore at Elon College, preparing to be a medical missionary.

Our Convention voted to augment this scholarship fund until it reaches \$7,100.00. We have now \$4,987.71.

We, your Scholarship Committee recommend that the treasurer be authorized to purchase another United States Government Bond when she has \$2,000.00, giving us \$5,000.00 invested in Bonds, which will increase our scholarship award for next year.



*Recommendations.*

1. Those who receive scholarships shall execute a negotiable note carrying satisfactory collateral endorsement to the Woman's Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, bearing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum from date of execution; subject also to the following conditions:

- (a) Purpose, to pursue his or her educational preparation at least to the equivalent of a four-year standard college course. Failure to meet this requirement will render previously granted aid due and payable in equal installments over the same number of years such aid has been granted.
  - (b) That the grantee continue in full-time Christian service in the Congregational Christian denomination (or its successor).
  - (c) Provided further that such an individual continue in full-time Christian service in the Congregational Christian denomination (or its successor) for a period of three consecutive years after graduation from college, the notes in the above requirements shall be cancelled together with all interest due.
2. Scholarships shall be granted under the following conditions:
- (a) The applicant shall be and remain a member of some local Congregational Christian Church (or its successor) and shall be properly certified and recommended for scholarship aid by his or her pastor and the Conference of his or her local church.
  - (b) Applicant shall be making satisfactory scholastic progress, which would mean the passing of at least four-fifths of his or her courses, but having an average grade of not less than "C" on all courses would have a distinct bearing with the scholarship committee.
  - (c) Our Scholarship award will be made only to those individuals who are unable in person or through parents or guardians to pay the necessary expense of the foregoing requirements.

MRS. JOHN TRUITT,  
MRS. H. S. HARCASTLE,  
DR. L. E. SMITH,  
MR. SHIRLEY T. HOLLAND,  
MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN,  
*Committee.*

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That we accept with grateful appreciation the report of the Treasurer, as certified by Mr. J. R. Vann of the American Bank and Trust Company, and Mr. S. G. Howell of the Farmers Bank of Nansemond, Suffolk, Virginia.

2. That the Treasurer be authorized to purchase a \$2,000 United States Government Bond as soon as the Staley Memorial Scholarship Fund reaches that amount.

3. That the goal for the next biennium be thirty-five thousand (\$35,000) dollars—divided as follows: Eastern Virginia Conference, \$16,500.00; North Carolina Conference, \$16,500.00; Virginia Valley Conference, \$2,000.00.

MRS. JOHN G. TRUITT,  
MRS. GARLAND SPRATLEY,  
MRS. KENNETH REGISTER,  
*Committee.*

## REPORT OF COURTESY COMMITTEE.

We, your Courtesy Committee, wish to make the following resolutions:

1. That we express to the Executive Board of the Woman's Missionary Convention our appreciation for their diligent planning and steering during the biennium which is now closing.

2. That we thank the committee for the excellent program.

3. That we thank Elon College for its hospitality; that we are most appreciative of the tea given by Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Smith and of the open house given by Superintendent and Mrs. William T. Scott; and that we ask the corresponding secretary to send to Mrs. L. E. Smith our regret that she was unable to attend.

4. That we express appreciation to the local flower committee.

5. That we thank those who contributed through music to the services: Mrs. J. L. Foster, Mr. Fletcher Moore, Miss Mary Lee Foster, Mrs. William T. Scott and Mrs. W. N. Huff.

6. That we are indebted to those who so commendably took part on the program, especially to our guest speakers: Mrs. Charles Howell of Catawba College; Dr. Mary Frances Thelen of Randolph-Macon Woman's College; Miss Helen Kenyon, Moderator of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches; Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, educational secretary of the Missions Council of the Congregational Christian Churches; Mrs. E. R. Ould of Roanoke, Virginia, Secretary of the Department of Christian Family Life of the Methodist Church.

7. That we are mindful of our opportunity of service through the United Council of Church Women, as it was presented to us by Mrs. M. T. Garren.

8. That "We Dedicate Ourselves" to broaden the scope of work in our local churches because of the inspiration of this convention.

MRS. STANLEY C. HARRELL,  
MRS. T. HAYES HOLLAND,  
MRS. RAY GORDAN,  
*Committee.*

The Secretary was asked to send a copy of this report to Mrs. L. E. Smith and Mrs. W. T. Scott, and others to whom thanks for service rendered should be acknowledged.

#### REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE.

1. We recommend that each of the Constituent Conferences elect one member to each of the Convention Standing Committees—with the understanding that these members shall also serve on the Conference boards.

2. Section 4(b) of the By-Laws reads: "Vice-President—Shall perform the duties of the President in her absence and in case of her death or resignation shall become president for the unexpired term. She shall serve as Chairman of the School of Missions."

We recommend that the last sentence be changed to read, as follows: "She shall serve as Chairman of Friendly Service."

3. We recommend that a School of Missions Committee and a Thank Offering Committee be appointed annually.

4. We recommend that the 1949 Thank Offering go for Han Mei School in Shaowu.

5. The 1947 Convention took the following action: "That the funds received through the Life Membership and Memorial Department for the next four years be turned over to the American Board, to help educate in the United States a Chinese seminary student from Shaowu, recommended by Rev. Richard Jackson and approved by the Mission Board.

Since the American Board does not handle such funds, we recommend that this action be rescinded.

6. We recommend that the funds received from Life Memberships and Memorials for a period of four years, beginning June 8, 1947, and closing July 1, 1951, be turned over to the Mission Board of the Southern Convention to help educate in the U. S. a Chinese Seminary Student from Shaowu, recommended by Rev. Richard Jackson and approved by the Woman's Convention or its Executive Board. These funds shall be paid to the Mission Board at such times and such amounts as may be requested by the committee appointed to administer such funds, which committee shall be the President of the Woman's Convention as Chairman, the Chairman of the Mission Board and the Superintendent of the Southern Convention.

7. Section 7 of the By-Laws reads: "These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting of the Convention. Also by a two-thirds vote the rules may be suspended temporarily."

We recommend that the last sentence be deleted.

8. We recommend that Section 8 be added to the By-Laws to read, as follows: "When no rule of the Convention applies, Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall be final authority."

9. We recommend that our Treasurer be authorized to pay the expenses of our three official delegates to the Women's Constituting Convention to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, November, 1949.

MRS. W. E. WISEMAN,  
MRS. W. V. LEATHERS,  
MRS. R. A. WHITTEN,  
*Committee.*

Each recommendation was adopted by a motion which moved and carried its adoption and then the report as a whole was adopted.

#### OFFICERS FOR 1949-50.

- President*—Mrs. O. H. Paris, 1011 N. Eugene Street, Greensboro, N. C.  
*Vice-President and Chairman Friendly Service*—Mrs. W. B. Williams, 1253 24th Street, Newport News, Va.  
*Recording Secretary*—Mrs. H. Shelton Smith, 1523 Hermitage Court, Durham, N. C.  
*Corresponding Secretary*—Mrs. J. S. Rollings, Box 339, Suffolk, Va.  
*Treasurer*—Mrs. W. V. Leathers, 512 W. Washington Street, Suffolk, Va.  
*Historian*—Mrs. L. W. Stagg, 400 W. 34th Street, Norfolk, Va.  
*Editor*—Mrs. W. J. Andes, 637 S. Sunset Drive, Winston-Salem, N. C.  
*Spiritual Life*—Mrs. Russell T. Bradford, Route 2, Suffolk, Va.  
*Life Memberships and Memorials*—Mrs. Wm. T. Harrell, Route 1, Suffolk, Va.  
*Literature*—Mrs. F. C. Lester, 840 Sunset Avenue, Asheboro, N. C.  
*Interdenominational Cooperation*—Mrs. R. A. Whitten, Winchester, Va.  
*Family Life*—Mrs. Garland Spratley, Dendron, Va.  
*Visual Aids*—Mrs. W. T. Scott, Elon College, N. C.  
*Departmental Superintendents:*  
*Young People*—Mrs. J. D. Strader, 414 N. Main Street, Burlington, N. C.  
*Children*—Mrs. W. E. Wiseman, 315 N. Edgeworth Street, Greensboro, N. C.  
*Cradle Roll*—Mrs. Kenneth Register, R.F.D., Burlington, N. C.  
*Official Representatives from the Convention to Joint Assembly with Evangelical and Reformed Women, Cleveland, Ohio*—Mrs. O. H. Paris, President; Mrs. W. B. Williams, Vice-President; Mrs. R. A. Whitten, Chairman, Interdenominational Cooperation.

MRS. R. T. BRADFORD,  
MRS. M. T. GARREN,  
MISS VERDIE SHOWALTER,  
MRS. R. L. HOUSE,  
MRS. W. J. ANDES,  
*Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the Corresponding Secretary send greetings from the Convention to the Jacksons and Staff; notes of greeting to Dr. N. G. Newman and Revs. J. F. Morgan and Joe French, all of whom are ill.

It was moved and carried that the President appoint a committee to select a gift to be sent to our former field worker, Miss Chicoine, who is being married. Mrs. J. D. Strader and Mrs. W. T. Scott were named for this committee.

Dr. F. C. Lester conducted an impressive service for the installation of officers, which was the closing note of the Convention.

MRS. O. H. PARIS, *President.*  
MRS. H. SHELTON SMITH, *Sec'y.*



# Minutes of the Twenty-Second Annual Session of the Virginia Valley Central Woman's Missionary Conference.

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LINVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, LINVILLE, VA.

JULY 28, 1949

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## MORNING SESSION.

The twenty-second Annual Session of the Virginia Valley Central Woman's Missionary Conference of the Congregational Christian Churches met at Linville Church, Linville, Virginia, July 28, 1949, at 10:30 a. m. The meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Verdie Showalter. The theme was: "We Dedicate Ourselves."

Hymn: "O Come All Ye Faithful."

The worship service was conducted by Mrs. E. J. Rohart, using as her theme, "Sing Praises to the Lord and Dedicate Ourselves."

Miss Mary Rohart of Linville welcomed the conference and Miss Betty Showalter of Antioch responded.

There were three ministers present, E. J. Rohart, R. A. Whitten and R. E. Newton; Rev. and Mrs. Rohart were welcomed to our conference.

The following visitors were present: Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Educational Secretary of the Southern Convention, and Kenneth Hook of North Carolina.

The following churches were represented: Antioch, Bethel, Linville, New Hope, Leaksville, Newport, Wood's Chapel, Winchester, Mt. Lebanon.

The reports of the District Superintendents were presented and accepted as follows:

### DISTRICT No. 1

Our Rally was held in April at Wissler's Chapel. There were six churches represented. Miss Elizabeth McGuffey was speaker for the occasion.

Miss Verdie Showalter conducted the business session—Mrs. Harold Rhodes for No. 1 and Mrs. Clyde Koon for No. 4.

MRS. J. E. BRYANT.

### DISTRICT No. 2

Three churches represent this district, all three having a woman's and young people's society. In each church we have had regular meetings with a planned worship program for each meeting.

We observed the World Day of Prayer with an interesting program and it was well attended.

Our District Rally was held at Mt. Olivet which was well attended and a very interesting program it was. Our guest speaker was Miss Elizabeth McGuffey.

All three churches in this district were represented at the Elon School of Missions and Woman's Convention which was held in June.

We have tried to follow the prescribed line of work, using the packet. The thank offering programs were held with good results. We have bought two Life Memberships.

Friendly Service has played a big part locally. We have done much visiting, sent cards, flowers and fruit to sick and shut-ins, food and clothing to needy families. We responded well to the call of help for flood relief with money, food and clothing.

Rev. R. E. Newton reviewed for us our study book, *On Our Own Doorstep*.

MRS. S. E. MADREN.



## DISTRICT No. 3

A verbal report given by Mrs. Amy L. Kibber which showed much progress, and this district held rally with District No. 2.

## DISTRICT No. 4

Thanks to Mrs. Dale Kepps, we have a new Junior Society at Wood's Chapel, with thirteen enrolled. We were in hopes of having more Senior Societies but as yet we have only two.

One Life Membership has been purchased by Wood's Chapel for Mr. J. N. Shifflett. Planned spiritual programs have been used each month. A study of Galatians was made. The work packet was used. The women have taken part in the devotional services.

The Juniors used the children's packet and they conduct their worship service in the Sunday school.

Thirty pairs of socks were sent to the Orphanage, cards, flowers and fruit sent to the sick, and one comforter made for the needy.

An "Unseen Guest" program was given for War Victims and Reconstruction. An offering of \$25.24 was received and sent to Mrs. Painter. The Juniors gave a Thank Offering program and sent an offering of \$1.00. World Day of Prayer service was observed in connection with the other churches.

Three of our churches were represented at the Rally which was held at Wissler's Chapel.

Our aim for the year was to get all the children in the community Sunday school, and this has been accomplished.

MRS CLYDE KOON.

## DISTRICT No. 5

The Timber Ridge and Winchester Churches comprise the Northern District.

To date I have no report from the Young People's Society of Timber Ridge, but the four Winchester groups, women, young people, juniors and cradle roll report their apportionments paid in full. Both women and young people made their Thank Offerings.

Since the Winchester women had inaugurated the "Unseen Guest" plan they chose a special service which began with a soup line, an impressive program which reminded us of our less fortunate brothers across the sea. The thank offering was received at this time, and the service closed with a delicious and delightful Fellowship Supper.

On World Community Day both women and young people cooperated in an inter-denominational service of worship when towel packs were presented.

A Friendly Service project was that of assembling baby clothes for the Indian mothers of Elbowoods, North Dakota.

The study of Galatians was conducted by our pastor at the Wednesday evening prayer services.

The study book, *China, Twilight or Dawn*, was presented by Mrs. Orville Hoover, and *On Our Own Doorstep* by Mrs. Robert A. Whitten.

It was a joy to have Miss Elizabeth McGuffey as guest speaker for our Rally in April.

MRS. MARTHA SIRBAUGH.

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill addressed the Conference using as her topic: "Japan."

An offering was taken.

The following committees were appointed:

*Press*—Mrs. B. F. Frank, Harrisonburg; Rev. R. A. Whitten, Winchester; Rev. R. E. Newton, Page News; Mrs. J. E. Bryant, *The Christian Sun*.

*Apportionment*—Mrs. Eva Hosaflook, Mrs. B. F. Frank and Mrs. Orville Hoover.

*Resolutions*—Mrs. Edgar Nelson, Mrs. D. H. Dofflemeyer and Mrs. Amy Kibler.

The morning session was closed with prayer and thanks for the noon day meal by Rev. E. J. Rohart.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:45 p. m. by the president.  
Hymn: "Come Thou Almighty King."

The Woods Chapel Junior Choir conducted the worship service. Rev. R. A. Whitten offered prayer for our ministers and members who are sick.

Echoes from School of Missions at Elon College were given by Mrs. Frances Cooper of Winchester.

A panel discussion was led by Miss Pattie Lee Coghill assisted by Mrs. A. W. Andes, Mrs. R. A. Whitten, Mrs. R. E. Newton and Mrs. E. J. Rohart.

Violin solo by Miss Martha Rohart.

The reports of Departmental Superintendents were presented and adopted as follows:

## SPIRITUAL LIFE.

I have not had reports from all of our societies but the ones that have come in are very encouraging. Winchester especially is doing a wonderful work through its devotionals in the society.

I feel that Linville, my own society, has had a very profitable year through this channel. I feel that in all our work we need to stress more than ever the need of deep personal spirituality. These words by Clarence Flynn express what I would like to say to you today.

*I know three things that needs must be  
To keep a nation strong and free.  
One is a hearthstone bright and dear  
With busy happy loved ones near;  
One is a ready heart and hand  
To love and serve and keep our land;  
One is a worn and beaten way  
To where the people go to pray.  
So long as these are kept alive.  
Nation and people will survive.  
God keep them always everywhere  
The Hearth, the Flag, the Place of Prayer.*

Antioch reports that the members of her society are doing Bible reading and report 979 chapters read by the various members. Galatians was used for a Bible study.

Newport has done a great deal of Bible study and are spiritually alive.

Mt. Lebanon and Leaksville have well-planned devotionals at each meeting.

Reports that the devotions prepared in the packet were used in meetings, with different members taking part.

MRS. MARY DAVIS.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND MEMORIALS.

The report of this department is by no means what we would like it to be. When we realize that funds from Life Memberships and Memorials are being used to help educate for the ministry a Chinese student from Shaowu, we must admit with a bit of regret that we have not used this means of helping spread the gospel of our Lord as we should.

Many of our Valley Conference have met Timothy Chang. Some of you heard him at the Woman's Convention tell interesting facts about his family in Shaowu. He is a fine young Christian, making good grades at Duke University. He is here at our invitation. It is through these Life Membership and Memorial Funds that Timothy is being helped to further his education, and therefore increase his usefulness. What an opportunity for us! Only eternity will tell what a wonderful investment we are making.

To date the only reports I have received show: Bethel—2; Leaksville—1; New Hope—2; Newport—1; Winchester—1; Wood's Chapel—1.

These are a help and we are grateful but the Valley must do much more if she would do anything like her share in this worthy project.

Shall we not make as our goal at least one Life Membership or Memorial in each society for the coming year? Surely we can do this and maybe more! Shall we try?

MRS. EDGAR NELSON.

### LITERATURE.

Let us consider that a mighty agency in the hands of the Church available for leading men to God is Christian literature.

There is found in the tiny trails to the ponderous volumes the printed literature of the Church, something suited to the intellectual and moral needs of every seeker after God.

The time was when the Church relied mainly upon the spoken word and upon the proclamations of the Gospel by word of mouth to lead men to God; but conditions have greatly changed, and many are contending that Christian literature has come to represent a force and influence as great as the pulpit.

While these agencies of the church may serve other purposes they have one important function of helping men to God.

So many homes fail to provide good sound literature, not even moral or wholesome for the home.

We beg of you fathers and mothers to give your children good books and good literature.

Do you desire your own dear children to become ministers, gospel workers or missionaries? If so then place before them books that will direct their thoughts and inspire their hearts for these noble callings. Pure wholesome literature does so much toward molding and shaping the characters and lives of our boys and girls.

Their eternal destiny may even be determined by what they may read. Give them the best.

We recommend:

1. That we read and study the Bible daily, that we make it the first thing in our daily lives and study.

2. That parents take special care in selecting literature for their children published by those who accept the Bible as God's inspired word.

3. That our members subscribe and read our church paper, *The Christian Sun*; also the *Missionary Herald*.

MRS. O. J. SOURS.

### FAMILY LIFE.

My position as Family Life Superintendent is a new one to me. I have asked the pastors who have held revivals in some of our churches to preach on this subject. This they have done. In view of the fact that there are evil forces at work to undermine our churches and our nation's way of life, it is vital that the American homes come closer to our Heavenly Father through family worship. To this end I make the following recommendations:

1. That we work and pray for more church homes.

2. That we encourage the revival of the Family Altar in our homes.

3. That we urge the reading of the Bible in our homes, the church paper and other church literature.

4. That we discourage the reading of literature that lowers our morals and degrades the mind.

5. That we encourage more at home nights that we may get better acquainted with each other.

MRS. R. E. NEWTON.

### FRIENDLY SERVICE.

The Friendly Service Department is one whose work is the over and above. There are no apportionments, no special credit, except the sheer joy of having done something



for somebody else. Suggestions were that Friendly Service gifts for 1948-49 be sent to Ryder Memorial Hospital, Pureto Rico, Fort Berthold Indian Mission, North Dakota, and gifts for Japan, sent to Angie Crew. For 1949-50 it is suggested that Japan be our foreign project and that for our home project we pack boxes for the migrants, sending the gifts to our Migrant Distribution Center at West Palm Beach, Florida.

All that is done in this phase of our work is a service of love for a friend, in many cases, an unseen friend. It is the helping hand in the Master's name and for the sake of his children.

Reports have come from Linville, New Hope, Leaksville and Bethel of many lovely ministries in local communities—cards and flowers to the sick; visits, and helping a neighbor whose home was burned and other bits of Friendly Service. Leaksville sent clothing and cash to the Orphanage at Easter and a box of clothing to Kobe College. They also sent one box to Ryder Hospital in Pureto Rico. Winchester has sent several boxes overseas and a box of clothing to Fort Berthold for young Indian mothers, who are learning to care for their babies. Woods Chapel set the goal of "every child in the community in the Sunday school." They report that this has almost been accomplished.

These are good reports and I am sure that much good work has been done this year that will not be reported on paper, but bear fruit in the hearts of men.

It would surely be a happy experience for each society if we would not only work within the community but if we might catch a vision of the need that an unseen brother knows, and extend a hand of love around the earth in the name of our Christ.

*The Holy Supper is kept, indeed,  
In whatsoever we share with another's need;  
Not what we give, but what we share,  
For the gift without the giver is bare;  
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three;  
Himself, his hungering neighbor, and me.*

(James Russell Lowell.)

MRS. ROBT. A. WHITTEN.

#### INTERDENOMINATIONAL ACTION.

A year ago your Superintendent of Interdenominational Cooperation listed a number of opportunities for church activity with other Protestant groups in this area. These included the observance of the World Day of Prayer, of May Fellowship Day, and of the World Communion Day among others. It was a wonderful chance for us to feel ourselves a part of that vast body of Christians praying and working for a better world. It was a chance for us to contribute our moral support to what may well be the only hope for the future—for if Christians the world over do not work and pray, what hope can there be for a peaceful solution to the huge problems confronting us?

What was the result? About eight churches participated in the World Day of Prayer, but it is obvious that most of us failed to do our part in taking advantage of these opportunities. It would seem that we are too "denominational minded" or too busy to realize that the oneness in God of all faiths must be an essential reality now if never before. We must do something about this. If we Christians, who are taught to love our enemies, can't or won't cooperate among ourselves, then the forces of evil may well triumph in this world. Let us then plan to join this year with Protestant Christians everywhere in these celebrations so that we may present the high ideals of Christianity as a solid front against the forces of materialism, atheism, religious intolerance and just plain indifference which face us. Let us work and pray together.

MRS. A. W. ANDES.

#### WOMAN'S WORK.

There are ten active Missionary Societies in our conference. They report public meetings held regularly, took part in World Day of Prayer; sent cards, fruit and clothing to the sick and shut-ins, and one group organized a young people's society.

There is a great need and opportunity to develop new societies and we hope to have more reporting next year.

MRS. B. F. FRANK.



## YOUNG PEOPLE.

Reports were received from the following Young People's Societies:

- Antioch*—40 members; meet once a month; attended district meeting and had representative at Elon School of Missions.
- Linville*—6 members; meet once a month; used mission study book, *On Our Own Doorsteps*.
- Mt. Olivet*—20 members; meet once a month; held three worship services for Sunday school. Held socials.
- New Hope*—17 members; sent remembrance to Timothy Chang at Christmas; helped to buy stove for parsonage.
- Leaksville*—25 members; meet once a month; sent \$15.00 to Timothy Chang for his sister's hospital bill. Furnished blinds for first floor of parsonage. Became a member of C. M. A.
- Bethel*—30 members on roll; meet once a month; Thank Offering held, sponsored by Easter Sunrise Service; held public worship programs and gave Mother's Day Banquet, 74 attending; held lawn party.
- Mt. Lebanon*—24 members; five new members; Mrs. Helen May gave \$6.00 for School of Missions; gave food and flowers to the sick; paid on building fund; sold Christmas cards and held social lawn party.
- Wood's Chapel*—Holds meetings in Sunday school, no active roll kept; Unseen Guest Fund, \$25.25; cards sent to sick; one comforter for mountain hermit; 30 pairs of socks to orphanage; one Life Membership.
- Winchester*—12 members; two new members; two towel kits for Friendly Service; held worship service each first Sunday; had meetings with supper each month in the parsonage social hall.

MRS. J. E. BRYANT.

## JUNIORS.

We have a Junior Missionary Society at Winchester with 20 members on role. They raised their apportionment of \$5.00; held regular monthly meetings with worship service at each meeting; raised money for Scouting Party.

Leaksville has a Junior Society and works with older groups.

Wood's Chapel has a very active society with 13 members on roll; uses the packet for children; holds worship service at the Sunday school hour, and gives Thank Offering programs.

I would recommend a Junior Society in every church. These societies train and develop leaders of tomorrow.

MRS. GROVER DOUGHERTY.

## CRADLE ROLL.

As we again bring to mind the thought of our Cradle Roll, we are reminded of the words, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." The earlier we start in training our children the meaning of missions, the greater the reward will be. Each year we try to give some suggestions that will help to create more interest within our Cradle Roll Department. These same suggestions could go for this year along with the hope of having an active Cradle Roll within every Sunday school before our next Missionary Conference.

MRS. CARROLL MONGER.

The Treasurer's report was presented as follows:

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

Brought forward—July 29, 1948 .....	\$ 21.96
Conference Offering .....	16.22
District Rally Offerings .....	30.15

*Woman's Society.*

Bethel .....	91.66
Leaksville .....	173.01

Linville .....	97.98
Mt. Olivet (G) .....	5.00
Mt. Olivet (R) .....	15.00
New Hope .....	36.20
Newport .....	106.25
Winchester .....	151.00
Wood's Chapel .....	45.25

*Young People.*

Antioch .....	177.00
Bethel .....	23.63
Linville .....	34.65
New Hope .....	3.70
Winchester .....	25.00

*Juniors.*

New Hope .....	5.45
Winchester .....	5.00
Wood's Chapel .....	3.50

*Cradle Roll.*

New Hope .....	2.00
Winchester .....	3.00

Total Receipts .....	\$1,066.51
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DISBURSEMENTS.

July 30, 1948—Paid to Mrs. Miller .....	\$ 3.50
July 31, 1948—For ledger and stamps .....	2.60
October 1, 1948—Paid for Bond .....	5.00
October 6, 1948—Paid to Mrs. Leathers .....	119.08
June 5, 1949—Paid to Mrs. Leathers .....	346.53
April 5, 1949—Paid to Mrs. Leathers .....	165.96
June 15, 1949—Paid to W. J. Andes for ANNUALS .....	28.40
July 8, 1949—Paid to Mrs. Leathers for speaker .....	10.00
July 8, 1949—Paid to Mrs. Leathers .....	364.49
July 8, 1949—Paid to Treasurer for expense .....	2.00
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	\$ 25.08
Mrs. Leathers returned speakers expense .....	10.00
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Balance in Treasury .....	\$ 35.08

PEARL H. PAINTER.

The Committee on Place reported that the Winchester Church invited the Conference for its 1950 session. It was voted that the Conference be held at Winchester.

The Committee on Apportionments reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

*Women.*

Antioch .....	\$ 50.00	Mt. Olivet (R) .....	25.00
Bethel .....	50.00	Mt. Olivet (G) .....	25.00
Bethlehem .....	25.00	New Hope .....	30.00
Dry Run .....	10.00	Newport .....	50.00
Leaksville .....	100.00	Winchester .....	100.00
Linville .....	25.00	Wissler's Chapel .....	10.00
Mt. Lebanon .....	5.00	Wood's Chapel .....	10.00

*Young People.*

Antioch .....	100.00	New Hope .....	15.00
Bethel .....	20.00	Winchester .....	20.00
Linville .....	25.00		

*Juniors.*

New Hope .....	10.00	Wood's Chapel .....	5.00
Winchester .....	5.00		

*Cradle Roll.*

Antioch .....	2.50	New Hope .....	1.50
Bethel .....	1.00	Winchester .....	3.00

EVA HOSAFLOOK,  
MRS. B. FRANK,  
MRS. ORVILLE HOOVER.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved—*

1. That we extend a rising vote of thanks to the members and friends of Linville for their kind hospitality and the bountiful food.
2. That we express our appreciation to the officers of the Woman's Conference for their efficient work during the year.
3. That we express our appreciation to Mrs. Rohart for her inspiring Worship Program. We recommend that she send this to *The Christian Sun*, that others might share this inspirational message.
4. We urge that each society have as its goal, at least one Life Membership or Memorial, to be used to help educate Timothy Chang.
5. We urge each society to stress its Thank Offering this year.
6. We wish to express our thanks to Pattie Lee Coghill for her splendid address and help she has done for us.

MRS. AMY KIBLER,  
MRS. DEWEY DOFFLEMYER,  
MRS. EDGAR NELSON.

The Nominating Committee reported and officers were elected as follows:

*President*—Miss Verdie Showalter.  
*Vice-President*—Mrs. R. A. Whitten.  
*Secretary*—Mrs. Howard Hensley.  
*Treasurer*—Mrs. Noah Painter.  
*Supt. of Woman's Work*—Mrs. B. F. Frank.  
*Supt. of Young People*—Mrs. Amy L. Kibler.  
*Supt. of Cradle Roll*—Mrs. Austin Kipps.  
*Supt. of Juniors*—Miss Doris Sours.  
*Supt. of Spiritual Life*—Mrs. J. E. Bryant.  
*Supt. of Life Memberships and Memorials*—Mrs. Edgar Nelson.  
*Supt. of Literature*—Mrs. O. J. Sours.  
*Supt. of Family Life*—Mrs. E. J. Rhohart.  
*Supt. of Interdenominational Cooperation*—Mrs. Orville Hoover.

MRS. E. LENA ROTHGEB,  
MRS. ALBERT SPADE,  
MRS. AUSTIN KIPPS,  
MRS. A. W. ANDES,  
*Committee.*

The installation of officers was conducted by Miss Pattie Coghill, and following the prayer of consecration led by Rev. R. A. Whitten, the Conference adjourned.

MISS VERDIE SHOWALTER, *President.*  
MRS. HOWARD T. HENSLEY, *Sec'y.*

# Minutes of the Thirty-Seventh Annual Session of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Conference.

LONG'S CHAPEL CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
NEAR HAW RIVER, NORTH CAROLINA  
OCTOBER 4, 1949

## MORNING SESSION.

The thirty-seventh Annual Session of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Conference of the Congregational Christian Churches met at Long's Chapel Congregational Christian Church, near Haw River, North Carolina, on October 4, 1949, with Mrs. F. C. Lester, president, presiding.

Mrs. John G. Truitt conducted a very inspiring devotional, using our theme, "We Dedicate Ourselves." Mrs. Truitt pointed out that a high and holy responsibility rests up us as Christians, and that only by sacrifice and self-discipline can we do this task.

Dr. William T. Scott, Superintendent of the Southern Convention, introduced the ministers and their wives.

The following committees were appointed:

*Nominating Committee*—Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Chairman, Mrs. K. D. Register, Mrs. P. R. Hall.

*Courtesy Committee*—Mrs. W. Millard Stevens, Chairman, Mrs. Floyd Dunn, Mrs. Marie Beane Hicks.

*Recommendations Committee*—Mrs. Wm. T. Scott, Chairman, Mrs. Jack Shoffner, Mrs. Ed Chilton, Mrs. B. V. Munger.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

### RECEIPTS.

Women's Societies .....	\$7,775.87
Young People .....	238.63
Willing Workers .....	273.06
Cradle Roll .....	278.70
<i>Miscellaneous Receipts—</i>	
Conference Offering (Asheboro) .....	\$ 104.69
District Rally Offerings .....	95.42
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Total Receipts .....	\$8,766.37

### DISBURSEMENTS.

Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treasurer, Woman's Board,

The Southern Convention, for:

Thank Offering .....	\$1,727.50
Life Memberships .....	360.00
Memorials .....	230.00
Relief and Reconstruction .....	5.27
Carl R. Dille Project .....	60.00
Morning Star VI .....	8.50
Shaowu Mission .....	208.95
Timothy Chang's Family .....	115.28
Mr. and Mrs. Chiu Hsien Bao .....	45.00



European DP Children .....	23.25	
Puerto Rico (Junior's Project) .....	15.00	
Penny-A-Meal Offering .....	41.65	
Elon Orphanage .....	15.00	
Missions (General Fund) .....	5,539.27	
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		\$8,394.67
Conference Speaker .....	\$ 25.00	
Expense of Rallies (Transportation, Speaker, etc.) .....	75.15	
President's Expense to Milwaukee Conference .....	100.00	
Space in Annual .....	25.30	
Board Meeting .....	13.40	
UCCW Programs .....	5.00	
Literature Department—Packets .....	15.37	
Expense of Treasurer .....	16.18	
North Carolina Council of Church Women .....	20.00	
NCCCW (World Day of Prayer and May Fellowship Day) .....	31.30	
Friendship Boxes (CWVR) .....	15.00	
Puerto Rico (Young People's Project) .....	30.00	
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		371.70
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Total Disbursements .....		\$8,766.37

SUSIE D. ALLEN, *Treasurer.*

There was a panel discussion among the District Superintendents conducted by Mrs. Lester. It was reported that two new societies were organized during the year, Spoon's Chapel in the Asheboro District and Mt. Pleasant in the Sanford District.

Mrs. K. D. Register, Superintendent of the Cradle Roll Department, gave her report emphasizing the importance of literature and information furnished the parents of pre-school children.

Mrs. Carl R. Key, Children's Superintendent, in reporting on her work, pointed out some ways missionary education could be taught in our Sunday Schools.

The following Superior Societies were recognized:

*Asheboro District*—Pleasant Ridge, Albemarle, Asheboro.

*Burlington District*—Elon College, Union Ridge, Bethel, Burlington.

*Greensboro District*—Apples Chapel, Belew Creek, Hines Chapel, Greensboro, Palm Street, Monticello.

*Halifax District*—Lynchburg.

*Raleigh District*—Chapel Hill.

*Sanford District*—Sanford.

Mrs. Lester stated that one-third of our societies had decreased their giving and urged these societies to increase this year, if possible.

Attention was called to the very valuable and attractive booklet compiled by Mrs. W. J. Andes for use in organizing new societies.

World Community Day was discussed and each society was urged to observe this day, if possible.

The literature for the new year was presented in "skit" form by a group led by Mrs. W. E. Wisseman. Those taking part in the skit were as follows: Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Mrs. Stanley Harrell, Mrs. Tucker Humphries, Mrs. Mark Andes, Miss Pattie Lee Coghill and Dr. W. E. Wisseman. Dr. Wisseman told of the urgent need of more subscriptions to *The Christian Sun*, and asked the cooperation of all churches in our Conference in order that the publication may not continue to operate at a loss.

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Educational Secretary of the Southern Convention, brought us a challenging message on "A Year of Dedication." She stressed the need of Christian literature for new literates around the world. Miss Coghill stated that our belief in the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man should cause us as Christians to be world citizens. She pointed out that one of the greatest needs in the world today is trained native leadership, such as the one we have in our midst at present—Timothy Chang.

Miss Coghill quoted the following quotation which comes out of China:

*If you plant for ten years, plant trees.*

*If you plant for a year, plant grain.*

*If you plant for one hundred years, plant people*

*Invest in life.*

Dr. Scott told of the need for more money to build new churches in our own areas. He offered a prayer of dedication for the offering received, which will be used to help extend the work of Christ in our community. This closed the morning session and the meeting was adjourned for lunch on the church grounds.

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### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened with the singing of hymn, "Lord God of Hosts," followed by prayer by Mrs. Lester.

Mrs. Mark W. Andes reported on the Young People's work, and introduced C. Baxter Twiddy, ministerial student at Elon College, who brought us an inspiring message on "A Dedicated Summer." Through several years of thinking and planning Mr. Twiddy was able to go to Europe this past summer with eleven other students and teachers. Their purpose was to get to know the people and understand their problems. Germany was the designated area in which he worked. On completion of this camp it will be used as an International Youth Center.

Mrs. W. J. Andes reported on our Friendly Service Projects for the past year and outlined the two projects for this year. Our Home Friendly Service Project will be the Migrant Work and gifts are to be sent to Rev. and Mrs. Paul Cassen at West Palm Beach, Florida, for distribution. Our Foreign Friendly Service Project will be Japan and gifts are to be sent to Miss Angie Crew for Kobe College, and to Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Q. McKnight for Doshisha University.

In Dr. W. W. Sloan's message, "We Dedicate Ourselves to Making One World," he brought before us a picture of conditions in Europe as he saw them this summer during his visit there, and shared with us some of his experiences. He emphasized the importance of living our religion and putting more time and energy to our task as a church of bringing the world together in Christian unity.

Mrs. R. V. Powell presented our Thank Offering, which will be used this year to help finance the Han Mei School in Shaowu, China, due to their great need at the present time. Mrs. Powell introduced Mr. Timothy Chang, our Chinese student at Duke Divinity School, who told us about Han Mei School and its work.

## BUSINESS SESSION.

The treasurer reported the morning offering amounted to \$100.98.

Report of the Nominating Committee was made by Mrs. W. E. Wisseman as follows:

- President*—Mrs. F. C. Lester, Asheboro, N. C.  
*Vice-President and Friendly Service*—Mrs. W. J. Andes, Winston-Salem.  
*Secretary*—Mrs. R. V. Powell, Greensboro.  
*Treasurer*—Miss Susie Allen, Raleigh.  
*Supt. of Cradle Roll*—Mrs. Jack Shoffner, Liberty.  
*Supt. of Children*—Mrs. Carl Key, Durham.  
*Supt. of Young People*—Mrs. Mark Andes, Virgilina, Va.  
*Literature Chairman*—Mrs. Tucker Humphries, Reidsville.  
*Interdenominational Cooperation Chairman*—Mrs. R. L. House, Southern Pines.  
*Family Life Chairman*—Mrs. John G. Truitt, Elon College.  
*Life Memberships and Memorial Chairman*—Mrs. J. B. Newman, Burlington, N. C.  
*Spiritual Life Chairman*—Mrs. Carl Wallace, Greensboro.

The above report was adopted as read.

Report of the Recommendations Committee was presented as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS.

*Resolved—*

1. That more serious thought be given to the planning and promoting of individual Bible and Mission study in the local societies.
2. That the North Carolina Conference pay the expenses of the president or vice-president to the General Meeting of the Evangelical and Reformed and Congregational Christian Churches, to be held in November in Cleveland, Ohio.
3. That each local society appoint a *Christian Sun* chairman to encourage an increase in subscriptions to *The Christian Sun*.

An invitation was accepted to meet at Liberty (Vance) Congregational Christian Church at Henderson, North Carolina, next year for the Fall Conference.

Report of the Courtesy Committee was read as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COURTESY.

We, the Committee on Courtesy, wish to submit the following report:

1. We wish to thank the program committee for a well-planned program.
2. Our thanks to Mrs. John Truitt for her inspiring and helpful devotional.
3. To Mrs. Wisseman and helpers for their fine presentation of the literature.
4. Our grateful appreciation to Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Dr. W. W. Sloan, Rev. Baxter Twiddy and Mr. Timothy Chang, not only for their presence but for their most helpful and timely addresses.
5. Our thanks to the officers who have served so nobly and well this year, and to the retiring officers, our best wishes as they take up new fields of endeavor.
6. To our ministers we extend our appreciation for their helpful presence.
7. To the host church for their bountiful meal and kind hospitality. At this time I wish that we might stand as a sign of our appreciation to Mr. & Mrs. Veazey and the women of this fine church, who have entertained us so nobly.

Mrs. O. H. Paris conducted a very impressive service of dedication and installation of officers. A lovely solo was rendered by Miss Ann Truitt of Elon College.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p. m.

MRS. F. C. LESTER, *President*.  
 MRS. W. W. TATE, *Secretary*.



# Minutes of the Thirty-Seventh Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference.

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THE CHRISTIAN TEMPLE  
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA  
OCTOBER 6, 1949

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## MORNING SESSION.

The thirty-seventh Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference met at the Congregational Christian Temple, Norfolk, Virginia, on Thursday, October 6, 1949, and was called to order by the president, Mrs. R. L. House, at 10:00.

Theme: "We Dedicate Ourselves."

Greetings and opening prayer by Mrs. R. L. House. Hymn, "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee."

Reports of District Superintendents were read and adopted as follows:

### NORFOLK DISTRICT.

During the past year the women of the Norfolk District have been seeking to find the real meaning of the words, "Horizons Unlimited." All the possibilities that have been found were "horizons," and truly they have been "unlimited." The women have found these two words to be rich in meaning. They express concern for the close-at-hand and for those in the far corners of the earth. We have found that only by climbing higher can we see further.

There are eleven churches in the Norfolk District and they have reported a combined membership of 500 in their Women's Missionary Societies. This is a small increase over the number reported for the previous year.

In order to climb higher and to develop a keener vision each of these groups has presented a well-planned devotional service for each meeting, and all have conducted the Bible Study.

Only ten of the societies sent in detailed reports. These ten reported using the packet, *Missionary Herald* and the study books; six use the Guide Posts. In these ten societies there are 245 subscriptions to *The Christian Sun*, 46 to *Missionary Herald*, and 10 to *Church Woman*.

These ten societies sent Friendly Service Gifts. The gifts seem to have been about evenly distributed between Japan (Miss Angie Crw), the Fort Berthold Indians and Ryder Memorial Hospital; with Franklinton Institute also coming in for a share of the gifts. Six of these groups also contributed to community service projects.

Only seven of our churches in the District own visual aid equipment. Three have availed themselves of the privilege of using the Convention equipment. Nine reported having used visual aids—having borrowed or rented equipment from other sources.

The ten societies reporting all signified they had observed the World Day of Prayer, while nine observed World Community and May Fellowship Days. All cooperated with other churches in these projects. Nine societies reported having a Family Life Chairman and each of these observed National Family Week.

Eight societies gave a total of seventeen Life Memberships. Two societies presented the families of three deceased members with Memorial Certificates.

While our women have been climbing higher our young people, children and cradle roll departments have also scanned the horizons and found work to engage in for the Master.



Nine Young People's groups were reported as receiving missionary education. Eight used the packet, and six had the study books presented. Forty-five young people from this District attended a summer conference or camp.

Nine children's groups were reported as receiving missionary education. Six made use of the study books; five sent Friendly Service gifts.

Ten churches reported a Cradle Roll group. Nine had a Cradle Roll program and eight had a party for the Cradle Roll members.

The Norfolk District Rally was held at the Berea (Great Bridge) Church on April 5, with 161 in attendance. Miss Elizabeth McGuffie of Chicago gave a very interesting discourse on the Book of Acts; and Dr. Wm. T. Scott was present and gave a very informative discussion on the subject, "Facing Realism in the Merger." The women's group from the Second Church, Norfolk, presented a playlet, "It Could Be You." This was well-received by the audience and carried with it a fine stewardship message.

#### ACHIEVEMENT RATINGS.

##### WOMEN

###### *Active Societies—*

Norfolk, First  
Norfolk, Second  
Shelton Memorial  
Shelton Memorial (Y. W.)

###### *Honor Roll Societies—*

Bay View  
Berea (Great Bridge)  
Christian Temple  
Little Creek  
Rosemont  
South Norfolk

###### *Superior Societies—*

Newport News  
Portsmouth, First

##### YOUNG PEOPLE

###### *Active Societies—*

Christian Temple  
Newport News  
Newport News (H. S.)  
Portsmouth, First  
Rosemont  
South Norfolk

##### JUNIOR SOCIETIES

###### *Standard of Excellence—*

Bay View  
Little Creek  
Newport News  
Rosemont  
South Norfolk

Mrs. L. W. Vaughan, Jr., of the Christian Temple has been elected to serve as the new superintendent of Norfolk District. The women of the Norfolk District have shown a fine spirit of cooperation during my two years as their leader, and now my prayer is that you will cooperate with Mrs. Vaughan in this same fine manner as together we plan a new year under the theme, "We Dedicate Ourselves." Let us be saying, "We dedicate ourselves to Christ, who is our Lord, and to the church which is our body."

MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS.

#### SUFFOLK DISTRICT.

With the theme, "Horizons Unlimited," the women of the Suffolk District have through study and application been striving to broaden their vision and increase their efforts toward Christian service. As the weaving of a tapestry, the warp of which is the love and devotion to Christ's will and His work and the woof revealing this love made manifest through each act of kindness and service done in His name, the accomplishments of these groups present a gratifying picture. If we have woven a pattern to strengthen lives and influence them to a deeper sense of God's love and need of each person, we are deeply grateful.

In the nineteen churches, there are twenty organized Woman's Missionary Societies, with a combined membership of 962. All societies have presented a well-planned devotional service at each meeting and have also conducted their Bible Study in Galatians. Nineteen observed the World Day of Prayer, most groups cooperating with other churches. World Community Day was observed by seventeen societies and May Fellowship Day by fourteen societies.

Realizing the influence of good reading in the home, we are challenged to increase our interest in Christian literature for each member of the family. Many of our churches have encouraged the right reading as indicated by their reports. We have 392

subscriptions to *The Christian Sun*, 111 to *Missionary Herald*, 10 to *Advance*, 8 to *Church Woman* and 23 to *Guide Posts*. Eighteen societies sent a news item to the Convention Editor.

Our women have reached out in service and action through three channels. Through Life Memberships and Memorials, Interdenominational Cooperation and Friendly Service we have shared our time, talents and means with the people of our community, our country and the world. The response to the need of the Indians of North Dakota is especially commendable. They have also contributed to the Christian Orphanage, Franklinton Institute, Japan, C.W.V.R., Puerto Rico, personal gifts to the Jacksons at Shaowu, a Summer Camp in Europe, Church World Service Center, Red Cross, March of Dimes, Cancer Control, T.B., Bonds and numerous community projects. Each society has shared the privilege of assisting our friend, Timothy Chang, to prepare himself for the ministry at Duke Divinity School, by giving Life Memberships and Memorials totaling 49.

Every society sent a Thank Offering to our Conference Treasurer. Sixteen observed National Family Week. Fourteen societies participated in a visual aid program. For the benefit of those who did not have visual aid equipment, all were invited to participate in a visual aid program at Bethlehem Church. Eight societies viewed the film, "Beyond Our Own." The offering was used to defray expenses and the remaining \$16.00 was sent to our Conference Treasurer to be forwarded to the Jacksons.

Notable contributions have also been made by the Young People's, Children's and Cradle Roll Societies. There are sixteen Young People's Societies reporting this year. Fifteen used the study books, sixteen used the packet and sixteen gave Friendly Service gifts. There are fifteen subscriptions to *Pilgrim Youth*. Six Life Memberships and one Memorial have been given.

There are fifteen Children's Societies in our District and one newly organized society at Antioch. We wish to welcome this group and offer our cooperation. Fifteen used children's study books and twelve gave Friendly Service gifts. They have thirteen subscriptions to *Children's Religion* and have given two Life Memberships. Outstanding work has been done by one group which donated \$57.00 toward a Junior Library.

We have seventeen Cradle Roll Societies reporting. Fifteen of these held a program and party and five sent Friendly Service gifts.

We have twelve Woman's Societies which achieved the goal of Superior Society, namely, Antioch, Berea (Nansemond), Bethlehem, Cypress Chapel, Damascus, Holy Neck, Liberty Spring, Mt. Zion, Oak Grove, Suffolk (H. & F.), Union (So.) and Windsor. Six achieved the goal of Honor Roll Societies, namely, Eure, Franklin, Holland, Isle of White, Mt. Carmel and Oakland. Two societies achieved the goal of Active Societies, namely, Johnson's Grove and Suffolk (Staley).

There are four Young People's groups which achieved the goal of a Superior Society, namely, Berea (Nansemond), Bethlehem, Cypress Chapel and Liberty Spring. Twelve societies achieved the goal of Active Societies, namely, Damascus, Eure, Franklin, Holland, Holy Neck, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Zion, Oak Grove, Oakland, Suffolk, Union (So.) and Windsor.

The total sum of money sent to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board by all the groups in the Suffolk District amounted to \$5,719.00.

Our District Rally was held at Berea Church on April 6, 1949. It was well attended and proved to be a delightful day of inspiration and fellowship. We are grateful to Miss Elizabeth McGuffie and Dr. W. T. Scott for their messages.

This picture must needs be incomplete because the task is nowhere done, but with each day there comes a new challenge and a new opportunity! As "We Dedicate Ourselves" to a new venture in faith during the ensuing year, let us increase our devotion in spiritual service by seeking ways in which we can devote more of our lives directly to the service of Christ and by remembering not to "pass by on the other side," leaving a task unseen because it is so small. For every one of us the most humble task is the path to follow if only we recognize it.

MRS. A. C. MOORE.

## WAVERLY DISTRICT.

- Number of churches District—11.
- Number of Woman's Societies in District—7.
- Number of Young People's Groups—7.
- Number of Children's Groups—4.
- Number of Cradle Roll Groups—4.
- Number of Women enrolled in District—146.
- Number of Societies using Packet—7.
- Number receiving *Guide Posts*—5.
- Number having well planned devotional programs—8.
- Number of Societies using Study Books—7.
- Number of Societies sending news items to *The Christian Sun*—3.
- Number of Societies conducting Bible Study—5.

*Young People—*

- Number using Mission Study Book—4.
- Number using packets—5.
- Number contributing to Missions through Woman's Board, Sunday School or other agencies—7.
- Number subscribing to *Pilgrim Youth*—7.
- Number sending Friendly Service gifts—3.
- Number attending Young People's Conference (camps)—6.

*Children's Work—*

- Number of active Cradle Rolls—4.
- Number having Friendly Service project 4 to 6. (Sent sunshine baskets to shut-ins.)—7.
- Number having Cradle Roll party for mothers—1.

*Friendly Service—*

- Friendly Service gifts have been sent to Fort Berthold Indian Mission, Miss Angie Crew, Elon College, Fancy Gap Church, Boys Clothing World Church Center, the Jacksons in China, fruits, cards, visits to ill and shut-ins, Red Cross, Youth Centers and Timothy Chang.

*Family Life—*

- Number of Societies having Family Life Chairman—3.
- Number of Societies observing Family Life Week in May—2.
- Number of Societies having other Family Life activities during year—2.  
(Dendron Church sends *Family Hour* magazine quarterly to members in church.)
- Number of Societies observing World Day of Prayer—8.
- Number of Societies observing World Community Day—5.
- Number of Societies observing May Fellowship Day—4.
- Number of Societies having Representatives at Fall Conference—6.
- Number of Societies having Representatives at Spring Rally—7.
- Number of Societies making quarterly reports to Conference Treasurer—7.
- Number of Societies contributing to Thank Offering—8.

*Visual Aids—*

- Number of Societies that own visual aid equipment—1.  
(Dendron Church used film on Hawaii made by members of church while there.)

*Life Memberships and Memorials.**Life Memberships—1*

- Mrs. J. T. Williams, Waverly Society.

*Memorials—4*

- Mrs. Ada Virginia Long Mitchell, Richmond Church.  
(Former member of Spring Hill.)
- Mr. Waverly S. Barrett, Sr., Dendron Church.
- Carl Joseph Barrett, Burton's Grove.
- Mr. J. B. Kitchen, Wakefield Church.

(Note: The Treasurer's Report shows a different figure for Memorials. This is because one check had not reached her at the date of her report.)



*Lost by Death—2*

Mrs. Mary L. Gray, Waverly Church.

Mrs. George Bresko, Bethlehem (Disputanta).

*Superior Societies*—Richmond and Dendron.

*Honor Roll Societies*—Waverly and Burton's Grove.

*Active Societies*—Wakefield, New Lebanon, Bethlehem (Disp.) and Spring Hill.

*Financial Report.*

Amount raised in District by Women .....	\$ 312.15
Amount raised in District by Young People .....	87.00
Amount raised in District by Juniors .....	11.25
Amount raised in District by Cradle Roll .....	21.49
Thank Offering .....	109.81
Memorials .....	40.00
Life Memberships .....	10.00
Total .....	\$ 591.70

*Presidents of Societies in District and Addresses.*

Richmond—Mrs. Annie Virden, 7603 Hollins Road, Richmond.

Waverly—Mrs. F. E. Knoller, Waverly.

Wakefield—Mrs. W. A. Bailey, Waverly.

Dendron—Mrs. Garland Spratley, Dendron.

New Lebanon—Mrs. John Savedge, Elberon.

Hopewell—Mrs. John Powell, 408 North 8th Street, Hopewell.

Spring Hill—Mrs. G. C. White, Waverly.

Burton's Grove—Mrs. William Sims, Sedley.

Bethlehem (Disp.)—Mrs. Edward Bresko, 1623 Mt. Vernon Ave., Petersburg.

I would like to mention at this time that at our Spring Rally six out of eight churches were represented together with a representative group of our young people, which was both inspiring and encouraging.

MRS. J. F. BROWN.

**Committees appointed as follows:**

*Nominations*—Mrs. J. Everette Neese, Mrs. W. B. O'Neill, Mrs. Walter Seely.

*Place of Meeting*—Mrs. Ray Gordon.

*Recognition Service*—The following were presented to the Conference: Dr. W. T. Scott, Convention Superintendent; Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Educational Secretary of the Southern Convention; Timothy Chang, our student at Duke Divinity School; Rev. Earl Farrell; Rev. George W. M. Taylor, supply pastor of the Christian Temple; Baxter Twiddy, ministerial student at Elon College; Mrs. S. H. Ferebee, former Christian Temple organist.

**Roll was called and churches responded as follows:**

Antioch, 5; Barretts, 0; Berea (Nansemond), 13; Berea (Norfolk), 9; Bethlehem (Disputanta), 0; Bethlehem (Nansemond), 21; Burton's Grove, 4; Centerville, 1; Cypress Chapel, 9; Dendron, 2; Eure, 4; Franklin, 9; Holland, 6; Holy Neck, 5; Hopewell, 0; Isle of Wight, 2; Johnson's Grove, 2; Liberty Spring, 19; Mt. Carmel, 6; Mt. Zion, 0; New Lebanon, 0; Newport News, 11; Norfolk, Bay View, 5; Christian Temple, 43; First, 0; Little Creek, 7; Rosemont, 9; Second, 9; Oak Grove, 7; Oakland, 11; Portsmouth, First, 12; Shelton Memorial, 8; Richmond, 2; South Norfolk, 18; Spring Hill, 4; Suffolk, 22; Sunbury, 7; Union (So.), 4; Union (Surry), 0; Wakefield, 4; Waverly, 4; Windsor, 6. Visitors, 17. Total—327. There were sixteen ministers present (included in foregoing).

An offering was taken which amounted to \$80.00.

Solo: "A Voice Crying in the Wilderness"—by Mrs. Truman S. Fleming, accompanied by Mrs. S. H. Ferebee.



Miss Pattie Lee Coghill and Mrs. Hayes Holland presented the literature for the year 1949-50. (Literature was on display in the Ladies' Parlor of the church to be sold during the noon hour.)

Report of Literature Superintendent was read and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF LITERATURE SUPERINTENDENT.

The person making this report has served the Conference in name only, filling the unexpired term of Mrs. Robert M. Kimball.

Our need as a denomination is better and more interesting literature. The packets have in them some material that will help in planning your program. The Plan Book is good, use it as a guide for Year Books in your society. It is impossible for a committee to make up programs that suit the needs of every society and include all material a leader might use.

*The Christian Sun* page, "Christian Missions at Home and Abroad," is worth the price. Then, too, we have the *Missionary Herald* and *Church Woman*—use these for additional program material.

To most people worship is a formal appeal to God, framed in music, meditation, and prayer. Such a service may be worship and it may not. It is not the words we say nor the songs we sing, that constitute real worship. It is the deep desire of our souls. To achieve the real meaning of worship should be the goal of our programs.

Our Foreign Mission Study this year is Japan. The book recommended for study is *Which Way Japan*. For reading, *The Seven Stars*, and for use in worship programs, *Songs from the Land of Dawn*.

For Home Study our theme is "Cooperation for a Christian Nation," and the book designed for study is "Missions at the Grass Roots."

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, authority on the books, will present them to you in our program today.

*May we go forward with joyous enthusiasm  
To a year of progress and service  
May we merit the approval of God  
On all that we attempt and achieve.*

MRS. T. HAYES HOLLAND.

The following Departmental Reports were accepted as read:

#### CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

For the children of Eastern Virginia the coming year seems to be full of interesting study and work. As you have already learned the theme for study for the children will be "Japan and Migrants."

1. Get the packet of material prepared to help you in planning your program for your children's groups. Let the little plan book help guide you in planning your programs.

2. Select a leader for your children's department who knows children and who is interested in them, for children follow easily.

3. The leader should make a study of the course for the year, also the study books. Read other books on the theme that you may find. Find suitable pictures and magazines. Know what our denomination is doing in Japan. Know our own missionaries.

4. Plan time for your study; consider your own group and plan study and activities which fit your situation.

The group could meet once a month as a society or in Sunday School during the class period once a month having a missionary program that particular Sunday in place of the Sunday School Lesson. If you have only a short time for your group always have worship included. Let the children have a part in planning and conducting the worship service. Use your Bible in your Mission Study. The 67th Psalm is good for use with Juniors.

5. Get your children to work. Children love to work. Appoint committees having them serve on these. Much good work and training can be accomplished in this way. Let them plan and put on programs for the Woman's Society or Sunday School at some time during the year.

Have them send money to mission work of our church. This may be done in a way that best suits your group. Also have them share their gifts with other children of the world by sending Friendly Service Gifts to the projects designated in your Plan Book.

May we endeavor this year to help the children of our Conference to get a vision of what it means to give to others not only of their money but of their talents as well.

MRS. W. C. SEELY.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

*How does your garden grow?* You pause for a moment and then readily answer, "Quite well, thank you."

But then it should. After all, you selected the best soil for your garden; you purchased good plants and good seed; you used the right kind and suitable quantities of fertilizer. With God's blessings of sunshine and rain in proper amounts you should at harvest time have a bountiful crop. That is, if you cultivated your garden. You have a good plow, and you have a good mule, too.

Would a single one of you be foolish enough to hitch the mule to a plow, or a cultivator, and then turn the mule loose to go where he pleases in your garden? Certainly not. That would mean complete destruction and make all of your efforts futile. It is absolutely necessary for you to go behind that mule as a guide. The *guiding* makes the difference in a good or a no-good garden.

That *guiding* is just as important in our young people's work as in your garden. Now don't get me wrong. I'm not comparing our young people to mules. We have a splendid group of young people in our conference. They have good minds, spirit, initiative, energy and talent. But in order to accomplish their best work they need good *guidance*.

Leaders, it is your responsibility to be good guides. Have you dedicated yourself to this cause? Be sure you have a well-planned inspiring worship program. See to it that you have an interesting fellowship hour. Teach your group to be quiet, attentive and respectful at their meetings. Expect order and you will have order. Ask yourself the question, "Am I a Good Guide?"

Mothers, you can cooperate with your leaders by: Seeing to it that your children attend the young people's meetings; seeing that they take their part on the program when called upon; impressing on their minds the meaning of reverence at all meetings of and for the church; dedicating yourself to more effort for young people and their work.

Ministers, it is your duty as well as your privilege to devote a fair portion of your time, effort, initiative and vision to the work of our young people. Ask yourself the question, "Am I concentrating enough on this phase of our church work?" Also, "Have I dedicated myself to cooperate with the young people and with their leaders 100 per cent?"

MRS. R. E. BRITTLE.

Cradle Roll is included in report of Treasurer.

Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

The secretary, upon motion, was instructed to write Mrs. W. V. Leathers, whose husband was critically ill in a Suffolk hospital; also a letter to Rev. and Mrs. J. Frank Morgan; the Jacksons in Shaowu; and Dr. and Mrs. John G. Truitt, recently transferred to the North Carolina Conference.

The Thank Offering Project—The Han Mei School in Shaowu—was presented by Mrs. W. T. Harrell.

Mr. Timothy Chang gave a very vivid picture of Han Mei School of our Shaowu Mission, and expressed great appreciation for the help he is receiving from the Southern Convention women through the Life Membership and Memorial Fund.

Mr. Baxter Twiddy gave a fine report on his experience in France and Germany with post-war work.

Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us."

Prayer by Dr. W. T. Scott.

Lunch hour.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened with prayer by Rev. W. S. Carne.

Dr. W. T. Scott presented the needs of *The Christian Sun*, and made a plea for sustaining memberships of \$10.00 each.

Mrs. R. L. House spoke on the splendid work being done by the United Council of Church Women.

Reports of Divisional Superintendents were read and accepted as follows: :

### INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION.

The term *public relations* is being used more and more in every growing business of today. *Christian relations* is the growing concern of every Christian woman. We are urged to practice our Christian relationship with women of other lands on Friday, November 4, which is World Community Day. The theme is "Peace Is Possible." We think of our community as a desirable place to live, a place where we (a body of persons) have common rights, interests, and privileges. When these rights and privileges are extended to include our brothers and sisters of all races regardless of color then peace will be possible. Won't you search your closets, dresser drawers and work baskets for pieces of new material, thread, needles and thimbles to send to the women in Europe and Asia who will use it to bring comfort to their families or warmth to some child's naked body? Pieces for Peace!" Pieces of cloth will be symbols of our love, and will truly sow seeds for peace. Just as the Pack-A-Towel project last year was observed in thirty-one societies in our conference the sending of these pieces of material will express our friendship for those who have not been as fortunate as we. (Information regarding this project is outlined in the pamphlets on the table.) Our women have been mindful of others all during the year as several have reported having sent bags of clothing to the Church World Service Center, caring for the sick and needy and sending cheerful greetings to invalids.

The World Day of Prayer will be observed February 24. Theme: "Faith for Our Time." The service is written by Miss Michi Kawai, Principal of Keisen Girls School in Japan. The cover of the worship service will be a reproduction of a painting of the Christ by the Chinese-Japanese artist, Taikai Sadakata. We have been told that the 1949 World Day of Prayer surpassed in power and fellowship that of any previous year. Thirty-seven services were held in our denomination. May I suggest that each of us dedicate ourselves to the spending of fifteen minutes in Bible reading, meditation, and prayer for the World and National needs every morning during this coming year in preparation for the World Day of Prayer next February? We will be helping the church to leap ahead in influence and world leadership. We are very concerned that this should happen during these dark days.

May Fellowship Day will give us an opportunity to work together as Christian women to improve conditions in our own communities. Since each community is different, and must build its program around local conditions and needs, it is not possible to be specific about what you should do. However, the words chosen from the prayer of our Lord for our special study and work—"Our Daily Bread"—symbolizes the needs of our everyday living—food, shelter and clothing. Jesus did not say, "My daily bread"; He said, "Our daily bread." His concern, always, was for the whole man—his physical as well as his spiritual needs. In this prayer He has brought the needs of *all men* into one universal prayer. Through our dedication to Jesus' teaching, "Give us this day our daily bread," and through study and action for a more Christian economy we can help our nation do its part in the world community and in making



peace a reality. Last year twenty-eight churches found joy in the observance of May Fellowship Day.

I hope your society is subscribing to the *Virginia Council News* so that we may keep informed about the activities of the church women in our own State. I am glad to note we have twenty-two subscriptions in our conference to the *Church Woman*, but I wonder how the rest of you are keeping up with what is going on among the church women and the various places the women are serving today. Special articles are written each month which will enable us to have better programs and intelligently carry on the the work of our organizations in cooperation with other denominations. That is the purpose of this department—"To be united with other church women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, through a program looking to their integration in the total life and work of the church and to the building of a world Christian Community." In a recent issue of the *Virginia Call* I read this little poem by James Sprunt:

LET'S BE INTERDENOMINATIONAL.

*If we could get religion like a Methodist,  
Experience it like a Baptist,  
Be positive of it like a Disciple,  
Stick to it like a Lutheran,  
Be proud of it like an Episcopalian,  
Pay for it like a Presbyterian,  
Propagate it like an Adventist,  
Work for it like the Salvation Army,  
And enjoy it like a Negro,  
It would be some religion!*

So let us take these ingredients and glorify them for Jesus' sake and for the sake of all mankind.

MRS. GARLAND W. SPRATLEY.

SPIRITUAL LIFE.

The aims and purposes of our Spiritual Life Department are high and noble. Each year, in each society, more effort is being made to achieve the standards. There has been progress during the year. We have reasons to believe that the spiritual lives of our women have been enriched, strengthened and deepened, since there is, in every local group, a leader of Spiritual Life, whose duty it is to advance the spiritual growth of the members of the organization. This is done through the study of Paul's Letter to the Galatians, through devotional services, through encouragement of personal and group Bible reading and prayer, by stimulating church attendance and by sponsoring the World Day of Prayer, thus carrying out the many-fold objectives of our Department.

If we are to grow spiritually there must be a desire to increase in knowledge of God's Holy Word. There must be daily prayer in our homes, both individual and family altars. We must be faithful stewards of our time, talents and tithes. We must be personal witnesses for our Christ.

At our conference last year we urged you to memorize the key verses in Galatians, found in Chapter 5, verses 22-23. Let us think upon the meaning of these verses. We read that "the fruit of the Spirit is"—not "the fruits are." Then follows nine qualities which compose this fruit. The first three—love, joy and peace—have to do with man's relationship with God. The second group—long-suffering, gentleness and goodness—have to do with man's relationship with man. The third group—faithfulness, meekness and temperance or self-control—are the virtues by which the Christian life is regulated and conducted.

We see in these verses the varied ministry of the Spirit and the definite results. The Spirit leads us into love for God which brings joy and peace. In our relationships with others this same Spirit reinforces our moods with patience, kindness and a goodwill which manifests itself in purity and helpful acts. In prayer we must be faithful; in Christian living meek; in a world surrounded by temptations, we must have self-control. These are the fruit of the Spirit and against those who possess these elements the law's restraining force is not invoked.

For the year 1949-50 we will study the Gospel of John. We would recommend



that for our memory verse we use John 3:16. Can you suggest a verse more beautiful, more meaningful, more missionary?

MRS. J. ROLLIE GAYLE.

#### FRIENDLY SERVICE.

*Whoso bears his brother's burden  
Whoso shares another's woe,  
Brings his frankincense to Jesus  
With men of long ago.*

—James A. Blaisdell.

"Dorcas, what is that in thine hand?" It was a needle. But she used it for God. When she did, coats and other garments were made, giving warmth to those who were cold and clothing to the needy and naked. As she gave to those less fortunate the things they needed, she talked to them about her faith in Jesus Christ. She interested other women in helping to do friendly service deeds. Her work of service was truly "love made visible." It is by this standard we need to re-evaluate our Friendly Service work.

Through our Friendly Service activities the women's groups do work with their hands for schools, hospitals and community centers, as well as send gifts of food, clothing and money to our missionaries at home and abroad. Many deeds of kindness were done for people living in our local community.

Friendly Service is more than buying, sewing, knitting, packing used clothing, it is information given our women concerning the kind of institutions and countries where their gifts are sent. We learned much last year about Ryder Memorial Hospital in Puerto Rico and our Fort Berthold Mission in North Dakota. Many of us were privileged to hear Rev. Harold Case give a first-hand account of the work in our Indian Mission. He wrote a letter to each society expressing the grateful appreciation of all the people for gifts sent.

In keeping with our theme for the year 1949-50, our projects will be: Sending of gifts to the Migrant Distributing Center, West Palm Beach, Florida and to Miss Angie Crew of Kobe College, Japan, and also to Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Q. McKnight who are associated with Doshisha University in Japan. We believe the Migrant Distributing Center project will be of special interest to Young People and Children. Our projects will be explained in more detail in our *Year Book*.

"What is that in thine hand?" is a question for each of us to ask ourselves and having answered, dedicate it to the use of God and by His help it may become an instrument of blessing to others and ourselves.

MRS. WILLIAM T. HARRELL.

#### LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMORIALS.

As you already know, all funds from Life Memberships and Memorials are now being used to educate Timothy Chang, a Chinese student from Shaowu, who is now in his second year at Duke Divinity School.

According to all reports received by Dr. Scott, Timothy is doing excellent work. We feel that our money is being wisely invested.

We are happy to report that this is the best year on record for this department. We believe that Timothy himself is responsible for this. He has been so prompt to answer all correspondence, so friendly in all personal contacts, and so appreciative of everything that is being done for him.

May we say to all societies that all requests for Life Memberships and Memorials should be sent by the local society's treasurer to the Conference Treasurer, Mrs. W. B. Williams. She mails the request to the Convention Treasurer, Mrs. Leathers. She mails the names to Mrs. William Harrell, who then sends the certificates to you.

Number of Life Memberships given .....	60	\$ 600.00
Number of Memorials given .....	22	220.00
Total .....	82	\$ 820.00

You will find the names of those to whom these certificates were issued and the donors in your *Year Book*.

MRS. ROY BRINKLEY.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

WOMEN.

<i>Society</i>	<i>Paid On Apportionment</i>	<i>Total Paid</i>
Antioch .....	\$ 60.25	\$ 90.58
Berea (Nansemond) .....	101.00	161.00
Berea (Great Bridge) .....	67.50	107.50
Bethlehem (Disputanta) .....	.....	19.00
Bethlehem (Nansemond) .....	183.00	340.00
Cypress Chapel .....	107.00	144.38
Cypress Chapel (Agnes Brittle Circle) .....	56.00	106.00
Dendron .....	70.00	97.60
Eure .....	51.60	61.60
Franklin .....	307.00	417.20
Holland .....	160.00	222.45
Holy Neck .....	162.00	260.00
Hopewell .....	19.30	19.30
Isle of Wight .....	60.00	98.00
Johnson's Grove .....	11.00	76.00
Liberty Spring .....	210.00	311.00
Mt. Carmel .....	55.01	76.01
Mt. Zion .....	30.00	55.00
New Lebanon .....	25.55	34.11
Newport News .....	195.00	305.00
Norfolk:		
Bay View .....	75.00	102.50
Christian Temple .....	357.50	483.88
First .....	75.00	105.00
Little Creek .....	30.00	55.00
Rosemont .....	220.20	272.65
Second .....	86.00	110.00
Oak Grove .....	38.40	57.40
Oakland .....	90.00	178.00
Portsmouth:		
First .....	100.00	150.00
Shelton Memorial .....	57.00	97.00
Shelton Memorial (Young Women) .....	10.00	10.00
Richmond, First .....	60.00	71.60
South Norfolk .....	100.00	230.00
Spring Hill .....	13.25	31.25
Suffolk .....	650.00	965.00
Suffolk (Staley Society) .....	220.00	302.50
Sunbury (Damascus) .....	87.50	133.80
Union (Southampton) .....	53.30	76.30
Wakefield .....	69.05	102.60
Waverly .....	55.00	70.00
Windsor .....	100.00	152.50
Totals for Women .....	\$4,478.41	\$6,758.71

YOUNG PEOPLE.

Berea (Nansemond) .....	\$ 39.70	\$ 49.70
Bethlehem .....	101.00	151.00
Burton's Grove .....	33.00	49.50
Cypress Chapel .....	72.50	87.50
Dendron .....	25.00	25.00
Eure .....	17.20	17.20
Franklin .....	25.75	25.75
Holland .....	16.00	21.00
Holy Neck .....	40.00	50.00

<i>Society</i>	<i>Paid On Apportionment</i>	<i>Total Paid</i>
Liberty Spring .....	65.00	130.00
Mt. Carmel .....	25.00	36.00
Mt. Zion .....	2.00	2.00
Newport News .....	32.00	43.15
Newport News (High Schol Group) .....	12.00	12.00
Norfolk:		
Bay View .....	5.00	5.00
Christian Temple .....	42.00	42.00
Little Creek .....	10.00	10.00
Rosemont .....	5.00	5.00
Oak Grove .....	8.80	8.80
Oakland .....	35.50	35.50
Portsmouth, First .....	25.50	25.50
Richmond, First .....	8.00	8.00
South Norfolk .....	20.00	20.00
Spring Hill .....	11.00	11.00
Suffolk .....	60.00	60.00
Sunbury (Damascus) .....	20.00	40.00
Union (Southampton) .....	15.10	21.10
Waverly .....	10.00	10.00
Windsor .....	36.00	48.50
Totals for Young People .....	\$ 818.05	\$1,050.20

## JUNIORS

Berea (Nansemond) .....	\$ 26.00	\$ 26.00
Berea (Great Bridge) .....	2.50	2.50
Bethlehem .....	28.00	40.00
Cypress Chapel .....	23.00	23.00
Dendron .....	4.25	4.25
Eure .....	4.30	4.30
Franklin .....	30.75	30.75
Holland .....	25.00	25.00
Holy Neck .....	22.00	22.00
Liberty Spring .....	28.50	43.50
Mt. Carmel .....	15.00	25.00
Mt. Zion .....	2.00	2.00
Newport News .....	14.00	14.00
Norfolk:		
Bay View .....	5.00	5.00
Christian Temple (Juniors and Primary) .....	44.40	44.40
Little Creek .....	7.00	7.00
Rosemont (Juniors and Primary) .....	27.50	27.50
Oakland .....	5.50	5.50
Portsmouth, First .....	12.50	12.50
Richmond, First .....	2.00	2.00
South Norfolk .....	15.00	20.50
Suffolk (Juniors and Primary) .....	47.00	47.00
Union (Southampton) .....	4.95	4.95
Waverly .....	5.00	5.00
Windsor .....	35.83	35.83
Totals for Juniors .....	\$ 436.98	\$ 479.48

## CRADLE ROLL.

Antioch .....	\$ 3.25	\$ 3.25
Berea (Nansemond) .....	25.00	25.00
Berea (Great Bridge) .....	9.00	9.00

<i>Society</i>	<i>Paid On Apportionment</i>	<i>Total Paid</i>
Bethlehem .....	35.00	35.00
Cypress Chapel .....	24.25	24.25
Dendron ..	10.30	10.30
Eure .....	4.30	4.30
Franklin .....	8.75	8.75
Holland .....	10.00	10.00
Holy Neck .....	20.00	20.00
Liberty Spring .....	40.00	45.00
Mt. Carmel .....	57.53	57.53
Mt. Zion .....	1.75	1.75
Newport News .....	43.76	43.76
Norfolk:		
Bay View .....	5.00	5.00
Christian Temple .....	26.88	26.88
Little Creek .....	6.00	6.00
Rosemont .....	28.24	28.24
Oak Grove .....	5.00	5.00
Oakland .....	15.00	15.00
Portsmouth, First .....	3.00	3.00
Richmond, First .....	6.19	6.19
South Norfolk .....	5.00	5.00
Suffolk .....	27.57	27.57
Sunbury (Damascus) .....	20.00	20.00
Union (Southampton) .....	3.00	3.00
Waverly .....	5.00	5.00
Windsor .....	10.00	10.00
Totals for Cradle Roll .....	\$ 458.77	\$ 463.77

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

*Receipts.*

Balance in Treasury—October 1, 1948 .....	\$ 144.09
Offering—Woman's Conference, 1948 .....	77.01
Offering—Young People's Conference, 1948 .....	84.40
Offering—District Meetings, 1949 .....	92.69
Women's Societies Apportionment .....	4,478.41
Young People's Societies Apportionment .....	818.05
Junior Societies Apportionment .....	436.98
Cradle Roll Contributions .....	458.77
Life Memberships .....	600.00
Memorials .....	220.00
Thank Offering .....	1,328.57
Special Thank Offering for Shaowu .....	296.38
Friendly Service .....	115.00
Total Receipts .....	\$9,150.35

*Disbursements.*

Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treasurer, Woman's Board,	
The Southern Convention .....	\$8,752.16
West and Withers (Renew Treasurer's Bond) .....	5.00
Gurley Press .....	11.00
Virginia Council of Church Women .....	50.00
Dr. Stanley U. North (Conference Speaker) .....	20.00
Gurley Press .....	10.00
Dr. W. T. Scott (Part expense of speakers at Y. P.'s Meeting) .....	25.00
Franklin Printing Co. ....	6.25
Mrs. R. L. House (Travel expense to Board Meeting) .....	3.58



Miss Elizabeth McGuffie (Speaker, District Meetings) .....	25.00
Franklin Printing Co. ....	7.50
Gurley Press .....	16.50
Board of Publications (Space in ANNUAL) .....	41.80
Mrs. L. W. Stagg (Expense of Secretary) .....	4.71
Mrs. R. L. House (Expense of President) .....	3.50
Bank Service Charge (October, 1948-September 15, 1949) .....	1.20
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	8,983.20

Balance in Treasury ..... \$ 167.15

MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS.

### RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CONFERENCE BOARD.

Your Board submits the following recommendations:

1. That our financial goal for the ensuing year be \$10,000.
2. That the Thank Offering be used for the Han Mei School in Shaowu.
3. That for the next year we give \$50.00 to the Virginia Council of Church Women.
4. That the Committee on Revising the Constitution be discontinued until after the Constituting Convention of the Congregational Christian - Evangelical and Reformed Women is held. We shall continue using the old constitution.
5. That the three District Rallies of this Conference unite in the spring for a one-day conference on Family Life to be conducted by Dr. Paul Reynolds, one of our ministers, and an authority in this field.

MRS. R. L. HOUSE, *Pres.*

MRS. L. W. STAGG, *Sec'y.*

Mrs. C. E. Heath, Family Life Superintendent, submitted an oral report.

Report of Nominating Committee was presented and adopted as follows:

### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

*President*—Mrs. William T. Harrel.

*First Vice-President and Chairman of Friendly Service*—

Mrs. R. T. Bradford.

*Second Vice-President*—Mrs. Ray Gorden.

*Secretary*—Mrs. L. W. Stagg.

*Treasurer*—Mrs. W. B. Williams.

*Supt. of Spiritual Life*—Mrs. J. H. Duling.

*Supt. of Life Memberships & Memorials*—Mrs. Roy Brinkley.

*Supt. of Literature*—Mrs. W. V. Leathers.

*Supt. of Interdenominational Cooperation*—Mrs. Garland Spratley.

*Supt. of Family Life*—Mrs. J. B. Gibson.

*Supt. of Young People*—Mrs. R. E. Brittle.

*Supt. of Children*—Mrs. W. C. Seeley.

*Supt. of Cradle Roll*—Mrs. Geo. W. Highsmith.

*District Superintendents:*

*Norfolk*—Mrs. L. W. Vaughan, Jr.

*Suffolk*—Mrs. A. C. Moore.

*Waverly*—Mrs. J. F. Brown.

MRS. J. EVERETTE NEESE,

MRS. W. B. O'NEILL,

MRS. WALTER SEELY.

The invitation given by Mrs. Ray Gordon for the next session to meet with the Suffolk Christian Church on the first Thursday in October, 1950, was accepted.

It was voted to send Mrs. W. T. Harrell to the joint Assembly Meeting of Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed Women, in Cleveland, Ohio, November 16-18. (Part expenses paid.)

Mrs. Roy Brinkley conducted a reverent and impressive Candle Light Service for the twenty-two members of our Conference that passed on to Greater Service this past year.

Installation of officers and benediction by Dr. H. S. Hardcastle.

MRS. R. L. HOUSE, *Retiring Pres..*

MRS. L. W. STAGG, *Secretary.*

# Minutes of Second Annual Session of the Eastern North Carolina Christian Missionary Association.

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CHURCH OF WIDE FELLOWSHIP  
SOUTHERN PINES, N. C.  
OCTOBER 19, 1949

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The second Annual Session of the C. M. A. of the Eastern North Carolina Conference was held on Wednesday morning, October 19, 1949, the second day of the one hundred twenty-fourth Annual Session of the Conference held with the church of Wide Fellowship, Southern Pines, N. C., with Rev. J. Frank Apple, president of the C. M. A., presiding.

The secretary read the minutes of the organization and first session, stating that the purpose of this organization is to aid weak churches and help to establish new work in the conference. The membership dues per year are as follows: male members, \$10; female members, \$5; Sunday school classes and Missionary or Christian Endeavor Societies, \$10 each.

The following joined as charter members during the year 1948-49:

*Beulah*—Mr. A. W. Watkins, \$10; Mrs. A. W. Watkins, \$5; Mr. Albert R. Perry, \$10; Mrs. Albert R. Perry, \$5; Mrs. T. D. Sutton, \$5. Total, \$35.

*Henderson*—Rev. J. Frank Apple, \$10; Mr. C. D. Harton, \$10; Mr. I. H. Vickery, \$10; Mrs. I. H. Vickery, \$5; Mrs. W. A. Newman, \$5. Total, \$40.

*Chapel Hill*—Mr. E. W. Neville \$10; Mrs. B. V. Munger, \$5. Total, \$15.

*Liberty Vance*—Rev. T. Fred Wright, \$10; Mrs. T. Fred Wright, \$5; Mr. W. S. Ayscue, \$10; Margaret Alston, \$5; Bertha Mitchell Sunday School Class, \$10; Young Men's Class, \$10; J. O. Atkinson Missionary Society, \$10; Christian Endeavor Society, \$10. Total, \$70.

*Elon College*—Dr. William T. Scott, \$10. Total, \$10.

*Grace Chapel*—Rev. J. A. Denton, \$10.

*Mt. Auburn*—Mr. J. A. Kimball, \$10; Mrs. J. A. Kimball, \$5. Total, \$15.

*Raleigh*—Rev. F. B. Eutsler, \$10. Total, \$10.

*Sanford*—Mrs. C. C. Dollar, \$5; Mr. A. H. McIver, \$10; Mrs. A. H. McIver, \$5. Total, \$20.

*Morrisville*—Mr. J. F. Hilliard, \$10. Total, \$10.

*Wake Chapel*—Mrs. B. B. Johnson, \$5. Total, \$5.

*Youngsville*—Rev. E. M. Carter, \$10. Total, \$10.

Mr. A. H. McIver, treasurer, gave a report stating that every member that had joined during the year had paid their dues, making a total of \$250.00 paid during the year. He made a motion that since we had such a small amount of money in the treasury that it would be best to keep it until more had been accumulated, and that it be left with the officers of the C. M. A. as to spending of these funds. Motion carried. Mr. McIver also included in his report his resignation as treasurer of the C. M. A. on account of his many other duties. It was with regret that the C. M. A. accepted his resignation.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

*President*—Rev. J. Frank Apple.

*Secretary*—Margaret Alston.

*Treasurer*—Mr. I. H. Vickery.

The following joined and paid dues for 1949-50 at Conference:

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Fuller's Chapel; Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Basnight, Chapel Hill; Rev. and Mrs. T. Fred Wright, Liberty (Vance); Rev. and Mrs. J. Frank Apple, Henderson Church, \$15; Carrie Alston, Liberty Vance, \$5; Margaret Alston, Liberty Vance, \$5; Mr. W. S. Ayscue, Liberty Vance, \$10; Mr. A. H. McIver, Sanford, \$10; Mrs. A. H. McIver, \$5; Rev. E. M. Carter, Youngsville, \$10; Woman's Missionary Society, New Hope, \$10.

The Association adjourned to meet on the first day of the next annual session of the Eastern North Carolina Conference.

J. FRANK APPLE, *President*.

MARGARET ALSTON, *Secretary*.



# Minutes of Seventeenth Annual Session of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Missionary Association.

INGRAM CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
NOVEMBER 15, 1949

President W. W. Snyder called the session to order and requested a reading of the action voted by the C. M. A. Executive Committee meeting at Elon College, December 8, 1948. The secretary read of the following action:

VOTED: Consideration by the C. M. A. or its Executive Committee shall be given only to written applications for aid. These applications must be signed by the official board of the church or organization seeking aid, and checks for such grants shall be made payable to the treasurer of the organization.

VOTED: That Carolina Congregational Christian Church's application for \$200 toward building a hut for Sunday school classes and other groups should be granted, due to oral commitments made previous to the annual meeting of the C. M. A. held at Lynchburg, November 16, 1948, and to the worthiness of the project.

VOTED: That the written application for \$300 from Zion Congregational Christian Church officers toward the construction of a church building be granted.

VOTED: That the written application from the Haw River Congregational Christian Church Board of Deacons for \$300 on pastor's salary should be granted, due to the urgency of the need and the lack of additional requests for aid by new enterprises.

The C. M. A. voted acceptance of this action.

The secretary read the following recommendations to this session which had been voted previously by a joint meeting of the C. M. A. Executive Committee and the Board of Home Missions of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference held at Elon College on November 7, 1949:

VOTED: That we recommend to the C. M. A. that it underwrite the purchase of a lot in West Burlington approved by the Southern Convention Board on which may be constructed a building to house the newly formed church, the amount underwritten for purchase price not to exceed \$4,000, and time of payment to extend over not more than four years, beginning November 15, 1949.

VOTED: That we recommend an intensive membership campaign be carried on to enlist more resources to aid in carrying on this important work of church extension.

VOTED: That we recommend the C. M. A. grant the request of Zion Congregational Christian Church for the sum of \$300 to aid in the completion of its new church, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee after a visit to Zion Church and consultation with the Mission Board of the Southern Convention.

VOTED: That we recommend to the C. M. A. that the request of Pfafftown Congregational Christian Church for \$100 to be used in an expansion program be granted.

VOTED: That we recommend to the C. M. A. that the request of Palm Street Congregational Christian Church for aid in building a new church and educational building be filed and held until more complete information be obtained from the church board as to the type of building, architect's specifications, estimated cost, location and what the church's own resources may prove to be.

After discussion and clarification, C. M. A. voted adoption of the foregoing recommendations.

The report of the Financial Secretary was read, found in order by the Conference Financial Committee, and adopted by the C. M. A.

The following memberships were reported for 1948-49:

- Apples Chapel*—Five memberships.  
*Berea*—Church, Junior Philathea Class and Sunday School.  
*Belew Creek*—Church.  
*Bethel*—Church and Georgia Bradley.  
*Bethlehem*—Mr. L. F. Troxler, Carl Gilliam and Ladies' Aid.  
*Burlington*—Sadie Fanville, W. R. Sellars (2), Woman's Bible Class, Garland Huffman, Mr. Harold Ingle, Mrs. Harold Ingle and Sara Ingle.  
*Concord*—Church.  
*Durham*—Church (5), Mrs. W. H. Boone, Dr. S. C. Harrell and Harrell Bible Class.  
*Elon College*—Dr. D. J. Bowden, Dr. L. E. Smith and Mr. George Colclough.  
*Greensboro, First*—Mr. W. B. Truitt, Truitt Philathea Class, O'Kelly Bible Class and Woman's Auxiliary.  
*Hines Chapel*—Church, Missionary Society, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Iseley, E. W. Kellam, Mr. Holt Gerringer and Mrs. Wm. G. Davis.  
*Happy Home*—Church and Mrs. A. J. Powell.  
*Ingram*—The Carltons.  
*Long's Chapel*—Church, Rev. G. H. Veazey (2) and Sunday School Class.  
*Lebanon*—Church.  
*Liberty*—Mr. Y. A. Bray.  
*Mt. Zion*—Church and Sunday School.  
*Mebane*—Church.  
*Monticello*—Church.  
*Pfafftown*—Abigail Stout.  
*Reidsville*—Church, Sunday School, Woman's Auxiliary, Messrs. Chas. McKinny, John Dockery, George Pruitt and Neese Bible Class.  
*Union (N. C.)*—Missionary Society, Laymen's Fellowship and Hustler's Class.  
*Union (Va.)*—Dr. C. E. Newman.  
*Winston-Salem*—Woman's Association and Rev. W. J. Andes.

C. M. A. memberships were solicited from the delegates present at conference.

The Nominating Committee of the conference recommended the reelection of the C. M. A. officers serving for 1948-49.

The Financial Report is as follows:

# FINANCIAL REPORT.

## *Receipts.*

December 8, 1949—Cash on hand .....	\$1,334.08
December 17, 1948—Sale of New Hope Church .....	185.43
December 17, 1948—North Carolina and Virginia Conference Assistance ...	300.00
November 5, 1949—Collected dues, 1949-50 .....	160.00
Total Receipts .....	<u>\$1,979.51</u>

*Disbursements.*

December 14, 1948—Haw River Aid .....	\$ 300.00	
January 14, 1949—Carolina Aid .....	200.00	
February 4, 1949—Zion Church Aid .....	300.00	
August 21, 1949—W. J. Andes, ANNUALS .....	7.00	
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		807.00
Balance .....	\$1,172.51	
December 22, 1949—Collected dues since Conference report .....	230.00	
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December 22, 1949—Total cash in bank .....	\$1,402.51	

MACK V. WELCH, *Treas.*

The following officers were reelected to serve for the coming year:

*President*—Rev. W. W. Snyder, Route 3, Burlington, N. C.

*Vice-President*—Robert Walker, Route 2, Burlington, N. C.

*Secretary*—Mrs. Mark W. Andes, Virgilina, Va.

*Financial Sec'y*—Rev. M. V. Welch, Route 1, McLetansville, N. C.

The C. M. A. adjourned to meet again at Shallow Ford Christian Church, Elon College, North Carolina, on November 14, 1950.

WALSTEIN W. SNYDER, *President.*

MRS. MARK W. ANDES, *Secretary.*

# Minutes of the Seventh Annual Session of the Western North Carolina Christian Missionary Association.

PLEASANT HILL CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
LIBERTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
DECEMBER 4, 1949

The Christian Missionary Association of the Western North Carolina Christian Conference convened at Pleasant Hill Christian Church, Liberty, North Carolina, on December 4, 1949. Rev. M. A. Pollard called the association to order at 3:45 p. m. Rev. L. M. Presnell led the opening prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The president sought new memberships. Cyrus Shoffner reported for the Committee on Plans. He suggested that we attempt to enlist churches as members of our Association.

W. T. Madren made a motion that the Christian Missionary Association ask Conference for time to present its cause on the Conference floor during the first day of its next session. Motion carried.

The needs of Sophia and Flint Hill were presented. John Q. Pugh made motion that the C. M. A. take Flint Hill and Sophia Churches as its project for next year and that the amount be left in the hands of Committee on Plans. Motion carried.

The Committee on Plans was reappointed consisting of Cyrus Shoffner, W. W. Hall, S. H. Pell.

Ministers present were Revs. E. Carl Brady, W. T. Madren, M. A. Pollard, L. M. Presnell, John Q. Pugh and Thomas D. Sutton.

Smithwood had ten representatives—Pleasant Hill 6, Liberty 1, High Point 1, Pleasant Cross 1 in attendance.

The treasurer made his report as follows:

Balance on Hand—December 5, 1949 .....	\$ 257.50
Dues collected last year: W. T. Madren, \$5; W. Lanier, \$5; W. Hall, \$5; Cyrus Shoffner, \$5; H. K. Routh, \$2.50; T. J. Green, \$5; Mrs. C. C. Mauldin, \$2.50; Mrs. Frank Vanhoy, \$2.50; Pattie Lee Coghill, \$2.50; G. Albright, \$5; Mrs. J. T. Cain, \$2.50; Mrs. H. Scott, \$2.50; J. Q. Pugh, \$5; Mrs. J. Q. Pugh, \$2.50; Harvey Smith, \$5; Mrs. I. H. Crutchfield, \$2.50; Mrs. Himey Keeling, \$2.50; Mrs. F. M. Wright, \$2.50; F. C. Lester, \$5; George Gunter, \$5; Miss Louise Patton, \$2.50; W. W. Hall, \$5; Missionary Aid Society, High Point, \$5; Ben Joe Earp, \$5; Kelsey Friend, \$2.50; High Point Church, \$5; Mrs. B. P. Moffitt, \$2.50; Mrs. Julia Smith, \$2.50; Miss Sarah Ellison, \$2.50; Mrs. D. G. Craven, \$2.50; D. G. Craven, \$5; E. Carl Brady, \$5; M. A. Pollard, \$5; Ladies' Missionary Society, High Point, \$5; Pilgrim Fellowship, High Point, \$5; Smithwood Sunday School, \$5; Mrs. M. A. Pollard, \$2.50; Thos. D. Sutton, \$5; L. M. Presnell, \$5.00; W. D. Murchison, \$5; Miss Louise Patton, \$2.50; Sunday School Convention, \$45 .....	205.00
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## DISBURSEMENTS.

Disbursed to W. J. Andes .....	\$ 11.55	
Disbursed to High Point Church .....	400.00	
		<u>411.55</u>
Balance in Treasury—December 4, 1949 .....	\$ 50.95	

On motion the C. M. A. will have a separate secretary and treasurer next year.

Rev. M. A. Pollard was re-elected president for another year. Rev. W. W. Hall was re-elected secretary and Jack Shoffner was elected treasurer.

W. T. Madren made motion that we leave time and place of our next meeting in the hands of the Executive Committee.

Association adjourned.

M. A. POLLARD, *President*.

E. CARL BRADY, *Secretary*.

# Minutes of the Fifty-Eighth Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association.

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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA  
DECEMBER 6, 1949

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## MORNING SESSION.

The fifty-eighth Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association met December 6, 1949, at the First Christian Church, Norfolk, Virginia.

The president, Rev. B. H. Watkins, called the session to order at 10:30.

The worship service was led by Rev. W. Millard Stevens.

The financial secretary, Rev. R. E. Brittle, enrolled the following members and collected the dues. The final enrollment was as follows:

*Antioch*—Church, \$10. Total, \$10.

*Bay View*—Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Dorothy Jackson Class, \$10; Bartholomew Class, \$10; Young People's Group, \$10; Woman's Fellowship, \$10; Rev. Johnson L. Griffin, \$10; Mrs. Dorothy Calandar, \$5. Total, \$75.

*Berea (Nansemond)*—Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Men's Bible Class, \$10; Ladies' Bible Class, \$10; Mrs. P. H. Harrell, \$5; R. T. Bradford, \$10; Mrs. R. T. Bradford, \$5; J. C. Matthews, \$10; Mrs. J. C. Matthews, \$5; L. A. Daniels, Jr., \$5; Ladies Aid Society, \$10. Total, \$90.

*Burton's Grove*—Sunday School (Memorial to Rev. M. H. Butler, \$10. Total, \$10.

*Berea (Norfolk)*—Total, 0.

*Bethlehem*—Men's Bible Class, \$10; Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Ladies' Star Class, \$10; Mary Sue Brittle S. S. Class, \$10; Ladies Aid Circle No. 1, \$10; Ladies' Aid Circle No. 2, \$10; Richie E. Brittle Missionary Circle, \$10; C. F. Savage, \$10; Mrs. C. F. Savage, \$5; R. E. Brittle, \$10. Total, \$105.

*Christian Temple*—F. M. Brewer, \$10; Mrs. F. M. Brewer, \$5; T. E. Brickhouse, \$10; Mrs. T. E. Brickhouse, \$5; R. E. Brickhouse, \$10; Mrs. R. E. Brickhouse, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Albright, \$10; Mrs. J. R. Wilson, \$5; Mrs. L. W. Stagg, \$5; Rev. and Mrs. W. Millard Stevens, \$10; Church (current expense fund), \$20; Church (mission fund), \$20; Sunday School, \$20; Woman's Council, \$20; Templemen's Bible Class, \$10; Fellowship Bible Class, \$10; Dorcas-Twiddy Bible Class, \$20. Total, \$195.

*Liberty Spring*—Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; R. E. Rogers' Class, \$10; A. H. Savage Class, \$10; Friendship Class, \$10; Bertie Johnson Class, \$10; Woman's Missionary Society, \$10; Young People's Missionary Society, \$10; Dr. I. W. Johnson, \$10; Mrs. I. W. Johnson, \$5; N. W. Byrd, \$10; Mrs. Annie Byrd, \$5; Mrs. F. F. Brinkley, \$5; Parke C. Brinkley, \$10; Mrs. Parke C. Brinkley, \$5; Kaye Culver Brinkley, \$5; Richard Fairley Brinkley, \$5; Mrs. Sadie Copeland, \$5; Joel E. Harrell, \$10; Mrs. Joel E. Harrell, \$5; Carolyn Sue Harrell, \$5; R. Wesley Harrell, \$10; Mrs. R. Wesley Harrell, \$5; Miss Lizzie Harrell, \$5; Mrs. P. S. Harrell, \$5; Mrs. William T. Harrell, \$5; Mrs. J. Lewis Horton, \$5; G. R. Holland, \$10; Mrs. G. R. Holland, \$5; Mrs. James C. Lynch, \$5; G. O. O'Berry, \$10; Mrs. G. O. O'Berry, \$5; Walter O'Berry, \$5; Betty Jean Oliver, \$5; E. F. O'Berry, \$10; Mrs. E. F. O'Berry, \$5; Ferner Perry, \$10; Mrs. Ferner Perry, \$5; Frank Perry, \$5; Joe Perry, \$10; Mrs. Joe Perry, \$5; Starkie Perry, \$10; Mrs. Starkie

Perry, \$5; R. E. Rogers, \$10; Mrs. R. E. Rogers, \$5; Mrs. Howard Rhodes, \$5; Mrs. John L. Rawles, \$5; Miss Hontas Rawles, \$5; H. E. Savage, Sr., \$10; Mrs. H. E. Savage, Sr., \$5; Mrs. W. L. Turner, \$5; Mrs. Luther Wilkins, \$5; Mrs. Zack Perry, \$5; Zack Perry, \$10; Jerry Perry, \$5; Thomas Stanley Harrell, \$5; I. T. Byrd, \$10. Total, \$400.

*Franklin*—Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Mr. L. R. Jones, \$10; Mrs. E. P. Jones, \$5. Total, \$35.

*Holland*—Church, \$10; Men's Bible Class, \$10; E. L. Daughtrey, \$10; J. D. Rawles, \$5; Sunday School, \$10. Total, \$45.

*Holy Neck*—Ladies Bible Class, \$10; Men's Bible Class, \$10; Sunday School, \$10. Total, \$30.

*Isle of Wight*—Sunday School, \$10; E. J. Brock, \$10. Total, \$20.

*Little Creek*—Church, \$15; Missionary Society, \$10; B. T. I. Class, \$5; West Bible Class, \$10; Junior Class (Boys), \$5; Junior Class (Girls), \$5; Young People's Class, \$10. Total, \$60.

*Mt. Carmel*—Sunday School, \$10; Mrs. Otis V. Joyner, \$5; Miss Essie Johnson, \$5; Mrs. E. W. Beale, \$5. Total, \$25.

*Newport News*—Church, \$70; Woman's Auxiliary, \$40; Robert Lee House Class, \$20; Choir, \$10; Sunday School, \$20; Newman Bible Class, \$10; Golden Rule Bible Class, \$10; Annie Smith Bible Class, \$10; Progressive Bible Class, \$10; Jesse H. Dollar Class, \$10; Dr. H. H. S. Hardcastle, \$10; C. D. West, \$10; W. B. Williams, \$10; R. J. Moberg, \$10; W. H. Baker, \$10; Carson Coats, \$10; C. E. Holland, \$10; R. C. Luke, \$10; Board of Deacons, \$10; Mrs. W. H. Baker, \$5; Mrs. W. B. Baker, \$5; Mrs. J. T. Irby, \$5; Mrs. R. E. Pulley, \$5; Mrs. F. W. Vaughan, \$5; Mrs. G. G. Givens, \$5; Mrs. J. E. Rich, \$5; Miss Grace Spivey, \$5; Mrs. W. B. Williams, \$5; Mrs. C. L. Pope, \$5; Mrs. H. R. Byrd, \$5; Miss Katherine Harrell, \$5; Mrs. H. D. Edwards, \$5; Mrs. R. C. Luke, \$5; Mrs. L. L. Taylor, \$5; Mrs. R. J. Moberg, \$5; Mrs. G. C. Hopkins, \$5; Mrs. A. J. Simmons, \$5; Mrs. J. H. Duling, \$5; Mrs. S. E. Holland, \$5; Mrs. L. J. Brown, \$5; Mrs. H. B. Barnes, \$5; Mrs. I. W. Ashburn, \$5; Mrs. Edna Webb, \$5; Miss Sandra Cutchins, \$5; Mrs. F. F. Foster, \$5; Mrs. W. B. Stone, \$5; Mrs. C. L. Rountree, \$5; Miss Nancy Luke, \$5; Mrs. S. A. Morgan, \$5; Mrs. Raymond Wheeler, \$5; Mrs. R. T. Desler, \$5; Mrs. Frank Blake, \$5; Mrs. J. E. Rich, Jr., \$5; Mrs. Rufus Powell, \$5; Miss Shirley Lawson, \$5; Memorial to Mrs. Laura Butler (given by her daughter), \$5; Mr. J. M. Peach, \$10. Total, \$495.

*Norfolk, First*—R. B. Wood, \$10; Sunday School, \$10. Total, \$20.

*Norfolk, Second*—Morning Star Class, \$10; Friendship Class, \$10; Men's Bible Class, \$10; J. L. Carter, Jr., \$5. Total, \$35.

*Oakland*—N. G. Newman, \$10; Forward Movement Bible Class, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; I. W. Johnson Bible Class, \$10; Oakland Church, \$10; A. L. Wagner, \$10; Mrs. M. G. Knight, \$5; Mrs. P. D. Howell, \$5. Total, \$70.

*Portsmouth, First*—Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; The Woman's Fellowship, \$10; Men's Bible Class, \$10. Total, \$40.

*Richmond*—

*Rosemont*—

*Shelton Memorial*—Church, \$10; Young Woman's Guild, \$10; The Women's Guild, \$10. Total, \$30.

*Suffolk*—Mrs. A. T. Holland, \$5; Mrs. J. D. MacClenny, \$5; Mrs. Annie S. Calhoun, \$5; W. W. Staley Missionary Society, \$10; Mrs. C. A. Shoop, \$10; Dr. D. L. Rawles, \$10; Church, \$10; Junior Philathea Class, \$10; Dr. D. L. Harrell, \$10; Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, \$10; Baraca Class, \$10; Philathea Class, \$20; Ladies Benevolent and Social Union, \$20; Miss Susie Holland, \$5; Mrs. W. V. Leathers, \$5; Mrs. A. A. Turner, \$5; Mrs. C. B. Duke, \$5; Miss Janie Felton, \$5. Total, \$160.

*Sunbury*—Sunday School, \$40. Total, \$40.

*Union (Southampton)*—Church, \$10; Woman's Missionary Society, \$10. Total, \$20.

*Windsor*—Mrs. J. M. Rabey, \$5; S. T. Holland, \$10; J. W. Roberts, \$10; Baraca Class, \$10; Ladies' Bible Class, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Church, \$10. Total, \$65.

*Wakefield*—Church (Memorial to Mr. John Howard), \$10; Sunday School (Memorial to Rev. M. H. Butler), \$10; Sunday School (Memorial to Mr. John Harris), \$10. Total, \$30.

*Waverly*—Church, \$10; C. D. West (Memorial to Mrs. R. D. West), \$5; Mrs. A. B. Hartz, \$5; A. Paul Hartz, \$5; Garland Gray (Memorial to Mrs. Ella V. Gray), \$5; Sunday School (Memorial to Judge West), \$10; Sunday School, \$10; Sarah Johnson Class, \$10; Ladies Aid Society, \$10; Women's Missionary Society, \$10; Acorn Bible Class, \$10; Garland Gray, \$20. Total, \$110.

*Barrett's*—Sunday School, \$5. Total, \$5.

The Treasurer's Report was read and adopted as follows:

# REPORT OF TREASURER.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand—December, 1948 .....	\$3,018.96
Checks outstanding .....	125.10
Balance .....	\$2,893.86
Received for Membership Dues .....	2,550.00
Total Receipts .....	\$5,443.86

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to Rev. M. E. Taylor .....	\$ 600.00
Paid to Rev. B. H. Watkins .....	600.00
Paid to Rev. Johnson L. Griffin .....	333.30
Paid to Rev. W. J. Andes .....	19.70
Paid to Rev. J. Everette Neese .....	3.35
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	1,556.35
Balance on Hand .....	\$3,887.51
Amount allocated to Bay View Building Program .....	3,000.00
Balance .....	<hr/>
	\$ 887.51

E. L. RAWLES.

The president appointed the following committees:

*Nominations*—Rev. Johnson Griffin, Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, R. B. Wood.

*Resolutions*—Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Mrs. William T. Harrell.

*Place of Meeting*—Mrs. W. B. Williams.

*Press*—Rev. Duane Vore, Rev. H. G. Council, Jr.

*Plans*—Rev. R. E. Brittle, Mrs. Parke C. Brinkley, C. D. West, Dr. Will B. O'Neill.

Reports were read from the churches aided by the association. Rev. Johnson Griffin reported for Bayview, Mr. Ainsley reported for Little Creek and Rev. B. H. Watkins for Union (Southampton).

Rev. W. Millard Stevens, Rev. Duane Vore and Dr. W. T. Scott were recognized by the chair. Rev. J. Everette Neese of Second Church gave an inspiring address on "The Enchanted Task."

Adjournment for lunch.



## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation."

A brief address was given by Rev. O. D. Poythress on the possibilities for work in the new Providence Community in the Norfolk area.

Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of the Southern Convention, brought a message on the work of the association. Dr. Scott emphasized the need for going into new sections now unchurched. He spoke of the need for extension in the entire Southern Convention.

The Plans Committee gave its report as follows:

## REPORT OF PLANS COMMITTEE.

The Plans Committee makes the following recommendations:

Little Creek Church on Pastor's Salary .....	\$ 600.00
Union (Southampton) on Pastor's Salary .....	600.00
Bay View on Pastor's Salary .....	400.00
Liberty Spring on new parsonage .....	650.00
Windsor on new church building .....	650.00
Total .....	<hr/> \$2,900.00

We make the further recommendation that the next Association meeting give favorable consideration to an additional grant of \$3,500.00 each, to the Liberty Spring and Windsor Churches should the grant be needed at that time.

R. E. BRITTLE,  
MRS. PARKE C. BRINKLEY,  
C. D. WEST,  
WILL B. O'NEILL,  
*Committee.*

The report was adopted.

Upon motion of Dr. I. W. Johnson the following resolution was adopted:

Be it resolved that the Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association take note of the church building lot in the Providence area of Norfolk held by the South Norfolk Church, reserved for a new church; that we express to the Home Mission Committee of the Eastern Virginia Conference our belief that the time has arrived when a new work should be started in this growing area; that the Christian Missionary Association pledge its cooperation to the Home Mission Committee in this undertaking.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented and adopted as follows:

*President*—Rev. Stanley Carne.  
*Vice-President*—Rev. Johnson L. Griffin.  
*Secretary*—Dr. Luther Grice.  
*Financial Secretary*—Rev. R. E. Brittle.  
*Treasurer*—Mr. E. L. Rawles.

JOHNSON L. GRIFFIN,  
H. S. HARDCASTLE,  
R. B. WOOD,  
*Committee.*

The secretary's expense account of \$3.69 on motion was ordered paid.

The Committee on Resolutions was given and adopted as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

1. That we extend our sincere appreciation to the First Congregational Christian

Church for the gracious way in which they have entertained us, the delicious meal and the fine spirit of fellowship which we have all enjoyed.

2. That we extend thanks to all who took part in the program, also the churches and the pastors for their fine spirit of cooperation which helped to make this 58th C. M. A. a success.

MRS. WILLIAM T. HARRELL.

A motion that the 1950 session meet with Berea Church (Great Bridge) was adopted. A motion was made and adopted that C. M. A. meet in morning and afternoon sessions in the future.

A closing hymn was sung and the benediction was given by Dr. Luther B. Grice.

B. H. WATKINS, *President*.

LUTHER B. GRICE, *Secretary*.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 1—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—VIRGINIA VALLEY CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations
Antioch.....	E. J. Rohart.....	E. A. Showalter, R4, Harrisonburg.....	O. W. Andes, R4, Harrisonburg.....	95.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	2.....	94.....	13.....	74.....	15.....
Bethel.....	S. E. Madren.....	Mrs. H. T. Hensley, R2, Elkton.....	K. B. Dofflemeyer, R2, Elkton.....	200.....	10.....	11.....	1.....	1.....	210.....	13.....	137.....	30.....
Bethlehem.....	Clyde O. Koon.....	Miss Ella Pickering, R1, Broadway.....	C. A. Phillips, Broadway.....	106.....	6.....	6.....	1.....	1.....	111.....	17.....	96.....	13.....
Beulah.....	E. J. Rohart.....	Mrs. Joe Tibbins, Keezletown.....	(No Sunday School).....	20.....	.....	.....	1.....	4.....	16.....	5.....	32.....	.....
Concord.....	Clyde O. Koon.....	Mrs. R. L. Smith, Timberville.....	R. L. Smith, Timberville.....	59.....	4.....	7.....	.....	2.....	64.....	9.....	48.....	15.....
Dry Run.....	R. E. Newton.....	W. B. Burke, Seven Fountains.....	W. B. Burke, Seven Fountains.....	83.....	6.....	6.....	1.....	2.....	87.....	5.....	41.....	.....
Joppa.....	R. E. Newton.....	Mrs. Eyzlean Nicholson, Edinburg.....	(No Sunday School).....	20.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26.....	.....	.....	.....
Leaksville.....	R. F. Newton.....	R. O. Rothgeb, R3, Luray.....	K. T. Rothgeb, R3, Luray.....	188.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	3.....	187.....	16.....	80.....	25.....
Linville.....	E. J. Rohart.....	Mrs. Harold Rhodes, Linville.....	Robt. Miller, R2, Harrisonburg.....	198.....	.....	.....	7.....	33.....	155.....	12.....	108.....	20.....
Mayland.....	Clyde O. Koon.....	Thos. F. Stoner, R1, Broadway.....	.....	45.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45.....	8.....	45.....	10.....
Mt. Lebanon.....	R. E. Newton.....	Mrs. Allene Kite, R1, Shenandoah.....	Mrs. E. E. May, Shenandoah.....	130.....	3.....	3.....	.....	.....	133.....	11.....	113.....	36.....
Mt. Olivet (G).....	S. E. Madren.....	Miss Winnona Morris, Dyke.....	Norman W. Morris, Dyke.....	133.....	4.....	7.....	3.....	4.....	136.....	12.....	74.....	20.....
Mt. Olivet (R).....	S. E. Madren.....	Miss Laura E. Lan, R2, Elkton.....	Warren Good, R2, Elkton.....	161.....	.....	.....	4.....	4.....	157.....	16.....	95.....	30.....
New Hope.....	E. J. Rohart.....	H. E. Liske, R3, Harrisonburg.....	H. E. Liske, R3, Harrisonburg.....	57.....	1.....	1.....	.....	.....	58.....	7.....	50.....	15.....
Newport.....	R. E. Newton.....	C. W. Louderback, R1, Shenandoah.....	Leonard Higgs, R1, Shenandoah.....	191.....	2.....	3.....	2.....	3.....	192.....	13.....	128.....	25.....
Palmyra.....	Clyde O. Koon.....	Mrs. Shirley Oliphant, R3, Edinburg.....	Woodrow Baker, R3, Edinburg.....	94.....	.....	.....	3.....	3.....	91.....	8.....	26.....	10.....
Timber Ridge.....	Roy D. Coulter.....	Watson E. Brill, Letcher, W. Va.....	Richard Kump, High View, W. Va.....	236.....	.....	.....	2.....	3.....	235.....	13.....	100.....	40.....
Winchester.....	R. A. Whitten.....	Roy A. Larrick, 367 E. Precadilly.....	O. A. Bazzie, 316 Fairview Ave.....	345.....	8.....	17.....	2.....	9.....	353.....	22.....	128.....	50.....
Wissler's Chapel.....	Clyde O. Koon.....	Miss Selena Hines, Quicksburg.....	Miss Selena Hines, Quicksburg.....	51.....	19.....	19.....	1.....	1.....	69.....	10.....	58.....	10.....
Wood's Chapel.....	Clyde O. Koon.....	Mrs. Austin Kippes, Quicksburg.....	Ray Stroup, New Market.....	96.....	.....	.....	1.....	4.....	92.....	7.....	48.....	10.....
Totals.....	.....	.....	.....	2,514.....	39.....	86.....	32.....	79.....	2,521.....	217.....	1,418.....	374.....

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 2—FINANCE—VIRGINIA VALLEY CONFERENCE

CHURCH	Paid on Convention Home Missions and Church Extension	Paid on Convention Foreign Missions Including Shaowu	Raised for Orphanage	Raised for Elton College	Raised for Christian Education	Raised for Supranational Fund	Paid on Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Paid on Conference Fund	Total Paid on Apportionment	Raised for Relief and Reconstruction	Christmas Fund for Retired Ministers	Paid to Woman's Missionary Conf.	Raised for Christian Missionary Association	Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Paid on Misc. Current Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Bldg. Improvement	Total Amount Raised on Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property
Antioch.....	\$ 124	\$ 120	\$ 123	\$ 85	\$ 29	\$ 29	\$ 58	\$ 8	\$ 5	\$ 71	\$ 652	\$ 31	\$ 177	\$ 33	\$ 115	\$ 1,008	\$ 183	\$ 532	\$ 100	\$ 815	\$ 1,823	\$ 5,000	
Bethel.....	34	81	67	82	16	24	26	9	45	384	21	115	13	50	583	586	68	1,529	2,183	2,766	11,000		
Bethlehem.....	100	76	67	92	24	24	45	7	60	500	24	118	33	40	724	612	257	1,500	1,019	1,743	4,500		
Beulah.....	13	13	6	6	2	3	4	4	1	6	58	.....	.....	.....	58	75	22	64	219	219	2,000		
Concord.....	45	35	27	21	7	7	14	5	3	27	191	5	.....	5	206	276	179	.....	455	661	2,800		
Dry Run.....	30	39	28	.....	11	11	18	7	4	148	.....	.....	.....	.....	148	260	77	.....	337	485	5,000		
Joppa.....	8	8	5	5	2	2	6	2	1	6	45	5	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	700		
Leakville.....	130	80	100	109	28	33	51	15	105	661	83	10	173	.....	1,139	852	316	.....	1,168	2,307	6,200		
Linville.....	130	111	231	90	6	22	43	15	94	742	26	133	10	61	972	146	146	130	422	1,394	7,500		
Mayland.....	.....	.....	15	11	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	5,000		
Mt. Lebanon.....	40	31	16	19	7	7	10	6	6	10	152	30	5	.....	187	420	188	.....	608	795	1,100		
Mt. Olivet (G).....	54	53	90	33	11	11	15	.....	37	304	26	.....	5	8	353	520	318	400	1,238	1,591	6,000		
Mt. Olivet (R).....	20	15	24	24	9	2	5	10	.....	60	176	18	.....	32	236	408	291	2,080	2,739	2,965	6,400		
New Hope.....	51	45	33	33	12	19	21	5	3	35	250	14	44	13	321	200	233	.....	433	754	3,800		
Newport.....	122	126	225	88	27	27	54	14	9	69	761	70	9	106	1,072	708	146	.....	854	1,926	5,000		
Palmyra.....	7	7	11	11	3	3	9	8	18	77	.....	.....	.....	.....	83	160	250	178	.....	428	588	2,500	
Timber Ridge.....	111	91	66	66	22	22	44	19	12	69	522	.....	.....	25	547	1,260	.....	.....	1,260	1,807	*10,000		
Winchester.....	160	607	100	100	61	68	126	23	15	110	1,360	317	189	63	1	1,930	2,625	1,524	6,587	10,736	12,666	*75,000	
Wissler's Chapel.....	16	8	18	9	2	2	5	1	18	80	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	88	232	30	.....	262	350	5,000	
Wood's Chapel.....	12	9	19	15	5	5	8	7	20	100	.....	.....	49	.....	15	164	.....	120	424	544	708	800	
Totals.....	\$1,207	\$1,555	\$1,271	\$ 899	\$293	\$311	\$562	\$156	\$ 84	\$860	\$ 7,198	\$670	\$ 24	\$1,149	\$ 203	\$ 717	\$ 9,981	\$ 4,825	\$11,414	\$ 25,652	\$ 35,633	\$ 165,300	

\*The following Churches reported the Indebtedness indicated: Linville, \$300; Mt. Olivet (R), \$3,000; New Hope, \$3,950. Total, \$7,250.



STATISTICAL TABLE No. 3—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations
Amelia.....	F. P. Register.....	Mrs. Malcum Smith, R. 1, Garner.....	Linwood Penney, R. 2, Clayton.....	125	9	33	3	4	154	16	147	35
Antioch.....	*†Carl Wallace.....	H. L. Wall, Elams.....	S. B. Spragins, Gasburg, Va.....	110	5	6	3	3	113	7	75	15
Auburn.....	†W. C. Ferrell.....	Mrs. Gladys Allen, R. 2, Raleigh.....	Wilbur Lynch, R. 2, Raleigh.....	146	7	9	2	2	153	19	109	20
Bethel.....	†J. Lee Johnson.....	Calvin Spragins, R. 3, Littleton.....	Luther Walker, R. 3, Littleton.....	**22	4	5	5	5	**22	8	28	10
Bethlehem.....	*†Carl Wallace.....	A. W. Watkins, R. 1, Zebulon.....	W. C. Barham, R. 2, Wake Forest.....	329	3	8	2	32	305	8	145	.....
Beulah.....	†Franklin Pierce.....	Mrs. M. H. Jennings, 232 McCauley.....	B. V. Munger.....	**244	3	9	1	6	**244	6	41	12
Catawba Springs.....	B. V. Munger.....	Archie Parrish, Clayton.....	Herman Moore, Clayton.....	75	3	8	1	78	**148	7	.....	.....
Chapel Hill.....	†G. M. Tally.....	Mrs. Paul Long, R. 3, Chapel Hill.....	Allen Johnson, R. 3, Chapel Hill.....	**173	.....	.....	.....	.....	**173	.....	.....	.....
Christian Chapel.....	†J. L. Atkinson.....	Mrs. Blanchie Brown, R. 1, Cary.....	Junius Dillard, Cary, R. 1.....	*41	.....	.....	.....	.....	*41	.....	120	.....
Christian Light.....	†Jos. R. Hailey.....	Mrs. Margaret Edwards, R. 4, Henderson.....	J. T. Coghill, R. 4, Henderson.....	72	.....	.....	.....	.....	72	5	25	10
Clayton.....	†W. C. Farrell.....	Valda Davis, R. 1, Youngsville.....	Vivian Davis, RFD, Youngsville.....	215	8	8	4	5	218	8	112	25
Damascus.....	†W. C. Farrell.....	Mrs. J. A. Hall, Box 205, Henderson.....	J. Lee Lassiter, Jr., Henderson.....	125	11	20	3	9	136	8	110	22
Ebenezer.....	†R. L. House.....	Mrs. Joel Johnson, Hope Mills.....	Mrs. D. E. Culbreth, Hope Mills.....	107	6	6	2	2	111	5	25	10
Fuller's Chapel.....	†R. E. Tally.....	Mrs. R. P. Stevens, R. 2, Sanford.....	E. L. Patishall, R. 5, Sanford.....	**66	.....	.....	.....	.....	**66	.....	.....	.....
Good Hope.....	R. T. Grissom.....	Mrs. Junnie Gunter, RFD, Moncure.....	Mrs. Carson Lanier, R. 5, Sanford.....	296	5	18	1	9	305	13	186	50
Hayes Chapel.....	†W. C. Farrell.....	Margaret Alston, R. 1, Henderson.....	K. G. Weldon, R. 1, Henderson.....	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	1	50	15
Henderson.....	†J. Frank Apple.....	Olis R. Council, R. 3, Durham.....	Edw. Curvie, 722 Arnette Ave, D.....	44	1	1	1	1	44	5	25	8
Hope Mills.....	*R. L. House.....	Mrs. J. W. Jett, R. 2, Sanford.....	N. G. Burns, R. 2, Sanford.....	67	9	11	5	2	73	6	41	10
Lebanon.....	†R. E. Tally.....	Mrs. G. J. Green, Morrisville.....	William B. Ellington, Manson.....	401	7	16	5	10	407	25	277	35
Lee's Chapel.....	R. T. Grissom.....	Mrs. F. Eugene Wilson, Manson.....	.....	73	2	3	2	4	72	9	55	10
Liberty, Vance.....	†T. Fred Wright.....	.....	.....	106	1	3	2	2	107	6	29	10
Martha's Chapel.....	†M. L. Fogleman.....	.....	.....	50	1	3	1	3	49	8	35	5
Moore Union.....	†G. M. Tally.....	.....	.....	117	4	9	1	1	125	17	96	14
Morrisville.....	†M. L. Fogleman.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Auburn.....	†T. Fred Wright.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Mt. Carmel.....	J. Frank Apple.....	Mrs. R. F. Pearce, R. 1, Franklinton..	117	3	5	122	8	66	15
Mt. Gilead.....	T. Fred Wright.....	Mrs. W. W. Wheeler, R. 2, Louisburg..	166	2	2	163	10	40	10
Mt. Harmon.....	E. M. Carter.....	Mrs. Guy Smith, RFD, Garner.....	96	5	10	106	9	93	25
New Elam.....	†R. E. Tally.....	Lola Jones, R. 1, Pittsboro.....	**274	.....	.....	**274	.....	.....	15
New Hope.....	††Carl Wallace.....	B. T. Bunn, R. 1, Louisburg.....	263	2	2	258	9	160	30
Niagara.....	E. C. Brady.....	Leroy Snipes, Niagara.....	21	.....	2	1	2	6	25
Oak Level.....	*†Carl Wallace.....	J. W. Hudson, RFD, Youngsville.....	126	9	1	133	9	89	15
O'Kelly's Chapel.....	†M. L. Fogleman.....	Mrs. B. E. Bradley, R. 3, Durham.....	37	.....	4	1	2	32	12
Piney Plain.....	†R. E. Tally.....	Mrs. J. P. Stevens, R. 4, Raleigh.....	75	1	9	2	3	7	48
Pleasant Hill.....	.....	.....	**93	.....	.....	**93	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Union.....	J. Lee Johnson.....	Mrs. C. C. Ferrell, R. 3, Raleigh.....	**139	.....	.....	**139	.....	.....	.....
Plymouth.....	F. P. Register.....	Ethel Holmes, R. 1, Franklinton.....	155	4	8	70	19	90	15
Pope's Chapel.....	E. M. Carter.....	Med Bragg, R. 1, Franklinton.....	106	.....	2	3	103	7	72
Raleigh.....	F. B. Eutsler.....	Mrs. W. D. Suter, 407 Stacy St.....	340	5	34	2	11	363	13
Sanford.....	*W. B. O'Neill.....	R. M. Cline, R. 5, Sanford.....	197	13	22	1	5	214	18
Shallow Well.....	R. T. Grissom.....	Charlie Watson, R. 2, Sanford.....	250	2	5	4	6	249	13
Six Forks.....	Inactive.....	.....	**23	.....	.....	**23	.....	.....	298
Southern Pines.....	*R. L. House.....	Thomas Shockley, Southern Pines.....	275	5	14	2	16	273	14
Turner's Chapel.....	R. T. Grissom.....	Duke Horton, R. 5, Sanford.....	88	11	14	3	4	98	9
Wake Chapel.....	F. P. Register.....	Melvin Cotton, Varina.....	236	9	26	1	7	255	14
Wentworth.....	†W. C. Farrell.....	.....	**115	.....	.....	**115	.....	.....	237
Youngsville.....	E. M. Carter.....	Mrs. E. M. Carter, Youngsville.....	41	.....	1	.....	.....	42	8
Totals.....	.....	.....	6,492	149	330	49	248	6,574	369
								3,650	806

\*As a matter of convenience for reference the name of the current minister is given. Pastors for 1948-49 were: Antioch, Bethlehem, Beulah, New Hope, Oak Level, T. D. Sutton; Hope Mills, Southern Pines, T. G. Humphries; Sanford, C. C. Dollar.

†Licentiate.

††Not affiliated with the Congregational Christian Church.

\*\*Figures for 1948.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 4—FINANCE—EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	CHURCH																Value of Church Property								
	Paid on Convention	Home Missions and Church Extension	Paid on Convention	Including Shaww	Raised for Christian Orphanage	Raised for College	Raised for Christian Education	Supernatuation	Paid on Convention	Per Capita Dues	Raised for Ministerial	Scholarship Fund	Paid on Conference	Total Paid on Apportionment	Raised for Relief and Reconstruction	Christmas Fund for Retired Ministers		Raised by Woman's Missionary Conf.	For Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Paid on Misc. Current Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Bldg. Improvement	Total Raised on Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes
Amelia.....	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 22	\$ 22	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 18	\$ 8	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 148	\$ 148	\$ 10	\$ 39	\$ 197	\$ 650	\$ 429	\$ 63	\$ 1,142	\$ 1,339	\$ 4,000	
Antioch.....	15	15	15	15	17	17	7	7	12	8	4	7	7	109	109	25	162	401	300	372	181	853	962	2,500	
Auburn.....	50	50	50	50	114	114	27	27	11	6	2	3	3	129	129	54	259	525	600	204	2,500	3,304	3,829	7,000	
Bethel.....	13	13	13	13	11	11	3	3	11	6	2	3	3	71	71	65	144	512	1,900	709	1,925	4,534	5,046	20,000	
Bethlehem.....	30	35	35	35	61	18	7	7	18	22	2	5	5	205	\$ 7	54	259	525	600	204	2,500	3,304	3,829	7,000	
Beulah.....	65	65	65	65	34	34	11	11	27	4	6	11	11	268	35	65	144	512	1,900	709	1,925	4,534	5,046	20,000	
Catawba Springs.....	21	21	21	21	20	10	5	5	5	4	2	7	7	100	100	55	85	226	300	305	355	581	5,000		
Damascus.....	38	38	38	38	32	32	9	9	24	9	5	9	9	208	32	55	25	288	500	35	186	850	950	7,000	
Fuller's Chapel.....	25	25	25	25	18	18	7	7	15	8	13	5	5	141	141	55	85	226	300	305	355	581	5,000		
Good Hope.....	63	63	63	63	121	94	20	20	35	19	9	15	15	459	34	10	242	64	809	2,700	2,369	1,800	6,869	7,678	30,000
Hayes Chapel.....	33	33	33	33	49	28	9	9	15	3	2	5	5	186	186	67	18	253	480	184	184	664	917	4,000	
Henderson.....	18	18	18	18	25	25	7	7	15	8	13	5	5	25	25	18	72	97	167	77	244	341	4,000		
Hope Mills.....	187	177	177	177	339	216	45	45	82	28	20	37	37	1,176	72	276	249	1,773	1,500	1,544	3,501	6,545	8,318	30,000	
Lebanon.....	19	19	19	19	18	18	5	5	18	1	5	7	7	48	48	5	5	58	236	68	200	504	562	3,000	
Lee's Chapel.....	23	23	23	23	59	21	16	16	11	4	5	9	9	36	36	36	55	241	180	107	600	800	836	5,000	
Liberty (Vance).....	76	76	76	76	137	91	30	30	38	8	8	13	13	507	4	161	84	752	600	162	762	762	1,514	7,500	
Martha's Chapel.....	187	177	177	177	339	216	45	45	82	28	20	37	37	1,176	72	276	249	1,773	1,500	1,544	3,501	6,545	8,318	30,000	
Moore Union.....	19	19	19	19	18	18	5	5	18	1	5	7	7	48	48	5	5	58	236	68	200	504	562	3,000	
Morrisville.....	23	23	23	23	59	21	16	16	11	4	5	9	9	36	36	36	55	241	180	107	600	800	836	5,000	
Mt. Auburn.....	76	76	76	76	137	91	30	30	38	8	8	13	13	507	4	161	84	752	600	162	762	762	1,514	7,500	

Mt. Carmel.....	30	21	71	18	8	3	5	150	61	.....	6	162	250	181	621	330	492	5,000
Mt. Gilead.....	4	15	19	5	5	10	5	70	3	.....	8	81	600	173	3,500	4,273	4,354	5,000
Mt. Hermon.....	22	34	10	8	11	.....	.....	90	.....	.....	89	179	280	93	285	658	837	4,000
New Elam.....	28	31	93	.....	.....	.....	.....	152	.....	.....	.....	152	.....	.....	.....	.....	152	6,000
New Hope.....	38	48	123	30	11	11	21	314	6	.....	47	556	845	200	939	2,074	2,630	6,000
Niagara.....	13	13	10	10	4	4	9	85	.....	.....	.....	85	106	86	.....	192	277	3,000
Oak Level.....	38	38	36	32	11	11	21	200	.....	.....	179	379	300	100	175	575	934	5,000
O'Kelly's Chapel.....	8	28	5	1	1	9	2	66	.....	.....	.....	66	180	85	.....	265	331	4,500
Piney Plain.....	2	117	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	150	.....	.....	114	264	298	54	35	387	651	3,000
Pleasant Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,200
Pleasant Union.....	10	130	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	180	.....	.....	.....	180	.....	.....	.....	.....	180	5,000
Plymouth.....	30	39	39	9	9	18	11	196	.....	.....	.....	196	500	428	100	1,028	1,224	6,000
Pope's Chapel.....	15	29	18	15	21	8	5	144	.....	.....	75	219	400	76	428	904	1,123	6,000
Raleigh.....	101	96	52	23	23	45	25	495	45	.....	250	835	3,600	2,394	474	6,468	7,303	125,000
Sanford.....	88	100	100	14	20	32	16	478	45	.....	223	1,242	2,400	745	22,000	25,145	26,391	40,000
Shallow Well.....	56	66	54	14	14	29	14	320	24	.....	143	610	1,250	894	5,400	7,544	8,154	40,000
Six Forks.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000
Southern Pines.....	63	63	63	14	14	32	16	336	96	.....	105	687	2,855	3,218	450	6,623	7,210	70,000
Turner's Chapel.....	30	68	42	9	9	18	6	219	22	.....	108	493	1,000	345	922	2,267	2,760	15,000
Wake Chapel.....	119	1,888	220	20	20	55	18	2,499	38	25	170	2,587	1,077	643	25	1,745	4,632	30,000
Wentworth.....	.....	115	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	115	.....	.....	.....	115	.....	.....	.....	.....	115	2,000
Youngsville.....	20	15	15	9	14	4	3	114	5	.....	32	106	443	84	17	544	710	6,000
Totals.....	\$1,398	\$1,412	\$4,568	\$1,327	\$344	\$442	\$658	\$287	\$162	\$282	\$3,053	\$16,456	\$28,377	\$16,624	\$45,361	\$90,862	\$107,318	\$ 614,000



STATISTICAL TABLE No. 5—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations
Antioch.....	*Ellis N. Clarke.....	W. E. Garrison, Jr., B. 154, Windsor.....	W. E. Garrison, Jr., Windsor.....	117.....	2.....	4.....	11.....	11.....	108.....	8.....	63.....	5.....
Barretts.....	W. L. Wood.....	P. B. Barrett, Sedley.....	John Simms, Jr., Sedley.....	60.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	59.....	.....	.....	.....
Berea, Nansemond.....	*H. S. Hardcastle.....	Mrs. H. P. Harrell, Driver.....	Mrs. R. T. Bradford, R. 2, Suffolk.....	161.....	15.....	19.....	1.....	1.....	179.....	14.....	224.....	100.....
Bethlehem, Disp.....	John Gallo.....	John C. Tomko, Prince George.....	Alvin Sykora, RFD, Pr. George.....	128.....	3.....	3.....	2.....	10.....	121.....	6.....	66.....	20.....
Bethlehem, Nans.....	R. E. Brittle.....	W. E. White, 108 Chestnut, Suffolk.....	Edw. T. Johnson, R. 1, Suffolk.....	566.....	15.....	33.....	5.....	14.....	585.....	18.....	377.....	60.....
Burton's Grove.....	W. L. Wood.....	Mrs. G. C. Brittle, Wakefield.....	D. C. Gay, Wakefield.....	41.....	.....	.....	2.....	2.....	39.....	7.....	32.....	16.....
Centerville.....	J. E. McCauley.....	John Padgett, Disputanta.....	R. F. Livesay, Disputanta.....	67.....	3.....	3.....	2.....	.....	68.....	8.....	36.....	10.....
Cypress Chapel.....	E. T. Farrell.....	Henry Rountree, R. 1, Suffolk.....	R. M. Jones, R. 1, Suffolk.....	404.....	6.....	6.....	3.....	7.....	403.....	30.....	206.....	95.....
Dendron.....	J. M. Roberts.....	G. W. Spratley, Dendron.....	E. T. Atkinson, Dendron.....	41.....	.....	.....	1.....	.....	40.....	9.....	49.....	10.....
Eure.....	L. B. Grice.....	J. H. Lilley, Eure, N. C.....	T. K. Eure, Eure, N. C.....	307.....	2.....	2.....	1.....	4.....	305.....	8.....	83.....	20.....
Franklin.....	W. A. Grissom.....	W. T. Jones, Paces Court, Franklin.....	T. Hayes Holland, Franklin.....	443.....	3.....	14.....	1.....	3.....	454.....	21.....	266.....	35.....
Great Bridge, Berea.....	*H. E. Crutchfield.....	Mrs. Etta Daniels, R. 1, Hickory.....	E. E. Wakefield, R. 1, Hickory.....	241.....	15.....	20.....	2.....	3.....	258.....	20.....	252.....	35.....
Holland.....	*L. B. Grice.....	J. R. Jones, Holland.....	L. P. Waldo, Jr., Holland.....	433.....	1.....	2.....	4.....	7.....	428.....	13.....	155.....	25.....
Holy Neck.....	D. D. Nash.....	Mrs. A. P. Umphlett, R. 1, Holland.....	Harry L. Weaver, R. 1, Holland.....	328.....	3.....	9.....	6.....	10.....	327.....	16.....	215.....	26.....
Hopewell.....	.....	Mrs. Frank Sodomka, 106 S. 3d St.....	G. A. Robertson, 207 N. 15th Ave.....	215.....	.....	4.....	1.....	9.....	210.....	9.....	60.....	15.....
Isle of Wight.....	*Ellis N. Clark.....	Mrs. R. F. Whitley, Isle of Wight.....	S. Ray Turner, Isle of Wight.....	84.....	3.....	5.....	1.....	1.....	88.....	11.....	56.....	14.....
Johnson's Grove.....	W. A. Grissom.....	B. F. Hancock, Sedley.....	Joseph Savage, R. 1, Whaleyville.....	53.....	.....	.....	1.....	3.....	50.....	.....	.....	.....
Liberty Spring.....	*Jesse H. Dollar.....	Mrs. Emily H. Lynch, R. 1, Suffolk.....	.....	428.....	4.....	9.....	5.....	10.....	427.....	35.....	317.....	60.....
Mt. Carmel.....	*Ellis N. Clark.....	Mrs. F. H. Johnson, Zuni.....	John R. Dixon, Jr., Eclipse.....	225.....	1.....	1.....	2.....	2.....	224.....	22.....	232.....	50.....
Mt. Zion.....	W. S. Carne.....	Mrs. Geo. W. Dixon, Eclipse.....	.....	43.....	2.....	2.....	.....	.....	45.....	14.....	74.....	9.....
New Lebanon.....	†Claude Roberts.....	Ollie V. Cokes, Elberon.....	Ollie V. Cokes, Elberon.....	59.....	.....	.....	3.....	4.....	55.....	6.....	42.....	9.....
Newport News.....	*A. Larson Granger.....	Mrs. R. Moberg, 15 Elm, Hilton V.I.....	W. B. Williams, 1253 24th St.....	555.....	10.....	36.....	2.....	11.....	580.....	32.....	369.....	70.....
Norfolk: Bay View.....	J. I. Griffin.....	Mrs. B. C. Haskell, 8570 Chesapeake.....	L. D. Albert, 8638 Chesapeake.....	162.....	13.....	28.....	69.....	121.....	121.....	11.....	131.....	38.....
Christian Temple.....	*W. M. Stevens.....	Mrs. N. W. Newell, 904 W. 27th St.....	A. Clarke Godfrey, 605 W. 34th St.....	846.....	1.....	4.....	4.....	23.....	827.....	30.....	461.....	71.....
First.....	*C. C. Thomas.....	V. E. Holloman, 805 W. Liberty St.....	Mrs. J. M. Harris, 201 Poplar Ave.....	165.....	2.....	3.....	3.....	3.....	165.....	17.....	137.....	40.....

Little Creek.....	M. E. Taylor.....	Mrs. W. B. Bowden, 3200 Shore Dr.....	A. J. Scarborough, 3200 Shore Dr.....	45	10	11	1	55	10	106	14
Rosemont.....	H. G. Council, Jr.....	Mrs. A. C. Dyer, 3605 Bainbridge.....	H. R. Morrison, Sr., 2006 B'bridge.....	535	6	8	2	15	528	39	50
Second.....	J. E. Neese.....	C. C. Etheridge, 529 B'bridge Ave.....	W. W. Starnes, 6818 Granby Dr.....	125	5	42	.....	167	11	146	25
Oak Grove.....	E. T. Farrell.....	W. K. Parker, Sunbury, N. C.....	W. K. Parker, Sunbury, N. C.....	71	.....	1	.....	5	67	5	40
Oakland.....	*H. S. Hardcastle.....	Mrs. J. Rollie Gayle, Carrollton.....	C. W. Darden, R. 4, Suffolk.....	434	9	18	5	16	436	13	85
Portsmouth:											
Elm Avenue.....	†J. S. Taylor.....	J. A. Branch, 18 S. Colin Drive.....	B. P. Deans, 107 Baldwin Ave.....	160	14	15	1	80	95	14	30
First.....	W. S. Carne.....	Miss Caroline Gort, 1713 Spratley St.....	V. P. Harrell, Jr., 20 Green Blvd.....	234	18	30	2	5	259	15	30
Shelton Memorial.....	*.....	W. F. Lawrence, 1724 Matthews Tr.....	W. P. Collier, Sr., 627 8th Ave.....	128	3	3	2	4	127	10	58
Richmond.....	*R. C. Helfenstein.....	Miss Ruth Burgess, 3220 Floyd Ave.....	L. L. Bond, 523 Granite Ave.....	182	2	8	1	2	188	17	108
South Norfolk.....	O. D. Poythress.....	C. E. Hollowell, 1044 Chesapeake.....	R. D. Holland, 1541 Chesapeake.....	720	40	60	4	12	768	57	52
Spring Hill.....	J. E. McCauley.....	H. E. Drewery, Jr., Wakefield.....	G. C. White, Waverly.....	84	1	1	.....	11	74	8	12
Suffolk.....	*Duane N. Vore.....	J. D. McClenny, 211 Broad St.....	Floyd A. Turner, Suffolk.....	1,514	34	34	8	34	1,514	71	763
Sunbury.....	E. T. Farrell.....	L. E. McCoy, Sunbury, N. C.....	C. H. Pierce, Jr., Sunbury, N. C.....	185	.....	9	.....	4	190	9	134
Union, Southampton.....	J. M. Roberts.....	Marvin Whiteley, RFD, Franklin.....	S. M. Joyner, RFD, Franklin.....	178	.....	.....	1	3	175	7	127
Union, Surry.....	.....	Frederick F. Huber, Dendron.....	G. O. Huber, Wakefield.....	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	6	19
Wakefield.....	W. L. Wood.....	Wallace Brittle, RFD, Wakefield.....	Samuel Brittle, Wakefield.....	119	.....	1	.....	2	118	13	93
Waverly.....	J. E. McCauley.....	W. H. Johnson, RFD, Waverly.....	R. H. Clarke, Waverly.....	207	1	1	1	3	205	15	150
Windsor.....	*Ellis N. Clarke.....	Miss M. V. Griffin, Windsor.....	Dr. F. I. Steele, Windsor.....	152	1	3	2	3	152	12	35
Totals.....	.....	.....	.....	11,272	211	450	76	411	11,311	697	7,254
											1,378

\*As a matter of convenience for reference the name of the current pastor is given. Pastors for 1948-49 were: Antioch, Isle of Wight, Mt. Carmel, Windsor, J. F. Morgan, Berea (Nansemond), Liberty Spring, Oakland, I. W. Johnson; Great Bridge, Berea, Ellis N. Clark; Holland, W. B. O'Neill; Newport News, H. S. Hardcastle; Christian Temple, Peter Young; First, Norfolk, John L. Gwin; Shelton Memorial, Frank H. Lewis, deceased; Richmond, R. L. House; Suffolk, John G. Truitt; Union, Southampton, B. H. Watkins.

†Not affiliated with the Congregational Christian Church. Mr. Roberts is a supply.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 6—FINANCE—EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	Paid on Convention Home Missions	Church Extension	Paid on Convention Foreign Missions Including Shaowu	Raised for Christian Orphanage	Raised for Elton College	Raised for Christian Education	Raised for Supranational	Paid on Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Raised for Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Paid on Conference Fund	Paid on Conference Missions	Virginia Council of Churches	Total Paid on Apportionment	Raised for Relief and Reconstruction	Christmas Fund for Retired Ministers	Raised by Christian Miss. Association	Missionary Conf.	For Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Paid on Pastors' Salary	Paid on Misc. Current Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Bldg. Improvement	Total Raised on Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property
Antioch.....	\$ 60	\$ 57	\$ 18	\$ 85	\$ 22	\$ 13	\$ 33	\$ 10	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 10	\$ 5	\$ 323	\$ 8	\$ 105	\$ 104	\$ 104	\$ 5	\$ 437	\$ 277	\$ 390	\$ 667	\$ 1,104	\$ 6,000	
Barrett's.....	15	14	11	7	11	7	5	5	5	5	5	5	2	105	8	346	282	282	231	118	350	80	430	548	5,000	
Berea, Nansemond.....	35	35	77	50	20	25	35	10	15	15	15	25	4	346	21	21	95	95	276	975	1,000	750	620	2,370	3,345	45,000
Bethlehem, Disp.....	42	42	15	10	11	39	11	10	10	10	10	10	10	180	57	180	39	39	276	1,500	1,500	115	1,615	1,891	15,000	
Bethlehem, Nans.....	152	148	296	157	66	80	55	35	15	15	15	50	15	1,084	57	1,084	70	656	308	2,163	2,400	1,008	2,000	5,408	7,571	23,000
Burton's Grove.....	10	10	13	6	4	7	4	2	5	5	5	5	1	72	4	72	10	60	.....	146	350	20	390	536	2,000	
Centerville.....	15	53	15	11	10	14	5	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	116	25	116	.....	141	168	141	168	524	903	1,044	1,500	
Cypress Chapel.....	145	156	151	115	44	47	49	22	15	15	15	50	11	820	20	820	40	425	135	1,440	741	1,152	1,438	3,337	4,777	25,000
Dendron.....	20	24	98	15	10	7	5	2	3	3	3	2	1	190	12	190	147	147	19	368	168	321	72	561	929	4,500
Eure.....	50	50	60	50	10	10	30	15	10	10	10	10	10	315	15	315	97	97	.....	427	600	292	82	974	1,401	3,000
Franklin.....	285	311	245	245	45	80	110	22	15	15	15	75	12	1,400	.....	411	45	502	.....	2,007	2,807	3,237	831	6,875	8,882	92,000
Great Bridge, Berea.....	65	77	60	20	40	53	150	3	8	10	10	20	5	411	.....	411	35	129	200	775	2,550	2,691	665	5,906	6,681	40,000
Holland.....	300	250	301	250	58	70	132	28	10	10	10	75	12	1,496	129	1,496	40	298	200	2,178	2,900	2,757	1,000	6,657	8,835	50,000
Holy Neck.....	110	100	185	140	45	45	80	20	10	10	10	25	9	779	18	779	30	382	98	1,307	2,400	1,603	6,215	10,218	11,525	25,000
Hopewell.....	38	32	10	10	15	7	5	10	5	5	5	4	6	147	27	147	20	19	.....	213	632	758	860	2,310	2,523	*8,000
Isle of Wight.....	35	42	36	34	11	7	22	5	10	10	10	10	2	224	.....	224	108	318	.....	650	560	345	1,537	2,442	3,092	*25,000
Johnson's Grove.....	20	20	13	10	11	7	5	5	10	5	5	3	2	111	.....	111	86	.....	197	200	18	.....	218	415	4,000	
Liberty Spring.....	50	48	155	120	15	40	45	22	15	15	15	40	12	577	.....	577	580	150	1,742	1,000	3,396	3,491	6,842	8,584	40,000	
Mt. Carmel.....	145	142	159	105	44	27	55	15	15	15	15	35	7	764	16	764	30	215	60	1,085	337	925	1,753	2,838	8,000	
Mt. Zion.....	15	14	10	15	11	7	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	96	6	96	71	71	274	447	705	744	925	2,374	2,821	8,000
New Lebanon.....	45	42	71	30	11	2	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	233	.....	233	34	25	292	460	.....	115	575	867	5,500	
Newport News.....	457	632	731	495	120	150	200	30	50	50	50	100	15	2,995	152	2,995	438	901	5,101	3,900	3,900	6,815	4,997	15,712	20,813	*125,000
Norfolk, Bay View.....	10	9	23	9	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	67	19	67	50	228	20	384	1,709	2,391	4,125	4,225	4,609	14,000
Christian Temple.....	940	940	320	850	132	157	400	80	35	35	35	100	31	4,020	78	4,020	627	1,048	1,048	5,115	5,115	12,642	1,987	18,584	24,877	495,000
First.....	46	46	75	64	18	18	26	6	10	10	10	35	9	363	.....	363	200	105	135	6,233	3,185	1,998	1,257	6,440	7,063	56,000

Little Creek.....	33	20	30	5	5	3	5	5	2	2	1	113	108	70	45	88	246	1,820	185	745	2,750	2,996	4,500
378	469	876	30	81	50	20	25	25	80	14	2,348	196	43	30	353	264	3,173	3,640	4,099	309	8,048	62,000	
4	4	95	26	15	45	7	5	5	10	3	205	205	43	30	110	73	452	2,980	1,616	600	5,648	*21,000	
Second.....	40	38	28	40	8	5	18	5	5	5	10	3	205	205	81	200	286	2,980	1,616	600	5,648	3,600	
Oak Grove.....	61	61	171	100	15	20	40	25	10	15	35	5	558	558	75	244	158	1,035	1,000	1,626	13,350	17,011	
Oakland.....																						30,000	
Portsmouth,																							
Elm Avenue.....	86	67	41	50	22	27	33	12	5	5	30	3	381	11	.....	.....	546	927	2,205	1,994	95	4,294	25,000
First.....	205	204	161	185	44	47	77	10	10	10	35	6	994	11	.....	.....	1,646	2,700	3,515	2,650	8,585	10,511	*93,000
Shelton Memorial..	45	43	24	15	22	37	22	5	15	10	5	3	246	.....	.....	.....	395	1,670	1,316	2,184	5,170	5,565	26,000
Richmond.....	145	142	181	185	22	27	55	10	15	15	35	5	837	88	13	50	88	226	1,302	2,700	5,786	1,013	9,499
South Norfolk.....	240	251	161	230	44	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	20	1,059	.....	.....	.....	356	1,332	2,747	3,900	4,787	6,550	15,337
Spring Hill.....	34	37	31	20	6	9	12	3	5	5	10	2	174	6	.....	.....	292	180	87	.....	267	489	3,500
Suffolk.....	150	450	647	905	75	150	395	100	40	40	300	43	3,295	161	.....	.....	5,576	4,050	12,185	9,258	25,483	31,069	177,000
Sunbury, Damascus..	75	57	63	75	11	13	33	12	10	10	15	5	379	.....	.....	.....	689	1,300	1,580	8,220	11,100	11,799	*40,500
Union, Southampton.	85	85	72	75	11	13	27	10	20	20	15	5	438	.....	.....	.....	603	1,820	359	2,410	4,589	5,192	*17,000
Union, Surry.....	30	30	46	20	11	7	5	3	5	5	5	2	169	.....	.....	.....	179	120	30	.....	150	329	3,000
Wakefield.....	65	62	27	60	22	7	22	9	5	5	10	4	298	24	.....	.....	465	1,400	482	574	2,456	2,921	19,000
Waverly.....	170	170	93	185	22	13	88	15	15	10	25	5	811	26	7	110	100	1,800	1,089	1,757	4,646	6,141	35,000
Windsor.....	130	128	266	155	22	13	44	9	15	15	30	4	831	35	.....	.....	3,024	478	662	284	1,424	4,448	10,000
Totals.....	\$5,081	\$5,602	\$6,161	\$5,536	\$1,178	\$1,431	\$2,343	\$626	\$500	\$467	\$1,397	\$304	\$30	\$275	\$2,380	\$9,663	\$53,987	\$70,043	\$85,321	\$78,549	\$233,913	\$287,900	\$2,086,100

\*The following Churches reported indebtedness in amounts given: Hopewell, \$500; Isle of Wight, \$3,350; Newport News, \$16,200; Norfolk, Second, \$500; Portsmouth, \$6,200; Sunbury, Damascus, \$4,800; Union, Southampton, \$3,150; Total, \$35,300.



STATISTICAL TABLE No. 7—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations
Albemarle.....	W. W. Hall.....	Alfred G. Plyler, 708 N. Depot St....	Ardell Simmons, 319 East St....	270	5	9	1	13	266	19	203	50
Antioch (C.).....	*W. C. Farrell.....	Mrs. G. O. Lassiter, B. 43, Pittsboro..	W. C. Thomas, R. 2, Bear Creek...	112		11		2	111	9	89	15
Antioch (R.).....	†G. M. Tally.....	Miss Etta Rea Britt, R. 1, Biscoe....		†103					†103			
Asheboro.....	F. C. Lester.....	Mrs. Everette Cox, Asheboro.....	Paul Shane, R. 1, Asheboro.....	84	11	21	1	3	102	26	203	30
Bailey's Grove.....	B. H. Lowdermilk.....	Mrs. Pearl Allred, R. 1, Asheboro.....	Fred Smith, Franklinville.....	38					38	10	80	15
Bennett.....	J. Q. Pugh.....	L. M. Murray, Bennett.....	B. S. Murray, Goldston.....	40				8	32			10
Big Oak.....	F. C. Lester.....	Miss Maurine Morrison, Eagle Spgs....	No Sunday School.....	65				3	62			5
Biscoe.....	H. V. Cox, Sr.....	Mrs. Viola Key, R. 2, B. 2, Robbins....	Chas. H. Key, R. 2, Robbins.....	153	1	1	3	5	153	7	40	
Brown's Chapel.....	†Harold Loman.....	Mrs. J. C. Crutchfield, R. 4, Sanford..	T. J. Gunter, R. 4, Sanford.....	208	1	6		2	204	22	91	20
Center Grove.....				18	4				22	6	47	5
Ether.....	*T. D. Sutton.....	Mrs. Josephine Floyd, Ether.....	H. J. Cochran, Ether.....	85	1	2		12	75	6	45	20
Flint Hill (M.).....	E. C. Brady.....	Miss Etta Rea Britt, R. 1, Biscoe....	W. T. Britt, R. 1, Biscoe.....	52	5	5	1		56	4	45	20
Flint Hill (R.).....	W. T. Madren.....	Miss Lola Farlow, R. 1, Sophia.....	Harvey Lanier, R. 1, Sophia.....	42	1	1		2	41	9	40	10
Grace's Chapel.....	M. V. Grissom.....	A. C. Farrell, Sanford.....	A. C. Farrell, Sanford.....	198	25	28	5	12	214	14	214	35
Hank's Chapel.....	M. V. Welch.....	Bertha F. Riddle, B. 335, Pittsboro....	Clifford Blalock, Pittsboro.....	207	16	22	5	8	221	11	161	40
High Point.....	*W. T. Madren.....	Mrs. Leta Moffitt, R. 5, High Point....	Bruce Woodell, R. 5, High Point....	125	1	7		5	127	10	114	42
Liberty.....	*L. M. Pressnell.....	Miss Rebecca Fogleman, Liberty.....	Jack P. Shofner, Liberty.....	95				2	93	12	110	17
Mr. Pleasant.....	P. W. Fisher.....	L. D. Brooks, R. 2, Vass.....	E. M. Marks, R. 2, Cameron.....	110			1	46	64	7	85	15
Needham's Grove.....	M. V. Welch.....	Henrietta Moore, R. 1, B. 82, Steeds..	W. W. Ritter, Steeds.....	145				7	138	10	114	20
New Center.....	H. V. Cox, Sr.....	A. L. Davis, Seagrove.....	Raford Pierce, Seagrove.....	83	4	4		1	86	6	66	10
Parks' Cross Roads.....	†G. M. Tally.....			†212					†212			50
Patterson's Grove.....				123					†23			22
Pleasant Cross.....	*E. C. Brady.....	Mrs. J. Q. Pugh, R. 1, B. 362, Asheb..	Rev. J. Q. Pugh, Asheboro.....	43	9	10			53	8	66	40
Pleasant Grove.....	*C. F. Allred (Lic.).....	Mrs. J. M. Brown, R. 1, Bennett.....	M. E. Jones, R. 1, Bennett.....	324			3	6	318	9	165	40
Pleasant Hill.....	M. A. Pollard.....	L. C. Fogleman, R. 2, Snow Camp...	R. P. Overman, R. 2, Liberty.....	240	10	14	3	5	249	11	309	50

Pleasant Ridge.....	Clyde L. Fields...	Mrs. Harry Stewart, B. 84, Ramseur.	Theodore Cox, R. 1, Ramseur.	157	8	12	2	4	165	26	163	35
Pleasant Union.....	B. H. Lowdermilk	Mrs. I. L. McDowell, R. 2, Asheboro.	Lewis Trotter, R. 3, Asheboro.	36	4	6	.....	.....	42	7	110	20
Providence Chapel.....	*J. U. Fogleman.....	H. B. J. Moore, R. 2, B. 27, Robbins.	Meets with Brown's Chapel.	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	.....	.....	.....
Ramseur.....	J. A. Denton.....	R. L. Smith, R. 1, B. 456a, Asheboro	Jack White, Ramseur	125	1	2	1	2	125	19	119	25
Randleman.....	B. H. Lowdermilk	Wm. G. Lamb, B. 95, Randleman...	Vance Dorsett, Randleman.....	50	.....	1	.....	.....	51	8	90	15
Seagrove.....	*T. D. Sutton.....	Mrs. Shelton Graves, Seagrove.....	R. J. Lawrence, R. 1, Seagrove.....	80	.....	.....	1	2	78	7	57	20
Shady Grove.....	*T. D. Sutton.....	Mrs. Charles Singleton, Troy.....	B. B. Martin, Troy.....	67	5	5	1	2	70	7	52	15
Shiloh.....	*W. C. Farrell.....	Mrs. N. W. Brooks, Ramseur.....	.....	†112	.....	.....	.....	.....	112	.....	.....	25
Smithwood.....	*L. M. Presnell.....	Thos. B. Lowe, R. 1, Liberty.....	Thos. B. Lowe, R. 1, Liberty.....	183	.....	2	4	6	179	9	134	30
Sophia.....	W. T. Madren.....	Miss Dorsie Lee Hayes, Sophia.....	Stacy Hayes, Sophia.....	58	.....	.....	.....	2	56	10	60	15
Spoon's Chapel.....	*Clyde L. Fields...	Miss Edith Stout, R. 1, B. 476, Ash'o	Gillis Luck, R. 1, Asheboro.....	30	1	1	1	3	28	9	60	10
Union Grove.....	*Clyde L. Fields...	Wade Brown, R. 2, Randleman.....	Paul Wilson, R. 1, Asheboro.....	99	1	2	2	3	98	14	70	23
Zion.....	†R. E. Tally.....	.....	.....	†142	.....	.....	.....	.....	†142	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	.....	.....	.....	4, 115	111	180	35	167	4, 128	310	3, 202	774

\*As a matter of convenience for reference the name of the current pastor is given. Pastors for 1948-49 were: Ether, Shady Grove, W. T. Madren; Grace's Chapel, J. A. Denton; High Point, B. J. Earp; Liberty, Smithwood, M. A. Pollard, Pleasant Cross, J. U. Fogleman; Pleasant Grove, Seagrove, Spoon's Chapel, L. M. Presnell; Providence Chapel, Park W. Fisher; Union Grove, B. H. Lowdermilk.

†Not affiliated with Congregational Christian Church.

†1948 figures.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 8.—FINANCE—WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	Paid on Convention		Home Missions and Church Extension	Paid on Convention		Foreign Missions Including Shaowu	Raised for Christian Orphanage	Raised for Elion College	Raised for Christian Education	Raised for Superannuation	Paid on Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Raised for Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Paid on Conference Fund	Total Paid on Apportionment	Raised for Relief and Reconstruction	Christmas Fund for Retired Ministers	Raised for Christian Missionary Assoc'n	Raised by Woman's Missionary Conf.	For Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Paid on Misc. Current Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Bldg. Improvement	Total Raised on Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property
Alt.earle.....	\$ 100	\$ 100		\$ 75	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 50	\$ 10	\$ 5	\$ 20	\$475	\$111	\$ 33		\$ 115		\$	734	\$ 2,600	\$ 1,361	\$ 3,769	\$ 7,720	\$ 8,454	\$ 23,500		
Antioch (C).....				55							10	65															
Antioch (R).....																											
Asheboro.....	114	139		50	20	20	20	20	10	5	20	448	17			168	112	745	3,000	2,109	4,330	9,439	10,184	72,500			
Bailey's Grove.....	4	5									11	21															
Bennett.....	5			10				5			10	30															
Big Oak.....	25	25		20	10	10	10	20	10	5	15	160	9														
Biscoe.....																											
Brown's Chapel.....	20	20		20	10	10	10	30	10	5		145															
Center Grove.....																											
Ether.....	35	40		70	24	8	10	20	7	5	20	239	7														
Flint Hill (M).....	14	14		21	3		9				61																
Flint Hill (R).....	25	26		20	20	10	10	15	10	5	10	151	11			26	39	227	211	100	475	786	1,013	*10,500			
Grace's Chapel.....		60		120			20					200															
Hank's Chapel.....	114	114		170	60	20	20	30	10	5	25	568				120	692	1,380	600	1,007		1,607	2,987	10,000			
High Point.....	40	40		30	30	10	10	20	10	5	20	215	7			23	13	271	2,340	271	1,918	4,529	4,800	*10,000			
Liberty.....	50	50		40	40	10	10	20	10	5	20	255	37			8	30	370	337	168	500	1,005	1,375	7,500			
Mt. Pleasant.....	30	30		27	25	10	19	20	10	5	14	190	19														
Needham's Grove.....	30	30		20	20	10	10	20	10	5	20	175	28														
New Center.....				28			10				20	58															
Park's Cross Roads.....																											
Patterson's Grove.....																											
Pleasant Cross.....	25	25		42	20	10	10	15	10	5	10	172	11														
Pleasant Grove.....	40	40		35	35	20	20	20	10	5	25	250				25											
Pleasant Hill.....	123	123		136	75	35	40	60	20	5		617				84											

Pleasant Ridge.....	123	160	142	65	20	20	50	20	5	65	670	17	18	10	106	133	954	1,040	734	6,704	8,468	9,422	*
Pleasant Union.....	25	25	171	20	10	10	15	10	5	20	311	...	...	...	...	...	311	829	338	195	1,362	1,673	2,600
Providence Chapel...	16	16	6	6	3	3	3	3	3	...	69	...	...	...	...	...	59	98	93	101	292	1,351	2,000
Ramseur.....	...	...	349	...	...	22	...	...	...	...	371	...	...	42	...	...	413	600	446	64	1,110	1,523	...
Randleman.....	50	50	49	35	10	10	20	10	5	25	264	10	10	...	...	...	284	980	384	100	1,364	1,748	8,000
Seagrove.....	40	40	40	40	20	20	30	5	5	25	265	...	...	...	...	...	265	600	232	4,000	4,832	5,097	*17,000
Shady Grove.....	25	29	27	15	8	5	9	2	5	...	125	...	...	...	...	70	195	309	181	32	522	717	1,100
Shiloh.....	...	...	162	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	162	...	...	...	...	...	162	...	...	...	...	162	...
Smithwood.....	50	50	55	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	180	...	...	10	130	...	320	980	306	58	1,344	1,664	6,500
Sophia.....	25	27	34	20	25	10	20	10	5	25	201	17	...	...	11	...	229	1,040	477	5,099	6,616	6,845	*11,000
Spoon's Chapel.....	25	25	30	20	10	10	10	10	5	5	150	11	...	...	17	...	178	267	58	796	1,121	1,299	1,982
Union Grove.....	22	21	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	76	...	...	...	...	...	76	300	216	1,544	2,060	2,136	2,000
Zion.....	...	...	189	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	189	...	...	...	...	...	189	...	...	...	...	189	...
Totals.....	\$1,195	\$1,324	\$2,276	\$738	\$310	\$308	\$522	\$217	\$103	\$465	\$7,518	\$312	\$51	\$41	\$766	\$1,299	\$9,987	\$22,415	\$11,031	\$33,569	\$67,095	\$77,082	\$264,032

\*Indebtedness was reported by the following Churches in the amount stated: Asheboro, \$21,250; Ether, \$50; Flint Hill (R), \$500; High Point, \$2,235; Pleasant Ridge, \$4,031; Seagrove, \$1,000; Sophia, \$1,100; Total, 30,166.



STATISTICAL TABLE No. 9—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations
Apple's Chapel.....	*	Mrs. R. E. Apple, Whitsett.....	Paul Huffines, McLeansville.....	466	5	5		4	467	14	224	110
Asheville.....	Earl D. Weed.....	Mary Tiernan, 201 Louisiana Ave.....	Mrs. Robert Crane, 27 Fennor St.....	116					116	5	28	30
Belew Creek.....	A. L. Hurdle.....	Mrs. H. C. Murray, Belew Creek.....	J. G. Neal, Jr., Belew Creek.....	92	1	3	1	2	93	8	58	25
Berea.....	*	Mrs. G. N. Pritchett, R. 1, Elon Col.....	Wm. Jones, R. 2, Elon College.....	121	2	4	2	3	122	8	116	25
Bethel.....	W. W. Snyder.....	Mrs. Lewis King, R. 2, Burlington.....	W. L. King, R. 2, Burlington.....	196	10	12	3	7	201	9	79	30
Bethlehem.....	*	Clyde Iseley, R. 4, Burlington.....	J. W. Kernodle, R. 4, Burlington.....	338	3	7	4	6	339	19	248	50
Burlington.....	H. E. Robinson.....	W. L. Cooper, B. 38, Burlington.....	Wayne Morton, 205 W. Ruffin St.....	851	15	23	4	24	850	43	540	100
Carolina.....	†B. A. Leebick.....	Mrs. Kathleen Trolinger, R. 3, Big.....	J. W. Trolinger, Sr., R. 3, Bigatn.....	61	5	5			66	9	134	30
Concord.....	W. W. Snyder.....	Mrs. W. R. Simmons, R2, Elon Col.....	H. P. Terrell, R1, Elon College.....	117		2		1	118	7	45	20
Danville.....	M. T. Sorrell.....	Mrs. W. V. Crawford, 471 Myrtle.....	J. R. Davidson, 542 Ricketts St.....	871	37	70	6	16	925	46	730	100
Durham.....	S. C. Harrell.....	J. O. Kinney, 807 W. Club Blvd.....	Mrs. J. L. Perry, 1007 N. Gregson.....	461	4	13	9	16	458	31	226	74
Elk Spur.....	†Mas. W. Macren.....	Mrs. Herman Webb, Fancy Gap, Va.....	Mrs. Worth Utt, Fancy Gap, Va.....	66	5	7	1		72	6	65	20
Elon College.....	J. H. Loman.....	Mrs. G. W. Longest, R. 1, Elon Col.....	George Noan, Elon College.....	312	13	44	1	10	346	49	354	370
Gibsonville.....	F. H. Reynolds.....	Mrs. Pearl Shepherd, Box 274, Gibs.....	Lester Stanley, R. 1, Elon College.....	235	10	54			289	12	242	50
Graham, Prov.-Mem.		Mrs. Ella A. Holt, 403 N. Main St.....	Robt. Russell, 223 W. Harden St.....	90		7			97	11	129	30
Greensboro, First.....	W. E. Wiseman.....	R. G. Moffitt, 218 E. Bragg St.....	J. H. Rountree, 515 Woodlawn Av.....	479	4	26	3	20	485	22	250	60
Happy Home.....	*	Mrs. P. R. Hall, 3710 High Point Rd.....	MacK Fulk, 2302 Maple St.....	303	20	20	1	3	320	11	227	50
Haw River.....	T. F. Bowers.....	Miss Clarice Gunn, R. 3, Reidsville.....	R. J. Hudson, 19 Irwin St., R'ville.....	298	6	6	1	3	301	12	140	39
Hebron.....	W. P. Smith.....	M. C. Sharpe, Haw River.....	Thomas Terrell, Haw River.....	105		6			171	11	121	25
Hines Chapel.....	M. V. Welch.....	Kent Rice, Nelson, Va.....	Carl Chandler, Nelson, Va.....	105	2	3	1	4	104	7	59	15
Hopedale.....	†J. H. Loman.....	L. V. Smith, R. 1, McLeansville.....	G. W. Barker, R. 5, Greensboro.....	144	3	3	2	3	144	8	174	50
Howard's Chapel.....	Inactive.....	Mrs. Thos. Rascoe, R. 2, Burlington.....	L. Rudd, 1109 Piedmont, Burling.....	93	8	11	2	4	100	18	168	25
Ingram.....	R. T. Woodruff, Jr.....	J. C. Madison, 312 Vance St., Reidsv.....	ille.....									
Ivy Hill.....	Not Organized.....	Miss Elsie Satterfield, R3, Danville.....	J. K. Landrum, Vernon Hill, Va.....	212		4	2	4	212	11	84	23

Kalam Grove	*P. H. Ricketts	Mrs. R. McCallum, R. 2, Madison	I. A. Washburn, R. 1, Summerfield	68	4	4	1	71	5	65	15
Lebanon	M. W. Andes	T. J. Earp, Milton	A. S. Taylor, Senora	127	3	7	1	132	9	59	15
Liberty	M. W. Andes	C. S. Wilkins, Lening, Va.	Edward Tuck, Nathalie, Va.	210	2	7	2	212	12	72	30
Long's Chapel	G. H. Veazey	W. J. Fonville, R. 5, Burlington	H. L. Foster, R. 1, Mebane	133	1	3	3	129	10	124	20
Lynchburg	J. B. Allan	Earl Dunn, 4873 Fort Ave.	Ettie Harvey, R. 1, Edgewood	131	13	30	2	156	13	113	26
Mebane	J. R. Halley	Miss Lillie D. Fowler, Mebane	Floyd Moore, Mebane	16	...	...	2	13	6	44	8
Monticello	M. V. Welch	Mrs. J. W. Kernodle, Brown Summit	J. E. Cumble, Brown Summit	97	11	14	1	110	11	91	20
Mt. Bethel	†C. F. Allred	Mrs. Mildred Haynes, Summerfield	Martin Barham, Stokesdale	78	...	...	1	76	8	58	15
Mt. Zion	W. W. Snyder	S. D. George, Mebane	G. F. Carden, R. 3, Mebane	164	4	9	1	172	7	47	75
New Lebanon	*P. H. Ricketts	Carrie Sharpe, 818 Crecent Dr., Rds.	J. O. Sharpe, R. 4, Reidsville	199	12	12	2	209	9	145	25
Pfafftown	W. J. Andes	Mrs. H. O. Cline, Pfafftown	James Cohn, Pfafftown	35	2	5	...	40	11	85	16
Pleasant Grove	R. T. Woodruff, Jr.	Nannie B. Farmer, Vernon Hill, Va.	G. C. Talbert, R. 1, Halifax, Va.	261	3	4	6	259	...	235	25
Pleasant Ridge	W. E. Wasserman	Hugh B. Nelson, Guilford College	J. W. Pegram, Summerfield	82	...	4	...	82	6	56	20
Reidsville	T. G. Humphries	Mrs. E. H. Abell, 717 Lawsonville	Chas. McKinney, 807 Lawsonville	625	1	8	6	615	42	457	70
Rocky Ford	†Jas. W. Madren	Clarence Edwards, Cana, Va.	Walter Edwards, Fancy Gap, Va.	55	...	...	...	55	7	47	12
Salem Chapel	Allen L. Hurdle	Selma Marshall, R. 2, Walnut Cove	A. J. Gerry, Walnut Cove	124	...	1	2	119	9	79	25
Shallow Ford	W. W. Sloan	Mrs. Kate Foster, R. 2, Elon College	Boyd Tickle, R. 1, Elon College	254	13	21	...	266	17	197	50
Tryon, Erskin Mem.	F. W. Murfield	Mrs. Olive Ashworth, R. 1, Saluda	Nelson Jackson, Tryon	209	6	23	3	216	11	122	61
Union (N. C.)	K. D. Register	Mrs. A. H. Blalock, R. 2, Burlington	F. O. Simmons, 1301 Beach Dr.	329	9	14	2	336	27	209	40
Union (Va.)	M. W. Andes	R. A. Dunkley, Virgilina, Va.	A. R. Seat, Virgilina, Va.	441	14	18	1	445	9	132	60
Winston-Salem	W. J. Andes	E. M. Whitman, 1023 S. Hawthorne	W. L. Padgett, 1234 E. 24th St.	55	5	17	...	64	11	68	8
Zion	G. C. Crutchfield	Connie Pitts, R. 4, Burlington	...	18	...	18	...	18	3	22	4
Totals				9,885	257	554	74	248	10,191	6,733	1,991

\*As a matter of convenience for reference the name of the current pastor is given. Pastors for 1948-49 were: Berea, Clyde L. Fields; Burlington, W. M. Stevens; Elon College, Jesse H. Dollar; Kalam Grove, New Lebanon, M. I. Sorrell. Apple's Chapel, Bethlehem, H. E. Crutchfield; Falm St., J. L. Neese; both to Mar. 31, 1950.  
†Not affiliated with the Congregational Christian Church.  
‡Licentiate.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 10—FINANCE—NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	CHURCH																					
	Paid on Convention Home Missions and Church Extension	Paid on Convention Foreign Missions Including Shaowu	Raised for Christian Orphanage	Raised for Christian Education	Raised for Supernatation	Paid on Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Paid on Conference Fund and Ministerial Scholarships	Total Paid on Apportionment	Raised for Relief and Reconstruction	Christmas Fund for Retired Ministers	Raised by Christian Miss. Association	Raised by Woman's Missionary Conf.	For Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Paid on Misc. Current Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Bldg. Improvement	Total Raised on Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property	
Apple's Chapel.....	\$ 165	\$ 148	\$ 142	\$ 135	\$ 44	\$ 43	\$ 86	\$ 34	\$ 39	\$ 836	\$ 68	\$	\$ 25	\$ 147	\$ 380	\$ 1,456	\$ 1,500	\$ 779	\$ 30	\$ 2,309	\$ 3,755	\$ 14,000
Asheville.....	15	19	11	10	3	3	6	3	70	86				80	236	236	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,200	4,436	35,000
Belew Creek.....	64	45	29	46	18	22	44	9	299			5	34	34	338	338	640	5,709	6,604	6,942	14,500	
Berea.....	64	60	64	46	19	16	44	10	345			15	90	90	480	480	1,008	613	2,259	3,880	6,000	
Bethel.....	18	18	96	65	10	10	20	14	263			15	56	56	355	355	950	220	3,700	4,870	8,000	
Bethlehem.....	173	142	127	141	41	40	82	27	33	806			10	125	816	816	1,500	1,074	6,252	8,826	9,642	
Burlington.....	461	461	3,470	500	115	378	215	64	135	5,799	26	68	30	1,376	7,424	7,424	4,200	2,222	3,710	23,132	3,556	
Carolina.....	57	33	18	27	14	11	38	6	204				31	16	251	251	1,200	2,400	600	4,200	4,451	
Concord.....	27	21	46	57	16	10	31	9	240				35	405	680	700	93	1,473	1,793	1,473	5,000	
Danville.....		120							20					11,461	11,461	3,600	16,258	18,400	38,288	49,739	*71,500	
Durham.....	672	635	500	534	125	151	251	35	108	3,011		40	507	300	3,858	4,000	4,352	195	8,547	12,405	65,000	
Elk Spur.....	24	10	12	11	7	3	18	2	99						99		3,600	4,357	6,822	14,779	18,786	
Elton College.....	467	431	246	427	97	94	196	35	77	2,074			521	1,412	4,007	3,350	1,547	200	5,127	5,238	*35,000	
Gibsonville.....			111						111						111	1,200	595	109	1,904	2,126	5,000	
Graham, Prov. Mem.	40	17	39	22	14	7	20	6	18	184			28		222	1,200	595	109	1,904	2,126	5,000	
Greensboro, First.....	578	545	614	534	95	101	239	36	86	2,828			887	246	4,002	4,030	5,349	1,916	11,295	15,297	78,600	
Palm Street.....	124	157	119	115	27	70	45	21	23	701	52	15	151	1,565	2,484	3,640	840	4,639	9,119	11,603	21,700	
Happy Home.....	138	113	153	109	41	38	69	22	34	717	25	10	76	189	1,022	2,080	961	3,511	6,552	7,574	29,000	
Haw River.....	131	100	92	107	27	26	56	13	552	25			65	44	686	1,800	2,175	761	4,736	5,422	*15,000	
Hebron.....	20	13	32	49	14	13	26	9	198	5				6	209	450	262	173	885	1,094	1,500	
Hines Chapel.....	84	84	74	61	20	27	37	10	25	422	25		203	190	840	900	459	996	2,355	3,195	*17,400	
Hopetide.....	47	27	106	32	14	11	26	8	291				56		347	790	92	738	1,620	1,967	15,000	
Howard's Chapel.....																						
Ingram.....	191	160	149	165	44	38	82	17	46	892	10	20	130		1,062	1,000	582		1,582	2,634	32,000	
Ivy Hill.....																						

Kallam Grove.....	8	25	10	8	16	24	101	250	351	360	227	345	932	1,283	12,000							
Lebanon.....	71	68	55	16	13	22	341	115	466	500	126	67	626	1,092	4,000							
Liberty.....	71	47	58	19	13	38	331	10	46	500	180	37	737	1,148	5,000							
Long's Chapel.....	91	67	90	20	19	44	439	12	627	1,800	316	315	2,431	3,058	10,000							
Lynchburg.....	91	67	56	69	22	50	409	36	570	2,100	1,331	2,449	5,886	6,450	30,000							
Mebane.....	20	35	21	14	7	2	133	15	199	175	40	.....	215	414	5,000							
Monticello.....	50	63	62	35	15	11	275	5	430	900	231	.....	1,131	1,361	3,000							
Mt. Bethel.....	74	74	67	16	16	28	367	13	449	450	259	111	820	1,269	3,000							
Mt. Zion.....	24	18	42	52	16	12	241	10	312	900	286	9,360	10,546	*16,000								
New Lebanon.....	85	85	100	97	27	24	517	46	581	700	712	8,414	9,826	10,407	3,000							
Pfafftown.....	35	37	62	18	8	20	212	17	268	480	338	.....	818	1,086	5,000							
Pleasant Grove.....	104	80	71	79	30	56	498	65	663	866	295	1,183	2,344	3,007	20,000							
Pleasant Ridge.....	50	27	35	16	8	23	209	142	413	483	190	1,775	1,188	1,188	10,000							
Redsville.....	228	194	464	194	34	54	1,373	56	7,698	4,500	10,000	1,700	16,200	23,898	55,000							
Rocky Ford.....	11	10	5	4	2	.....	35	5	40	3	200	.....	203	243	2,500							
Salem Chapel.....	50	30	24	36	14	8	228	.....	228	495	222	1,182	1,899	2,147	13,000							
Shallow Ford.....	104	82	74	80	22	64	492	97	885	1,275	830	3,185	5,290	6,175	*23,000							
Tryon, Erskine Mem.	198	274	105	117	35	27	869	351	1,578	3,120	2,537	4,103	9,760	11,338	*105,000							
Union (N. C.).....	121	90	82	97	35	24	603	15	1,065	2,600	1,234	381	4,215	5,280	30,000							
Union (Va.).....	138	114	104	115	35	34	672	110	947	1,078	1,859	.....	2,937	3,884	16,000							
Winston-Salem.....	71	23	14	27	10	16	221	60	382	2,520	1,291	403	4,217	4,599	23,500							
Zion.....	4	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	13	.....	15	.....	15	28	1,000							
Totals.....	\$5,224	\$4,724	\$7,884	\$4,518	\$1,227	\$1,485	\$2,511	\$658	\$1,290	\$29,541	\$1,029	\$159	\$225	\$6,874	\$23,184	\$61,012	\$69,473	\$82,407	\$95,510	\$247,390	\$308,402	\$1,132,850

\*The following Churches report Indebtedness on Property as indicated: Danville, \$11,800; Elon College, \$6,500; Haw River, \$3,100; Hines Chapel, \$2,296; Mt. Bethel, \$3,000; Salem Chapel, \$3,000; Shallow Ford, \$6,000; Total, \$35,696.

†Danville sent \$200 special Shaowu Project to American Board.



STATISTICAL TABLE No. 11—FINANCIAL SUMMARY

CONFERENCE	CONFERENCE												
	Paid on Convention and Home Missions and Church Extension	Paid on Convention Foreign Missions Including Shaowu	Raised for Christian Orphanage	Raised for Flion College	Raised for Christian Education*	Raised for Superannuation, Including Christmas Fund	Paid on Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Ministerial Scholarship Fund†	Paid on Conference Fund	Paid on Conference Missions	Virginia Council of Churches	Total Paid on Apportionment
Virginia Valley Central.....	\$ 1,207	\$ 1,555	\$ 1,271	\$ 899	\$ 293	\$ 311	\$ 562	\$ 156	\$ 84	\$ 860	.....	.....	\$ 7,198
Eastern Virginia.....	5,081	5,602	6,161	5,536	1,178	1,431	2,343	626	500	467	1,397	304	30,626
Eastern North Carolina.....	1,388	1,412	4,568	1,327	344	442	658	287	162	282	.....	.....	10,870
Western North Carolina.....	1,195	1,324	2,276	738	310	368	522	217	103	465	.....	.....	7,518
North Carolina and Virginia.....	5,244	4,724	7,884	4,518	1,227	1,485	2,511	658	.....	1,290	.....	.....	29,541
Totals.....	\$ 14,115	\$ 14,617	\$ 22,160	\$ 13,018	\$ 3,252	\$ 4,037	\$ 6,596	\$ 1,944	\$ 849	\$ 3,364	\$ 1,397	\$ 304	\$ 85,753

CONFERENCE													
	Raised for Relief and Reconstruction	Raised for Christmas Fund	Raised by Christian Miss. Association	Raised by Woman's Missionary Conf.†	For Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Paid on Misc. Current Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Bldg. Improvement	Total Raised on Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness on Church Property
Virginia Valley Central.....	\$ 670	\$ 24	\$ 203	\$ 1,149	\$ 717	\$ 9,981	\$ 9,613	\$ 4,625	\$ 11,414	\$ 25,652	\$ 35,633	\$ 165,300	\$ 7,250
Eastern Virginia.....	1,109	275	2,380	9,663	9,934	53,987	70,043	85,321	78,549	233,913	287,900	2,036,100	35,300
Eastern North Carolina.....	447	35	.....	2,051	3,053	16,456	25,522	13,466	45,411	84,339	100,795	614,000	.....
Western North Carolina.....	312	51	41	1,299	1,299	9,987	22,415	11,081	33,939	67,095	77,082	346,182	30,166
North Carolina and Virginia.....	1,029	159	225	6,874	23,184	61,012	69,473	82,407	95,510	247,390	308,402	1,139,600	35,696
Totals.....	\$ 3,567	\$ 544	\$ 2,849	\$ 20,503	\$ 38,187	\$ 151,423	\$ 197,066	\$ 196,840	\$ 264,483	\$ 658,389	\$ 809,812	\$ 4,301,182	\$ 108,412

\*In addition to total contributed by churches to Christian Education, Board of Christian Education received \$1,715 from Sunday School Conventions, †Figures taken from Woman's Year Book Receipts reported; \$18,136.42—including Memorials and Life Memberships. ‡North Carolina and Virginia Conference includes Scholarship Fund in Conference Fund.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 12—SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP

CONFERENCE									
	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations
Virginia Valley Central.....	2,514	39	86	32	79	2,521	217	1,481	374
Eastern Virginia.....	11,272	211	450	76	411	11,311	697	7,284	1,378
Eastern North Carolina.....	6,492	149	330	49	248	6,574	369	3,680	806
Western North Carolina.....	4,115	111	180	35	167	4,128	310	3,202	774
North Carolina and Virginia.....	9,885	257	554	74	248	10,191	620	6,733	1,991
Totals.....	34,278	767	1,600	266	1,153	34,725	2,213	22,320	5,323

## SUPPLEMENTARY SUMMARY

<b>Size of Churches:</b>		
No. of Churches having membership of 10-49	27	92
No. of Churches having membership of 50-99	48	26
No. of Churches having membership of 100-249	77	26
No. of Churches having membership of 250-499	32	57
No. of Churches having membership of 500-999	8	2
No. of Churches having membership over 1000	1	18
Churches making no report	2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>195</b>

**STATISTICAL TABLE No. 13—THE CONVENTION FUNDS**

NAME OF FUND	CONFERENCE	Appt'd by Con- vention	Appt'd by Con- ference	Paid by Churches
Home Missions— Including Church Extension	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,207
	Eastern Virginia.....	6,500	6,500	5,081
	Eastern North Carolina.....	2,000	1,999	1,388
	Western North Carolina.....	1,500	1,660	1,195
	North Carolina and Virginia...	6,000	6,005	5,244
	Total.....	\$ 17,500	\$ 17,664	\$ 14,115
Foreign Missions— Including Shaowu	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,509	\$ 1,555
	Eastern Virginia.....	6,500	6,696	5,602
	Eastern North Carolina.....	2,000	1,999	1,412
	Western North Carolina.....	1,500	1,685	1,324
	North Carolina and Virginia...	6,000	5,995	4,724
	Total.....	\$ 17,500	\$ 17,884	\$ 14,617
Christian Orphanage	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 960	\$ 960	\$ 1,271
	Eastern Virginia.....	4,800	4,856	6,161
	Eastern North Carolina.....	2,100	2,087	4,568
	Western North Carolina.....	1,140	1,160	2,276
	North Carolina and Virginia...	6,000	6,005	7,884
	Total.....	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,068	\$ 22,160
Elon College.....	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 960	\$ 981	\$ 899
	Eastern Virginia.....	6,000	6,005	5,536
	Eastern North Carolina.....	2,100	2,087	1,327
	Western North Carolina.....	1,140	1,170	738
	North Carolina and Virginia...	4,800	4,814	4,518
	Total.....	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,057	\$ 13,018
Christian Education	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 330	\$ 330	\$ 293
	Eastern Virginia.....	1,470	1,470	1,178
	Eastern North Carolina.....	535	536	344
	Western North Carolina.....	320	470	310
	North Carolina and Virginia...	1,335	1,352	1,227
	Total.....	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,158	\$ 3,352
Superannuation	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 330	\$ 330	\$ 311
	Eastern Virginia.....	1,470	1,485	1,431
	Eastern North Carolina.....	535	536	442
	Western North Carolina.....	330	460	368
	North Carolina and Virginia...	1,335	1,336	1,485
	Total.....	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,147	\$ 4,037
Convention Fund.....	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 650	\$ 650	\$ 562
	Eastern Virginia.....	2,725	2,734	2,343
	Eastern North Carolina.....	1,100	1,103	658
	Western North Carolina.....	800	840	522
	North Carolina and Virginia...	2,725	2,724	2,511
	Total.....	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,051	\$ 6,596
Ministerial Scholarship	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 125	\$ 126	\$ 84
	Eastern Virginia.....	500	*500	*(500)
	Eastern North Carolina.....	225	220	162
	Western North Carolina.....	150	185	103
	North Carolina and Virginia...	500	†500	*(500)
	Total.....	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,531	\$ 349 *†(1,349)
Per Capita Dues for The General Council— Approximately 8 cents per Member	Virginia Valley.....	\$ 191	\$ 193	\$ 156
	Eastern Virginia.....	862	724	626
	Eastern North Carolina.....	430	464	287
	Western North Carolina.....	293	370	217
	North Carolina and Virginia...	765	756	658
	Total.....	\$ 2,541	\$ 2,507	\$ 1,944
Grand Total.....		\$ 85,041	\$ 86,067	\$ 81,188

\*Eastern Virginia handles its own Scholarship Fund.

†North Carolina and Virginia includes in Conference Fund the Ministerial Scholarship Fund.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 14—TOTAL CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION APPORTIONMENTS

NAME OF CONFERENCE	Apportioned by Convention	Apportioned by Conference for Convention Enterprises	Raised for Convention Apportionment	Apportioned by Conference for Conference Causes	Paid on Apportionment for Conference Causes	Total Apportionment for Conference and Convention	Total Paid on Conference and Convention Apportionments
Virginia Valley Central.....	\$ 6,546	\$ 6,579	\$ 6,338	\$ 1,013	\$ 860	\$ 7,592	\$ 7,198
Eastern Virginia.....	30,827	30,970*	28,488*	2,279	2,168	33,249	30,628
Eastern North Carolina.....	11,025	11,031	10,588	448	282	11,479	10,870
Western North Carolina.....	7,183	8,000	7,053	740	465	8,740	7,518
North Carolina and Virginia.....	29,460	29,487†	28,751	919†	790†	30,406	29,541
Totals.....	\$ 85,041	\$ 86,067	\$ 81,188	\$ 5,399	\$ 4,565	\$ 91,466	\$ 85,753

\*Eastern Virginia apportioned \$500. Ministerial scholarship to be administered by Conference itself.

†North Carolina & Virginia included Ministerial Scholarship in Conference Fund, paying \$500 in lump sum, included here in Convention column.



STATISTICAL TABLE No. 15—RECEIPTS FOR MISSIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BENEVOLENCES

SOURCE	Conference Home Missions	Convention Home Missions	Total Home Missions	Foreign Missions Including Shaowu	Other Conference and Conventions and Enterprises	Col. for War Victims and Reconstruction	Miscellaneous Benevolences	Grand Total
Conference Appointments.....	\$ 1,397	\$14,115	\$15,512	\$14,617	\$57,883*	.....	\$ 500	\$ 88,512
Woman's Missionary Convention.....	.....	5,939†	5,939	7,069†	.....	.....	3,793	20,503†
Christian Missionary Associations.....	2,849	.....	2,849	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,849
Local Churches—Other Gifts.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,567	38,187	41,754
Totals.....	\$ 4,246	\$19,654	\$23,900	\$22,586	\$57,883	\$ 6,769	\$42,480	\$ 153,618

Including Orphanage, \$22,160; Elon College, \$13,018; Christian Education, \$3,252, plus \$1,715 from Sunday School Conventions; Superannuation, \$4,937; plus Christmas Fund, \$544; Convention Fund, \$6,596; Per Capita Dues, \$1,044; Ministerial Scholarship Fund, \$849; Conference Fund and Virginia Council of Churches, \$3,668.

\*Of this amount, \$3,118 reported in error in 1948 Annual.

†Convention Office receipts for 1949 Calendar Year.

‡Figures taken from 1949-50 Woman's Year Book, including Life Memberships and Memorials.

# Convention and Conference Officials

Office	Name	Address
THE SOUTHERN CONVENTION		
President	Rev. John G. Truitt	Elon College, N. C.
Vice-President	Rev. W. Millard Stevens	301 W. 34th St., Norfolk, Va.
Secretary	Rev. J. E. Neese	1041 Bay View Blvd., Norfolk 3, Va.
Treasurer	Mr. George D. Colclough	Southern Convention Office, Elon College, N. C.
Assistant Treasurer	Mrs. Jo W. Williams	Southern Convention Office, Elon College, N. C.
Superintendent	Rev. Wm. T. Scott	Southern Convention Office, Elon College, N. C.
Educational Secretary	Miss Pattie Lee Coghill	Southern Convention Office, Elon College, N. C.
VIRGINIA VALLEY CENTRAL CONFERENCE		
President	Rev. R. A. Whitten	108 West Clifford St., Winchester, Va.
Vice-President	Rev. R. E. Newton	Route 3, Luray, Va.
Secretary	Rev. Silas E. Madren	Elkton, Va.
Treasurer	Mr. Owen W. Andes	Route 4, Harrisonburg, Va.
EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE		
President	Rev. R. T. Grissom	Jonesboro Heights, Sanford, N. C.
Vice-President	Rev. B. V. Munger	232 McCauley St., Chapel Hill, N. C.
Secretary	Rev. Emory M. Carter	Youngsville, N. C.
Treasurer	Mr. W. J. Ballentine	Fuquay Springs, N. C.
EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE		
President	Rev. R. E. Brittle	Route 1, Suffolk, Va.
Vice-President	Rev. W. Stanley Carne	117 Greenway Drive, Portsmouth, Va.
Secretary	Rev. J. Everette Neese	1041 Bay View Blvd., Norfolk 3, Va.
Treasurer	Mr. G. Chapman White	Waverly, Va.
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE		
President	Rev. F. C. Lester	840 Sunset Ave., Asheboro, N. C.
Vice-President	Mr. Cyrus Shoffner	Liberty, N. C.
Secretary	Rev. M. A. Pollard	Route 2, Liberty, N. C.
Treasurer	Mr. W. H. Freeman	Ether, N. C.

# CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE OFFICIALS—Continued

Office	Name	Address
NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE		
President	Rev. Stanley C. Harrell	1010 W. Markham St., Durham, N. C.
Vice-President	Rev. Thurman F. Bowers	Route 4, Box 132, Greensboro, N. C.
Secretary	Rev. Wm. J. Andes	637 S. Sunset Dr., Winston-Salem, N. C.
Treasurer	Mr. Russell V. Powell	411 Woodlawn Ave., Greensboro, N. C.
THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONVENTION		
President	Mrs. O. H. Paris	1011 N. Eugene St., Greensboro, N. C.
Vice-President	Mrs. W. B. Williams	1253 24th St., Newport News, Va.
Recording Secretary	Mrs. H. Shelton Smith	1523 Hermitage Court, Durham, N. C.
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. J. S. Rollings	Suffolk, Va.
Treasurer	Mrs. W. V. Leathers	512 W. Washington St., Suffolk, Va.
EASTERN VIRGINIA WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE		
President	Mrs. Wm. T. Harrell	Route 1, Suffolk, Va.
First Vice-President	Mrs. R. T. Bradford	Route 2, Suffolk, Va.
Second Vice-President	Mrs. Ray Gordon	218 Grace St., Suffolk, Va.
Secretary	Mrs. L. W. Staggs	400 34th St., Norfolk, Va.
Treasurer	Mrs. W. B. Williams	1253 24th St., Newport News, Va.
NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE		
President	Mrs. F. C. Lester	840 Sunset Ave., Asheboro, N. C.
Vice-President	Mrs. Wm. J. Andes	637 Sunset Drive, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Secretary	Mrs. Russell V. Powell	411 Woodlawn Ave., Greensboro, N. C.
Treasurer	Miss Susie D. Allen	612 W. Lane St., Raleigh, N. C.
VALLEY CENTRAL WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE		
President	Miss Verdi Showalter	Route 4, Harrisonburg, Va.
Vice-President	Mrs. R. A. Whitten	108 W. Clifford St., Winchester, Va.
Secretary	Mrs. Howard Hensley	Box 126, Route 2, Elkton, Va.
Treasurer	Mrs. Noah F. Painter	Route 3, Luray, Va.

# PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP COUNCIL

President.....	Mr. C. Baxter Twiddy.....	Elon College, N. C.
Vice-President.....	Mr. Richard Smith.....	1523 Hermitage Court, Durham, N. C.
Secretary.....	Miss Helen Jackson.....	Elon College, N. C.
Treasurer.....	Mr. John G. Truitt, Jr.....	Elon College, N. C.
LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP		
Chairman.....	Mr. George D. Colclough.....	Chamber of Commerce, Burlington, N. C.
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Mr. S. H. Pell.....	RFD, Ramseur, N. C.



# Ministerial Directory.

Name	Address	Conference Membership	Churches served 1949-50 or other status
MINISTERS IN FULL STANDING			
Allan, James B.,	1509 McKinney Ave., Lynchburg, Va.	NCVA	Lynchburg, First.
Andes, William J.,	637 So. Sunset Drive, Winston-Salem, N. C.	NCVA	Winston-Salem, Pfafftown.
Andes, Mark W.,	Virgilia, Va.	NCVA	Hebron, Lebanon, Liberty, Union (Va.).
Apple, J. Frank,	427 Rowland St., Henderson, N. C.	ENC	Henderson, Mt. Carmel.
*Bowden, Daniel J.,	Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Dean, Elon College.
Bowers, Thurman F.,	Route 4, Box 132, Greensboro, N. C.	NCVA	Happy Home, Calvary Christian (Greensboro).
Brady, E. Carl,	Box 26, Robbins, N. C.	WNC	Flint Hill (M), Niagra, Pleasant Cross; Teacher.
Brittle, R. E.,	Route 1, Suffolk, Va.	EVA	Bethlehem (N).
*Brooks, Arthur C.,	Asheville Boys School, Asheville, N. C.	NCVA	Teacher and Chaplain.
Carne, W. Stanley,	117 Greenway Drive, Portsmouth, Va.	EVA	Portsmouth, First; Mt. Zion.
Carter, Emory M.,	Youngsville, N. C.	ENC	Fuller's Chapel, Good Hope, Mt. Hermon, Pope's Chapel, Youngsville.
Clark, Ellis N.,	Windsor, Va.	NCVA	Antioch, Isle of Wight, Mt. Carmel, Windsor.
Coulter, Roy D.,	High View, W. Va.	VVA	Timber Ridge.
Councill, Herbert G., Jr.,	3507 Bainbridge Blvd., Norfolk 6, Va.	EVA	Rosemont.
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Fields, Clyde L.,	Route 1, Ramseur, N. C.	WNC	Pleasant Ridge, Spoon's Chapel, Union Grove; Student, Duke Divinity School.
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*Franks, Jesse E.,	Route 1, Apex, N. C.	ENC	Retired.
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Grisson, Raymond T., Jonesboro Heights, Sanford, N. C.	ENC	Grace's Chapel, Lee's Chapel, Shallow Well, Turner's Chapel.	
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*Jackson, Richard L., American Board Mission, Foochow, Fukien, China	EVA	Missionary to China.	
*Jackson, William P., Coburn Apartments, Asheville, N. C.	NCVA	Retired.	
*Johnson, I. W., 201 Linden Ave., Suffolk, Va.	EVA	Retired.	
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*Johnson, Samuel M., Swamanoa, N. C.	NCVA	Retired.	
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Madren, Weldon T., Sophia, N. C.	WNC	Flint Hill (R), Sophia, High Point.	
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*Newman, Nathaniel G., Windsor, Va.....		EVA	Retired.
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*Smith, J. Howard, Arnold College, Milford, Conn.....		NCVA	Arnold College Faculty.
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Woodruff, Robert T., Jr., Vernon Hill, Va.....	NCVA Ingram, Pleasant Grove.
Wright, T. Fred, Route 1, Henderson, N. C.....	ENC Liberty Vance, Mt. Gilead, Mt. Auburn.
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*Varga, Paul,	Elon College, N. C.	EVA	Student, Elon College.
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